

## Improving municipal infrastructure in Drumheller-Stettler

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Budget 2023 provides more than \$18 million for critically needed water, culvert and bridge infrastructure in the Drumheller-Stettler constituency.

The funding is included in Budget 2023 and is part of the Government of Alberta's commitment to supporting rural and small urban municipalities in building and maintaining critical local transportation, and water and wastewater infrastructure.

"Rural communities need effective municipal infrastructure to support economic growth. These investments will help ensure safe roads and bridges, as well as reliable access to clean drinking water and effective wastewater services for residents from Drumheller to Stettler."

*Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors*

"This funding will have a significant impact on the recipient communities. The transportation, water and wastewater projects will ensure the safety of critical infrastructure and contribute to the growth of local economies."

*Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and MLA for Drumheller-Stettler*

"On behalf of the Town of Stettler, I would like to thank the office of Minister Dreeshen for this much-appreciated funding. We would also like to acknowledge and express our sincere gratitude for the advocacy efforts of Minister Horner. The Stettler Airport is vital to our community, serving our commerce, agricultural and emergency health services needs. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with community partners to revitalize this facility and safeguard the future of aviation in our region."

*Sean Nolls, mayor, Town of Stettler*

"Our Province's investment in infrastructure is an investment in Rural Alberta and an investment in our people."

### Related information

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There is nothing more important than clean, potable water to support sustainable, healthy communities, while bridge and airport funding maintain important infrastructure for keeping us all connected. Investments in rural infrastructure projects creates important jobs and contributes to our local economies. We are very excited for our region and the many benefits we will realize from all of these important projects.”

*Larry Clarke, Reeve, County of Stettler No. 6*

Budget 2023 provides funding for projects in three grant programs: Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership, Water for Life and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program.

Projects funded under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership:

- \$2,975,000 for new reservoir and pump house for the Village of Donalda
- \$1,507,070 for an expansion for the wastewater lagoon in the Town of Oyen
- \$1,186,500 for a new water tower for the Village of Empress

Projects funded under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program:

- \$1,481,947 for an Airport runway and taxiway rehabilitation for the Town of Stettler
- \$498,750 for two bridge replacement projects in the County of Stettler
- \$198,375 for a culvert replacement in Starland County)

Additionally, the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission, providing regional water supplies from Donalda to Rosalind and Bawlf, received \$10,260,000 through the Water for Life program.

Budget 2023 secures Alberta’s future by transforming the health-care system to meet people’s needs, supporting Albertans with the high cost of living, keeping our communities safe and driving the economy with more jobs, quality education and continued diversification.

### **Quick facts**

- The Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) and the Water for Life programs provide grants to municipalities to assist in the construction of high-priority municipal water supply and treatment facilities, as well as wastewater treatment and disposal facilities.

- Budget 2023 includes a \$120-million increase in funding for AMWPP for a total of \$211 million over three years and maintains funding for Water for Life, with \$169.3 million allocated over three years.
- The Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) provides grants to small and rural municipalities to maintain and improve local road bridges, community airports and local resource roads.
- Budget 2023 maintains funding for STIP, with \$93.2 million allocated over three years.