



CANADA AND PERTH ANNOUNCE NEXT ROUND OF LANARK COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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LANARK COUNTY, ONTARIO – MP Scott Reid and Warden John Fenik (Perth Mayor) today announced another series of road projects in Lanark County made possible through a \$1.7 million investment from the Government of Canada’s Gas Tax Fund.

“Through our government’s Gas Tax Fund, we are investing in communities to build and repair the essential infrastructure we all use every day,” said MP Reid, on behalf of John Baird, Canada’s Minister of Infrastructure and Transport. “The Government of Canada is proud to have invested in these projects which are creating jobs in the region and improving road safety and efficiency for the residents of Lanark County.”

“This marks the fifth year that we have been in receipt of federal Gas Tax funds,” added Warden Fenik. “We are grateful to our federal partner for the opportunity to be able to make improvements to our county’s road network. Since 2005, these funds have been used to enhance approximately 20 per cent of the county’s entire 565-km road network.”

This year, the funds are being spent on microsurfacing and rehabilitation projects. A 14.8 km stretch of County Road 29 between Almonte and Pakenham in Mississippi Mills and 14.3 km of Cty. Rd. 43, between Smiths Falls and Merrickville, are being microsurfaced, a preservation method that is used to restore pavement. Additionally, a 4.6 km stretch of Cty. Rd.12, between the 7th Concession and Cty Road 15 in Lanark Highlands Township, is being rehabilitated. The project involves culvert and ditching work, cold-in-place recycling and paving. It is expected to be completed in September 2010.

Since 2005, the county has received approximately \$5.1 million through the federal Gas Tax Fund, which has been used to improve 110 km of its road system, including microsurfacing and rehabilitation projects.

“The federal Gas Tax Fund acknowledges that all orders of government must work together to address the pressing need for infrastructure investments in Ontario,” said Peter Hume, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). “The funding is supporting thousands of important infrastructure projects and is critical to job creation, Ontario’s competitiveness and environmental sustainability.”

Under the Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada is allocating \$12 billion to infrastructure projects across the country. This is further complemented by an earlier commitment of \$33 billion to infrastructure under the Building Canada Plan. From 2010 to 2014, Lanark County will receive \$1.7 million annually in federal Gas Tax Funding, with additional grants going to local municipalities as well.

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