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“City Receives RInC Funding for Aquatics Renovations”

Prince George, BC- The City of Prince George will receive \$448,000 in federal funding for the rehabilitation of existing aquatics facilities. This project will rejuvenate the aquatic facility’s building systems by replacing dated structural and building system components.

Yesterday, the Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade, Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Member of Parliament for Okanagan-Coquihalla, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, announced federal funding for this project along with 33 other projects that will help create jobs for British Columbians.

“Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan, our Government is taking the necessary steps to reduce the effects of the economic downturn,” said the Honourable Jay Hill, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Member of Parliament for Prince George-Peace River. “Investing in these aquatic facilities will help to create jobs, encourage greater participation in physical activity, and ensure that residents have access to the essential infrastructure they need today and in the future.”

“This is welcome news as we partner with the federal government on this infrastructure program. The funding will help to improve our aquatic facilities, stretch the local tax dollar, and create some short term economic activity”, states Mayor Dan Rogers.

The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. It will provide a temporary economic stimulus that will help reduce the impacts of the global recession while renewing, upgrading and expanding recreational infrastructure in Canadian communities. A total of almost \$163 million in RInC funding will be invested across the four western provinces.

RInC is part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada’s multi-faceted stimulus plan that will ensure a quick recovery from the current economic downturn. Western Economic Diversification Canada is delivering the initiative in the four western provinces.

For information on Canada’s Economic Action Plan, please visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.

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