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## SURREY'S \$27.5M BEAR CREEK STADIUM OFFICIALLY OPENS

Surrey, B.C. - Surrey City Council celebrated the completion of Bear Creek Stadium with a ribbon cutting ceremony today. The facility includes a covered grandstand with three times the seating, an upgraded track and new changerooms. The \$27.5M Bear Creek Stadium was designed with accessibility and adaptability in mind, featuring extra wide passageways, accessible public washrooms, universal change rooms with accessible showers, and an elevator to bring spectators and sport officials to the upper levels of the grandstand. "The completion of the up-

graded Bear Creek Stadium is an exciting milestone for our community and will serve as a premier venue for sporting events for the Lower Mainland," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "With 2,200 seats and a track that meets international standards, we're positioning ourselves to host major events that will bring visitors and economic benefits to our community. Our Council is committed to ensuring the sports and recreation amenities in Surrey are keeping pace with the tremendous growth of our city. That's why we continue to make historic investments, including our \$710 million capital program, to ensure our growing city has



the amenities it needs to thrive."

Since the 1950s, the track and field at Bear Creek Park has hosted countless sporting and community events and has seen various improvements over the decades. The new stadium will position Surrey to bid on major sport tourism opportunities through organizations like Athletics Canada and World Athletics that can genersignificant economic ate benefits to the community. Pending Class 2 Facility Certification, Bear Creek Stadium will be eligible to host high-profile events, including World Athletics Continental Tour Gold and Silver events, Bronze-level meets, and Challenger Series events. Key organizations including BC Athletics and BC School Sports will also benefit from this new facility, which will support a wide range of provincial and regional level events. This will help strengthen the athlete development pathway and enhance Surrey's overall hosting capacity. "By investing in facilities like Bear Creek Stadium, we are building an environment that fosters new opportunities for our community to lead a healthy and active lifestyle," said Councillor Gordon Hepner, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee. "As one of the fastest growing communities in B.C., expanding our park infrastructure is one way we are strengthening Surrey by providing facilities for local sporting and community groups that also serve as premier destinations to host major regional tournaments and events."

The new stadium also includes a new plaza, utility connections for food trucks, and a concession stand and ticket booth that can be adapted in the future to accommodate other uses. More information on the project can be found on the stadium webpage at Bear Creek Stadium.





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## PROVINCE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO PROTECT AGAINST CLIMATE HAZARDS

More people in B.C. will be better protected from natural and climate-driven hazards as the Province invests more than \$6 million for 11 community projects.

As the frequency of climatedriven events increases, the Province is taking steps to help communities reduce the impacts of hazards before they happen. This funding from the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program supports First Nations and local governments in implementing local projects to protect people and communities from natural and climate hazards.

"Communities in B.C. are experiencing more frequent and more extreme climaterelated emergencies, so it's more important than ever to take action to prepare for and reduce these risks," said Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. "These projects are examples of strong provincial partnerships with First Nations and local governments to make people safer and communities stronger."

The Village of Hazelton is receiving \$3.6 million from the DRIF program, plus an additional \$6.4 million from the Province to build a new 1.2-kilometre dike along the Skeena River. This \$10-million project includes both new dike construction and the raising of an existing dike, reducing the risk of flooding by limiting high water from the Skeena River. "The Village of Hazelton is grateful to the Province for supporting this important project flood-mitigation Disaster through the Resilience and Innovation Funding program," said Julie Maitland, mayor of Hazelton. "Strengthening our dike will help protect vital infrastructure, businesses and homes in our community, while increasing our resilience to the impacts of climate change along the Skeena River.



Other key projects include:

a flood-hazard-andmitigation assessment by the Homalco First Nation that will support risk reduction and infrastructure-project planning and design;

A design project for a new water intake dam for the Kitasoo Xai'xais Nation, to make the community more resilient against floods and drought; and

A flood-risk management strategy by the Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band to help plan and design future structural and non-structural flood-mitigation projects.

The DRIF program provides support to First Nations and local governments for projects that enhance their ability to withstand and adapt to natural and climatecaused hazards, such as floods, drought, extreme temperatures, earthquakes and landslides.

This is the second funding announcement under the DRIF program. In May 2025, approximately \$21 million was provided to support 46 projects throughout B.C. Since 2017, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness funding programs have provided more than \$551 million for about 2,800 disaster-preparedness and mitigation projects.

#### Quotes:

Darren Blaney, Chief, Homalco First Nation – "Access to funding like this helps to protect my community, increase our resilience and make it possible for us to build in a responsible way. Building more housing is a critical need for Homalco, but we need to make sure we're doing it right for future generations. Flood protection and working with the natural features of our land is crucial to our future as a community."

Isaiah Robinson, deputy chief councillor, Kitasoo Xai'xais Nation -

"This funding from the Province is critical to protecting the Kitasoo Xai'xais community from the risk of dam failure and ensuring safe access mitigation for urgent work. It safeguards our domestic water supply, fire-protection systems and infrastructure, essential all vital to the health and safety of our people. This support strengthens our climate resilience today and helps lay the groundwork for a permanent, more secure solution for future generations."

Tamara Davidson, MLA, North Coast-Haida Gwaii –

"Climate change is causing more severe weather, so we are acting now to reduce risk and protect our communities. This funding will help the Kitasoo Xai'xais Nation design a new waterintake dam to replace the outdated structure, boosting the Nation's resilience to floods and drought, as well as assist in planning for the Central Coast Regional District for possible climate emergencies."

Quick Facts: DRIF The program complements other provincial disasterpreparedness and mitigation programs, including: the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, which has provided more than \$342 million to First Nations and local governments for more than 2,500 projects since 2017;

the Community Resiliency Investment program, including FireSmart initiatives, providing stable, ongoing funding to reduce wildfire risks; and

the \$100-million Agricultural Water Infrastructure program, which supports new or improved water storage and supply systems for irrigation and livestock in water-scarce and droughtprone areas.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA Next stage of engagement begins on Heritage **Conservation Act improvements**

In partnership with the mandated in 2021 and First Nations Leadership Council, the Province is moving forward to the next stage of consultation and engagement on modernizing the Heritage Conservation Act.

The act, which regulates the protection, management and conservation of cultural and heritage sites in B.C., was last substantively updated in 1996.

"The Heritage Conservation Act is how we protect important cultural and archeological sites in B.C., but the current system doesn't work well for people, and it doesn't fully reflect our shared values or commitments," said Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests. "As we embark on this important engagement, I am committed to ensuring our collective work will lead to a system that will support faster permitting, better planning and more meaningful discussions with people, communities, industry and First Nations."

The project is a multi-

co-developed through the Joint Working Group on First Nations Heritage Conservation, a committee established by the Province and the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) in 2007, which includes members appointed by the FNLC and the Province. It has involved two phases of engagement to date with First Nations across B.C. and more than 300 organizations representing local governments, the heritage and archeology sector, real estate and construction, resource industries and other in-

terested parties. "The First Nations Leadership Council and B.C. government, working together as the Joint Working Group on First Nations Heritage Conservation, have been working to ensure the Heritage Conservation Act aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the commitments outlined in the Declaration Act Action Plan," said Judith Sayers,

group on First Nations Heritage Conservation. "This has been a process on how to collaborate on updating legislation. Major advancements have been made toward modernizing the act, yet there is more work to be done. We will continue to work with the Province in updating this legislation, finding an outcome that can work for everyone."

Phase 3 engagement with First Nations partners, stakeholders and the general public is the next step forward. This engagement will take place from July to Octo-ber 2025, as collaborative work continues toward tabling updated legislation in the spring of 2026. The engagement process, which launches in the coming weeks, will include engagement sessions and an opportunity for the public to provide feedback through an online survey.

The intended outcomes are:

making permitting faster and easier, to avoid waityear collaborative effort, co-chair, joint working ing for multiple permits The project will support

and navigating unclear rules and processes;

helping people and communities rebuild quicker after disasters such as wildfires and floods:

protecting heritage more effectively, reducing the risk of accidental damage to sacred or other significant sites; and

strengthening the role of First Nations in decision-making about their own heritage and ancestors, in alignment with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

The proposed policy direction would not automatically restrict more land from development nor will it apply to shared decision-making on private property.

"This is about building a future that respects the past, one where people can move forward with confidence and where Indigenous Peoples are at the table when it comes to protecting their history and culture," Parmar said.

the Ministry of Forests' focus on improving permitting timelines under the act. The Heritage Conservation Act permitting timelines for residential projects have been reduced by 24% since January 2024 and further process improvements have been implemented, which will see reductions turnaround times in across all sectors. Proposed updates to the act will reduce Heritage Conservation Act permitting timelines even further without reducing consultation with First Nations.

Quick Facts:

The provincial heritage register includes over 64,000 protected heritage sites, 90% of which are of First Nations origin. The Province has legislated the oversight and protection of certain heritage sites since 1925. The act, passed in 1977, extended protections to heritage sites on Crown and private land, regardless of whether sites were known or as-yet unrecorded.



## Construction begins on second phase of 72 Avenue Corridor Project in Surrey

Surrey, B.C. – The City of Surrey has commenced construction to widen 72 Avenue, between 188 Street and 196 Street, expanding it to four lanes and adding new sidewalks and bike lanes. This is the second phase of the 72 Avenue Corridor Project which is the largest road investment in the city's history and includes a road extension from 152 Street to Highway 15. The east-west route will help to reduce travel times, relieve congestion, and improve connectivity between key neigh-bourhoods and the re-

gion. "This road widening in Clayton is a crucial step of our multi-phase strategy to transform 72 Avenue into a continuous east-west route,' says Mayor Brenda Locke. "This project will help reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility across our city. Our Council



is committed to investing in the infrastructure needed to support Surrey's rapid growth. The 72 Avenue Corridor is the largest munic-ipal road investment in B.C.'s history and we're excited to move forward with this important project that will shape the future of our city and support sustainable growth for generations to come." This phase of the Project includes the following improvements: Additional vehicle lanes (from two to

four); Sidewalks and bike lanes to connect to schools, parks, and transit:

Dedicated left turn lanes at intersections; A new signalized intersection at 72 Avenue and 188 Street; and

A new pedestrian crossing on the west side of 72 Avenue and 189 Street intersection.

72 Avenue is an arterial road designed for efficient regional travel and plays a vital role in the city's trans-portation network," says Rafael Villerreal, Director of Transpor-tation. "While arterial roads typically do not accommodate on-street parking, the project acknowledges the high demand for parking in Clayton. To address this and offset the reduction of on-street parking caused by additional vehicle lanes, sidewalks, and bike lanes, the plan includes creating approximately 74 new on-street parking spaces on adjacent streets, while maintaining 97 existing spaces along 72 Avenue.

The construction schedule for the major road projects along the 72 Avenue corridor:

Phase 1: Fraser Highway to 184 Street completed spring 2025

Phase 2: 188 Street to 196 Street to be completed by spring 2026 Phase 3: 152 Street to

Highway 15 will be delivered in phases, with first phase starting summer 2025

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## Surrey Fusion Festival wins major awards two years in a row

Surrey, B.C. – The City of Surrey is proud to announce that Surrey Fusion Festival has once again earned international recognition, winning the 2025 Gala Award for Most Outstanding Spectacle, Fair, or Festival by Special Events Magazine for the second year in a row. The 18th annual festival was also honoured with its second consecutive win for Best Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiative from the International Live Events Association (ILEA) Vancouver Chapter. These backto-back awards reinforce Surrey's growing reputation for hosting world-class events and highlight the City's commitment to shaping City Centre into a vibrant entertainment hub.



"Surrey Fusion Festival is a powerful reflection of our city's diverse and dynamic community," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "I am incredibly proud to see this event continuing to win more awards, year after year. It's a testament to the dedication of our orgaspirit of our residents. Surrey is a mosaic of multiculturalism, and Surrey Fusion Festival not only allows us to honour our diversity but also strengthen the bonds that make our community so resilient and inclusive."

Since its inception in nizers and the vibrant 2008, Surrey Fusion

Festival has won 16 national and international awards. The festival has become the community's beloved annual celebration of food, music, and culture. Each year, attendees can experience over 50 cultural pavilions offering authentic cuisine and art, as well

as eight stages with musical and dance performances. Consistently, Surrey Fusion Festival attracts thousands of attendees, reflecting the community's strong support and the City's commitment to celebrating and promoting multiculturalism.

"Coast Capital congratulates and is proud to continue to support Surrey Fusion Festival, an event providing a unique opportunity for attendees of all ages to engage with and learn about different cultures," said Mauro Manzi, Chief Commercial, Retail & Wealth Officer. "As a federal financial cooperative whose purpose is to help build better futures for our members, employees and com-munities, we're com-

mitted to collaborating with local partners like the City of Surrey to help foster an inclusive and thriving Canada."

Surrey Fusion Festival 2025 will return to Holland Park on July 19–20, 2025. Attendees can experience this year's theme, Flavours of the World, at over 50 cultural pavilions, where local commu-nity groups will offer their country's tasty, authentic cuisine. The award-winning festi-val will be headlined by Easy Star All-Stars on July 19 and Miss Pooja on July 20. Other features include free live music and entertainment across eight stages, a Family Zone, an Indigenous Village and dance marketplace, battles, cooking workshops, games, and more.

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## South Asian CHOICE

#### TWO ARRESTED AFTER SCHOOL GIRLS IN INDIA ALLEGEDLY MADE TO STRIP FOR PERIOD CHECK



A school principal and an attendant have been arrested in India after allegations that female students were stripped naked to check if they were menstruating after blood stains were found on a toilet wall. The police action came after the mother of one of the

"10 to 15 girls" who were put through the alleged humiliation lodged a complaint.

The incident took place on Tuesday in a village not far from Mumbai city. On Wednesday, parents protested at the school, demanding strict punishment against the authorities.

In a video, the school principal is seen arguing with angry parents - she denies that she ordered a stripsearch or that it took place.

Senior police official Milind Shinde told the BBC on Thursday that they were investigating the allegations. The arrested women would be produced in court later in the day, he said.

The police complaint names four other teachers and two trustees of the all-girls school in Thane in the western state of Maharashtra. BBC has reached out to the school authorities for a response.

In their complaint, police have invoked sections of the law that deal with assault and intent to outrage modesty of women. They have also added sections from the stringent Pocso (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act.

The parents have alleged that all the students from 5th to 10th classes - who would be between the ages of 10 and 16 - were summoned to a hall by the school principal on Tuesday.

### ICC ISSUES ARREST WARRANTS FOR TALIBAN LEADERS FOR PERSECUTING WOMEN AND GIRLS

The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for two of the Taliban's top leaders, accusing them of persecuting women and girls in Afghanistan.

The Hague-based court said there were "reasonable grounds" to believe Supreme Leader Haibatullah Akhundzada and chief justice Abdul Hakim Haqqani had committed a crime against humanity in their treatment of women and girls since seizing power in 2021.

In that time, they have implemented a series of restrictions, including on girls over 12 accessing education, and barring women from many jobs.

women from many jobs. In response, the Taliban said it doesn't recognise the ICC, calling the warrant "a clear act of hostility" and an "insult to the beliefs of Muslims around the world".

There have also been restrictions on how far a woman can travel without a male chaperone, and decrees on them raising their voices in public.

In a statement, the ICC said that "while the Taliban have imposed certain rules and prohibitions on the population as a whole, they have specifically targeted girls and women by reason of their gender, depriving them of fundamental rights and freedoms". The United Nations has previously described the restrictions as being tantamount to "gender apartheid".

The Taliban government has said it respects women's rights in accordance with their interpretation of Afghan culture and Islamic law.

khundzada became the supreme commander of the Taliban in 2016, and has been leader of the so-called Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan since US-led forces left the country in August 2021. In the 1980s, he participated in



Islamist groups fighting against the Soviet military campaign in Afghanistan.

Haqqani was a close associate of Taliban founder Mullah Omar and served as a negotiator on behalf of the Taliban during discussions with US representatives in 2020. \

The ICC investigates and brings to justice those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, intervening when national authorities cannot or will not prosecute. However, it does not have its own police force and so relies on member states to carry out any arrests.

The prospect of warrants being issued for the two Taliban leaders was first raised in January, when the ICC's top prosecutor, Karim Khan, alleged they were "criminally responsible for persecuting Afghan girls and women, as well as persons whom the Taliban perceived as not conforming with their ideological expectations of gender identity or expression, and persons whom the Taliban perceived as allies of girls and women".

At the time, the Taliban's foreign ministry responded to the threat of arrests, saying the ICC had turned a blind eye to what it described as "numerous war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by foreign forces and their local allies", referring to US-led forces present in the country before 2021.

Human Right's Watch welcomed the arrest warrants for the two Taliban leaders.

It called on the ICC "to extend the reach of justice to victims of other Taliban abuses, as well as victims of the Islamic State of Khorasan Province forces, former Afghan security forces and US personnel".

"Addressing cycles of violence and impunity in Afghanistan requires that victims of all perpetrators have equal access to justice," it said in a statement.



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Review by Veeno Dewan

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the absolute top-of-theline Range Rover.

The 2025 Land Rover Range Rover pricing starts from \$130,400 to \$267,950. The 600 horsepower SV starts at \$268,455 for the Short Wheel base (SWB) standard length. The SV LWB (Long Wheel Base.) is priced at \$267,950. The standard equipment list itself is phenomenal. Land Rover also offers bespoke custom paint colors, accent colors, interior trim and fabrics and finishings to your personal taste – at a price of course.

We tested the 2025 Land Rover Range Rover SV SWB. This is the ultimate highend super luxurious version with an opulent interior and every luxury and convenience option. This is along with advanced technology and powerful performance. Base price was \$239,000. With options and special equipment our tester came to a heady \$280,810 plus inspection, delivery and taxes. The SV Signature Suite of-

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#### House prices diverge across Canadian markets

More prospective homebuyers are making their way back to Canada's housing markets as some trade war fog dissipates—but it's far from a stampede.

Local real estate board statistics indicate transactions increased modestly between May and June in several major markets—including Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto and Halifax—reversing only a fraction of pullbacks earlier this year.

The bottom line is activity is still soft in Southern Ontario and British Columbia even though it's stabilized. The picture is generally more robust in other parts of the country with exceptions.

Recent price trends remain largely unaltered. The MLS Home Price Index continues to fall in the Toronto and Vancouver areas as well as other Southern Ontario and Lower Mainland markets. These are parts of the country where inventory has risen to historically high levels, and buyers face stretched affordability conditions.

Meanwhile, property values continue higher in most markets in the Prairies, Quebec and the Atlantic region, supported by still tight (and, in some cases, very tight) supply-demand conditions.

While any positive development in the trade war would boost confidence and keep the housing market on a recovery course, we think the impact would most likely be gradual, especially in regions struggling with affordability. We expect diverging price trends to persist in the near term across the country. There hasn't been such an abundance of homebuying options in decades in the Toronto area as the number of homes for sale continue to surge. It gives buyers plenty of time to make decisions and power in negotiating prices.

Home values have fallen consistently as a result this year. Toronto's MLS HPI in June was down 5.5% (or more than \$58,000) from a year ago, and lower by 0.9% from May. Condo apartments recorded the biggest annual decline (-8%) in the face of plenty supply, but all housing types lost some value.

Slightly improving affordability and easing trade war fears have attracted more buyers to the market in June. Home resales picked up 8.1% from May—marking a third consecutive monthly increase. Still, the recovery has a long way to go. Activity remains sluggish near cyclical lows amid growing job concerns.

Montreal's recovery has stalled this year in the face of the trade war. Recent tariff de-escalation, however, has yet to re-energize participants in the housing market. We estimate home resales slipped for a third straight month between May and June, falling 2%.

Still, resales are holding up at what would have been considered solid levels before the pandemic.

And, June's modest pullback may have more to do with fewer sellers entering the market than buyers shying away. New listings fell by a larger 7% from May by our count, which has tightened the supply-demand dynamic further.



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History can be riveting. And all too real. Set in Yugoslavia in the aftermath of World War 2 Beautiful Evening, Beautiful Day charts the course of four young men after the German occupation of their land. Being freedom fighters and war heroes has a price as the four find out quickly when they bring their past experiences and ideological outlook on life to the role of filmmakers in the 1950s. Remember back in those days Yugoslavia was largely a closed shut-in state run mercifully by fascist strongman General Tito

Never go against the government - especially a Fascist-Communist one.

So when the higher-ups learn that these gifted artists may in fact be gay a witch-hunt develops and a plan is put in place to make the boys pay. The whole story seems to be lifted right out of modern day Iran, or at least what's left of it,

Director Ivona Juka makes off with a fantastic movie. Despite being a joint Croatian - Canadian production the whole storyline is sensational with all the acting flawless,

Full of raw emotion and tension throughout Beautiful Evening, Beautiful Day has a beguiling atmosphere with a few moments of laughter and levity that superbly contrasts the fear and hatred that surrounds these young men who are just wanting to live their own lives their way. Accompanied by a penetrating soundtrack this is one film deserving to be heard loud and clear come Oscar time.



### GENELIA DESHMUKH FEATURES IN A CAMEO IN MASTI 4

Almost a week ago, it came to light that Masti 4 has gone on floors, as evident by the pictures posted by the film's makers. The unit of the naughty comedy at present is in Birmingham, United Kingdom and is shooting a dance number on a huge scale. If the leaked assets from the sets are to be believed, this track will be a highlight as it features a special appearance by none other than Genelia Deshmukh.

Earlier in the day, the unit of Masti 4 was present at Victoria Square, Birmingham. The three leads of the film – Riteish Deshmukh, Vivek Oberoi and Aftab Shivdasani - were seen filming a song along with hundreds of extras. Since Victoria Square is a public place, a lot of onlookers were also present, and they recorded videos and took pictures. These images and videos made their way to social media.

In some of these pictures, Genelia Deshmukh can be seen present on the sets. At first, it was thought that she was merely present to witness the shoot. Her presence was also no secret as she could be seen in a picture posted by the film's team where they can be seen celebrating the birthday of Elnaaz Norouzi, one of the actresses in the film. But in some of the videos, Genelia Deshmukh could be seen rehearsing the steps and even shooting for it.



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## **B.C.**, First Nations advance long-term water planning for Nicola watershed

The Province and the Coldwater, Lower Nicola, Nooaitch, Shackan and Upper Nicola Indian Bands (the Nicola 5 First Nations) are taking the next step to protect healthy and abundant water for people, fish and ecosystems in the Nicola watershed. The Nicola watershed, which includes the Nicola River and its tributaries, has been affected by drought, water shortages and shrinking salmon runs in recent years. In response, the Province and the Nicola 5 First Nations are strengthening their shared efforts and have committed to leading the development of a water sustainability plan under B.C.'s Water Sustainability Act.

"This work reflects a deep commitment to reconciliation, healthy rivers and salmon, and to practical, long-term solutions for the people who live and rely on this watershed," said Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stew-ardship. "By shifting from short-term, crisis-driven decisions to long-term, commu-nity-informed water



management, we are taking the next step in a long journey of working together toward lasting water security." The plan will be developed in phases and shaped by input from all major water users in the region, including farmers, ranchers, local governments and community members. Establishing shared priorities and clear expectations early reduces the need for emergency measures, such as temporary protec-

The value of this kind of collaborative approach and open communication was clear in 2023,

tion orders.

when ranchers and other water users in the region voluntarily reduced their water usage during a dry summer, avoiding stricter regulations.

This work aims to adlong-standing dress challenges in the watershed, including water shortages, declin-ing salmon populations ing salmon populations modernizing land-use and threats to aquatic and water planning

through ecosystems, Indigenous-led governance and integratdecision-making ed across sectors.

The Nicola Watershed Water Sustainability Plan will also support several key provincial priorities, including:

advancing reconcilia-tion with First Nations; strengthening water-shed security in part-nership with First Nations and local governments:

with community input:

improving drought preparedness; and creating more opportu-

nities for local agricultural producers to be involved in water sustainability planning.

This is the first step in a multi-year planning process. The Province will work with the Nicola 5 First Nations to engage local communities throughout the development of the plan.

#### Quotes:

Stuart Jackson, Chief, Lower Nicola Indian Band –

'Today marks an important milestone for the Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership. By entering into this water sustainability planning process with the Province, we are fulfilling a vision our Nations set out years ago: to work together in true partnership to protect the wa-ter, land and all living things that depend on the Nicola watershed. This agreement is a clear step forward in shared decision-making and reconciliation. It builds on the trust, collaboration and innovation we've built through the Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership, where we braid together western and Indigenous laws, science, knowledge and values to care for these lands and waters for the benefit of present and future generations. Water is life. It connects our communities, our languages, our cultures and all living things. We look forward to continu-ing this work with the Province, guided by our Elders, our communi-ties and our shared responsibility to support a healthy and resilient Nicola watershed for all."

Mike Goetz, mayor, Merritt -

"Merritt is a progressive and growing community that is very focused on conservation of water, from setting new standards for water usage year-round to installing water me-ters. As such we look forward to working collaboratively with the Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership on planning for water in the Nicola watershed."

#### **Engagement begins to support implementation of Infrastructure Proj-**

Public engagement is open to support implementation of the Infrastructure Projects Act, which aims to get shovels in the ground quicker for critical projects that people need in their communities.

The act received royal assent in May 2025

First Nations, members of the public and interest-holders, such as municipalities, business organizations, environmental groups and construction partners, are invited to share their thoughts on the development of two key parts of the legislation over the summer:

Provincially significant projects criteria - a regulation to establish the minimum criteria for projects to be designated as provincially significant, so they can access streamlining tools that will help reach deci-



sions quicker.

Qualified professional certifications - a regulation to develop a qualified professional-reliance model to create permitting efficiencies, while maintaining accountability and high standards.

Methods of engagement will include:

online surveys;

opportunities to provide written submissions; meetings; and

advisory groups. In addition, engagement on the expedited environmental-assessment process is planned to start in fall 2025.

For more information and to get to involved, visit: https://engage.gov. bc.ca/infrastructure

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