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OSWCA Applauds Canada's Commitment to Strengthening Climate Resilient Infrastructure

Investing in Canada's green infrastructure will accelerate economic recovery.

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Mississauga — Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association applauds the federal government's plan to get Canadians back to work and begin improving Canada's climate resiliency.

Climate Change is the greatest threat to humanity today- flooding, coastal erosion, permafrost thaw, and more—put Canada's infrastructure at significant risk. This is why the OSWCA applauds the federal government allocating \$1.4 billion over 12 years through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to support projects such as storm water systems.

The Canada Community-Building Fund will help communities keep water and wastewater infrastructure projects on track. This one-time investment of \$2.2 billion is meant to address infrastructure priorities in municipalities and First Nations communities.

OSWCA strongly supports the improvement to the quality of life and the creation of new opportunities for people living in Indigenous communities. This \$18 billion investment will further narrow gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Infrastructure Investments in clean water, housing, and other community infrastructure will create good jobs and build healthier, safer, and more prosperous Indigenous communities in the long-term.

Canada's need for more workers in the skilled trades has been well documented over the past decade, which is why OSWCA strongly supports the \$470 million investment over three years to Employment and Social Development Canada to establish a new Apprenticeship Service.

Quotes

“Ensuring Canada’s infrastructure is climate resilient will help accelerate economic recovery by reducing direct losses associated with climate disruption. Building climate resilient will create significant opportunities for medium and low-income communities across the country.”

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The Ontario Sewer & Watermain Construction Association (OSWCA) foster health and safety, professionalism, ethical processes, sound infrastructure investments, good governance, and fiscal responsibly on behalf of Ontario’s sewer and watermain construction industry.

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