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### **Statement from The City of Humboldt on PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT MAKES RECOMMENDATION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF ICIP FUNDING**

**Humboldt, SK** – The City of Humboldt is pleased that on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, the Government of Saskatchewan announced it has recommended that the Federal Government give its final approval and commitment to fund a significant portion of the much needed Wastewater Treatment System Upgrades under the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program” (“ICIP”).

More than 120 Saskatchewan infrastructure projects were submitted, with the City of Humboldt at the top of the list for this project. The total cost is estimated to be \$34,053,000.00. If the Government of Canada gives its final approval, the cost will be split with the Federal Government covering \$13,621,200 (40%) of the cost. The Province has committed \$11,349,865 (33%) which means the City of Humboldt will fund the remaining \$9,081,935.00 (27%).

Mayor Rob Muench said, “Shortly after I was elected Mayor, I met with our local MLA, the Minister of Finance, Donna Harpauer, and initiated ongoing discussions on our need for government support to complete this project. I thank her and the Province for being instrumental in supporting this important infrastructure project and moving it to this next step. I look forward to the Federal Government’s final decision.”

The City currently has a traditional lagoon system which is constructed to accommodate a population of up to 6000 people. The treatment is now near capacity. Preliminary

designs for the recommended “SAGR” System that would increase our treatment capacity to a population of 10,000 was approved by Council in February 2020. The next step was to secure government funding to lessen the financial impact such a project would have on the utility users, taxpayers and the City. In March of this year the City submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Government Relations for this project to be funded under the Federal – Provincial ICIP program which provides more than \$896 million in federal funding to Saskatchewan over a 10 year period to support all types of eligible infrastructure projects across the province.

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