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### Statement from The City of Humboldt on APPROVAL OF ICIP FUNDING

**Humboldt, SK** – The City of Humboldt is pleased that on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, the Governments of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan announced approval of joint funding for Humboldt’s proposed Wastewater Treatment System Upgrades under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (“ICIP”). More than 120 Saskatchewan infrastructure projects were submitted initially, and 23 projects receiving final approval across the province.

The total cost for the wastewater upgrades is estimated to be \$34,053,000.00, which will be split with the Federal Government covering \$13,621,200 (40%) and the Province covering \$11,349,865 (33%) which means the City of Humboldt will fund the remaining \$9,081,935.00 (27%).

Mayor Michael Behiel said, “This is confirmation of the highly anticipated funding. Former Mayor, Rob Muench and our local MLA, Donna Harpauer, initiated ongoing discussions a number of years ago on our need for government support to complete this project. I thank Rob and Minister Harpauer for being instrumental in supporting this important infrastructure project. And I thank our Governments for their investments which will greatly reduce the financial impact such a project would otherwise have on our utility users, taxpayers and the City.”



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, so to prepare for growth, the system is being designed to increase our treatment capacity to a population of 10,000.

In March of 2020, 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 to support all types of eligible infrastructure projects across the province.

Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2022 with an estimated completion in 2024.

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