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# News Release

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## Work Begins on Cumberland Sewage Treatment System

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CUMBERLAND, BC – Work has started on improvements to the Village of Cumberland’s sewage treatment system. Design work has begun on the \$500,000 project, and construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2010. These works, which will improve effluent quality from Cumberland’s sewage treatment facility, were made possible with the help of \$400,000 in federal and provincial funding.

“This project will not only get people working in the short term, but also provide better, more environmentally sustainable village services in the long term,” said John Duncan, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Island North. “It is a great example of how all levels of government can work together to provide jobs and services for Canadians.”

“It’s exciting to see so many major infrastructure projects underway in the Village of Cumberland,” said Mayor Fred Bates. “We have been very busy working on our sewage, storm and water systems, and these projects will go a long way to improving our village’s infrastructure in a way that is consistent with our objective of environmental sustainability. We wish to thank the Federal and Provincial Governments for their continued support for these projects.”

The proposed improvements to the sewage lagoon include the installation of additional aeration equipment for more effective treatment and the construction of screens and the upgrade of inlet headworks to the primary lagoon for improved operations and maintenance of the facility.

Federal funding for this project is part of the Government of Canada’s Economic Action Plan, which includes a vast array of initiatives to help to stimulate the economy, create jobs, build consumer confidence, and assist Canadians when they need it most during the global economic recession.

For more information on Canada’s Economic Action Plan, visit <http://actionplan.gc.ca/eng/index.asp> .

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