

# Water projects across Island get funding

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Charlottetown is now starting work on the next phase of its new water supply after federal funding for the project was announced this week.

Denis Lebel, minister of infrastructure, communities and intergovernmental affairs, joined Gail Shea, federal fisheries minister, and P. E. I. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Robert Vessey in making a number of funding announcements for project across P. E. I., including some \$ 235,000 for Charlottetown's water project. The funding announcement was made in Alberton.

"With the announcement of the federal government monies, we now are going (to resume work) on the new supply system at Miltonvale," said Councillor Edward Rice, chair of Charlottetown's Water and Sewer Commission.

The federal funds will be matched with similar amounts from the province plus the city to make \$ 700,000 available to carry on work at what has become known as the Miltonvale wellfield.

At present the city draws all of its water from one watershed, the Tracadie-Winter River system.

"This is additional money that we were able to plug into," said Rice of the effort to build up a whole new water supply.

"We had hoped to start in May, but we will be starting in October and it will allow us to work over the winter. We will be drilling and finishing five well- heads, creating the piping from (the well- heads out) to the public right- of- way, installing a building to hold the control systems and installing an access road."

The project still needs millions of dollars more, some \$ 16 million or more to install the piping needed to take the water from the Miltonvale site and connect it to Charlottetown's distribution system, a project that will require two additional pumping stations.

Other water and wastewater infrastructure projects announced this week included the following:

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Sewer Main Replacement 2013: Replaces a problematic pipe to make the system more efficient.

Older concrete pipe has settled and could cause contamination to ground water. Federal contribution: \$ 69,563; provincial contribution: \$ 69,563; municipal contribution: \$ 69,562. Total project cost: \$ 208,688

— O'Leary

Kent Street Sewer Main Replacement: Replaces a problematic pipe to make the system more efficient. Older concrete pipe has settled and could cause contamination to area homes that still have on- site water wells. Federal contribution: \$ 49,667; provincial contribution: \$ 49,667; municipal contribution: \$ 49,666. Total project cost: \$ 149,000

— Stratford

Victoria View Lane to Langley Subdivision Water Interconnection: Connects 40 residential homes to the Town's main distribution system, and decommissions small water system that experiences contamination. Federal contribution: \$ 48,333; provincial contribution: \$ 48,333; municipal contribution: \$ 48,334. Total project cost: \$ 145,000

— Resort Municipality

Pumping Station Upgrades - Emergency Power: Permanent generator to provide emergency power to the pumping station to prevent sewage overflows into the Hope River. Transfer switches to be provided to five smaller stations. Federal contribution: \$ 46,383; provincial contribution: \$ 46,383; municipal contribution: \$ 46,383. Total project cost: \$ 139,149

— North Rustico

Riverside Drive Water Main Extension: Connects seven homes to water and creates a loop at the end of the system. The current dead end on the existing watermain has to be flushed on a regular basis to maintain water quality. Federal contribution: \$ 44,560; provincial contribution: \$ 44,560; municipal contribution: \$ 44,560. Total project cost: \$ 133,680.

— Alberton

Sewer Main Replacement Main Street: Replaces a problematic pipe to make the system more efficient. Older concrete pipe has settled and could cause contamination to area homes that still have on- site water wells. Federal contribution: \$ 26,840; provincial contribution: \$ 26,840; municipal contribution: \$ 26,840. Total project cost: \$ 80,520.