

\$21.9 MILLION NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT CELEBRATES MILESTONE

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Today, the Town of Nipawin officially celebrated a significant milestone as part of their \$21.9 million new water treatment plant infrastructure.

Construction on the project began in the spring of 2016, which involved building a new water treatment plant and associated works.

Potable water from that new treatment plant began to be distributed to Nipawin residents' faucets in early 2019, after a conventional filtration system for the facility and other related infrastructure was completed that same year.

The new facility will become fully operational after three new membrane treatment units are commissioned, which is targeted to be completed by the end of 2020.

The project is also now focused on raw water supply upgrades with the addition of three new wells, which are expected to be completed by 2021.

Under the New Building Canada Fund Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – National and Regional Projects program, the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan will each be contributing up to \$6.8 million to the project, while the Town of Nipawin will fund the remainder and any additional costs.

"Cleaner water for the people of Nipawin will improve the well-being of residents, help protect the environment, and support sustainable, long-term growth in the community. This new water treatment plant will have a real, and positive impact on the community and residents for years to come," said the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. "Canada's infrastructure plan invests in thousands of projects, creates jobs across Canada and builds stronger communities."

"The Government of Saskatchewan is proud of its \$6.8 million contribution to improve local drinking water, which will benefit the community of Nipawin for years to come. Our government's \$7.5 billion, two-year provincial capital plan will also help stimulate economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19. A key component of that plan includes our Municipal Economic Enhancement Program that provides \$150 million to municipalities across the province. MEEP includes more than \$632,000 in provincial funding for Nipawin for drainage and roadway improvements, along with sewage station upgrades. These investments will help keep Saskatchewan strong," said Mr. Fred Bradshaw, Carrot River Valley MLA, on behalf of the Honourable Lori Carr, Minister of Government Relations.

"The success of this project has improved the overall quality and reliability of the potable water system significantly for the whole community and has allowed for future growth of the Town of Nipawin with potential for the entire area," said Her Worship Rennie Harper, Mayor of the Town of Nipawin.

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