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Infrastructure upgrades provide long-term environmental protection

TERRACE – The Province is providing \$8 million to the City of Terrace and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine to upgrade the Terrace landfill and regional district’s waste-management facility, increasing solid-waste capacity and helping protect the environment.

“We understand that all local governments are facing unexpected challenges as they recover from the impacts of the pandemic and deal with global inflationary pressures,” said Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs. “We are helping the City of Terrace and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine to protect the environment and ensure public health of residents by investing in this critical community infrastructure.”

The City of Terrace is receiving \$5 million for remediation work to meet compliance standards at the recently closed Terrace landfill. Funds will be used for treatment upgrades to manage leachate, solid waste and gases. This will lessen the risk of contaminated water leaking into the environment while reducing greenhouse gases and protecting natural areas for future generations.

“The City of Terrace is excited and welcomes this funding announcement of \$5 million to assist in the remediation work at the recently closed Terrace landfill,” said Sean Bujtas, mayor of Terrace. “This work has been identified by our staff as our number 1 priority, and this funding allows us to redirect the other recently announced \$4.633 million into other key infrastructure within the community.”

The Province is providing \$3 million to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) to help expand the Forceman Ridge Waste Management Facility to provide additional capacity for the region.

“The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine was pleased to hear that the Province is providing \$3 million for expansion and development at our Forceman Ridge Waste Management Facility,” said Philip Germuth, chair, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine. “When Forceman Ridge was commissioned in November 2016, the first cell of the landfill was expected to have a 12-year lifespan. The pressures of large development projects in the region have increased the filling rate for the cell faster than capital funding can be collected. This provincial funding will help the RDKS keep up with waste produced by these projects and reduce the capital burden on area residents.”

This funding, through the provincial Critical Community Infrastructure Fund, is in addition to the \$1-billion Growing Communities Fund, which was provided to all 188 B.C. municipalities and regional districts to support their unique infrastructure and amenities needs.

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