



PRESS RELEASE

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Local MP Scott Reid and Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Jim Watson, MPP Ottawa West-Nepean announced today that the Town of Smiths Falls will receive the following funding from both the federal and provincial governments for local community and infrastructure projects.

Canada-Ontario Stimulus Fund

Smiths Falls has been awarded \$290,000 as the Federal portion and \$290,000 from the Provincial Government to cover 2/3 of the \$870,000 cost of replacing our conventional street lights with the newer energy efficient “induction” street lighting.

The changeover should result in energy and replacement part savings of about \$70,000 per year and make a significant contribution to Ontario’s energy conservation program.

Build Canada Fund (COMRIF)

Under the Build Canada Fund Smiths Falls has been awarded \$1,416,667 from the Federal Government and \$1,416,667 as the Provincial portion of the \$4,250,000 Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Tank project.

Like many municipalities Smiths Falls has numerous combined sanitary/storm water sewer mains that all flow into the Water Pollution Control Plant. The state of the art two stage plant which the Province helped Smiths Falls construct in the 1990’s gives the traditional biological treatment to all waste water and then pelletizes the solids for use as commercial fertilizer. During periods of heavy rains or spring runoff the plant cannot handle all of the material. During these periods, some of the waste water receives only the biological treatment (which is all it receives in most plants).

With this new storage tank we will be able to store the waste water until it can all receive secondary treatment, thereby helping in our efforts to keep our UNESCO World Heritage Rideau River as pristine as possible.