

Town of Coaldale Receives 1.8 Million in Federal Funding for Phase 2 of West Coaldale Sanitary Trunk Main Project

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The Town of Coaldale has received \$1,817,500 in federal funding through the Government of Canada's Build Communities Strong Fund to support Phase 2 of its West Coaldale Sanitary Trunk Main Project.

The funding will support construction along 16th Avenue from Highway 845 to 23rd Street, where the Town will upsize the existing sanitary sewer to a 600mm sanitary trunk main. Once complete, Phase 2 will increase wastewater conveyance capacity, improve system efficiency, and help reduce the risk of inflow, infiltration, and backups.

"Coaldale is growing, and like many communities across Alberta, it needs infrastructure that can keep pace," said the Honourable Eleanor Olszewski, Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience and Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre. "That's why we're investing in the wastewater services Coaldale needs to increase capacity for future growth and help make new residential, commercial, and industrial development possible. Through the Build Communities Strong Fund, Canada's new government is helping build stronger communities, a stronger Alberta, and a stronger Canada."

"This project is about ensuring Coaldale has the infrastructure required to support both current residents and future growth," said Town of Coaldale Mayor Jack Van Rijn. "By increasing wastewater capacity along 16th Avenue, we are strengthening an important part of our underground infrastructure while helping prepare the west side of our community for future residential and commercial development. We are grateful to the Government of Canada for partnering with the Town on this important project."

The West Coaldale Sanitary Trunk Main Extension Project is a multi-phase underground infrastructure project fo-

cused on extending and upgrading Coaldale's sanitary sewer network in west and southwest Coaldale. The project will help service lands annexed by the Town in 2017 to support long-term residential, commercial, and industrial growth.

As part of that annexation, the Town acquired approximately 1,420 acres from Lethbridge County to accommodate projected growth over the next 25 years. The annexation area includes approximately 939 acres for future residential development, 173 acres for commercial growth near Highway 3, 144 acres for industrial use, and 202 acres for public use, including parks.

Following annexation, the Town completed an Infrastructure Master Plan in 2019, followed by a West Coaldale Trunk Main Preliminary Design Study in 2021. These studies helped determine the preferred alignment, pipe sizing, and slope required to service west Coaldale while maintaining effective gravity flow and avoiding, where possible, the need for an additional sanitary lift station.

Now complete, Phase 1 of the project included the installation of approximately 350 metres of 600mm sanitary trunk main along the west side of Highway 845 between 14th Avenue and 16th Avenue, including tie-ins to the existing system. It also included a trenchless crossing at Highway 845 and 14th Avenue to minimize disruption and avoid major traffic impacts.

With work now underway, Phase 2 of the project shifts construction to 16th Avenue from Highway 845 to 23rd Street and is expected to continue through September 2026. Planned work includes sanitary sewer upgrades, service line connections for existing residential properties, stormwater improvements, road restoration, and construction of approximately 615 metres of new asphalt pathway along the north side of 16th Avenue.

Town of Coaldale Celebrates Completion of New Potable Water Reservoir and Pump Station

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On Friday, June 19, members of Coaldale Town Council were joined by the Hon. Grant Hunter, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas and Lethbridge County Reeve, Tory Campbell, for a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of the Town's new potable water reservoir and pump station.

Identified as a key priority in the Town's 2019 Infrastructure Master Plan, the project represents one of the most important water infrastructure investments in Coaldale's history. With the new reservoir and pump station now complete, the Town's potable water storage capacity has increased from approximately 3,400 cubic metres to 8,300 cubic metres, helping ensure the community can meet anticipated water demand and fire flow requirements over the next 25 years.

The Government of Alberta provided significant support for the project, including \$525,045 in grant funding for engineering and design in 2023, followed by an additional \$4.5 million for construction in 2024. The total projected cost of the project was just over \$13 million.

"This milestone shows what strong partnerships can

achieve", said the Hon. Grant Hunter, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas and MLA for Taber-Warner. "Alberta's government is proud to support Coaldale with the infrastructure it needs to grow, ensuring reliable water services for families, businesses and a thriving community."

"Completing this project is a major milestone for Coaldale," said Town of Coaldale Mayor, Jack Van Rijn. "As our community continues to grow, it is critical that our infrastructure keeps pace. This new reservoir and pump station more than doubles the Town's potable water storage capacity and puts Coaldale in a much stronger position to support future residential, commercial, and industrial development. On behalf of Council, I want to thank the Government of Alberta for recognizing the importance of this project and for partnering with us to help build the infrastructure our community needs for the future."

The new reservoir and pump station is located west of Coaldale near the corner of 30th Street and 18th Avenue. Construction began in August 2024 and was carried out by Ward Bros. Construction, with engineering support from MPE Engineering.

What's Happening in the Community?

From July 8 to July 11, the 53rd Southern Alberta Summer Games will take place in the Town of Bow Island and the County of Forty Mile. Each year, the Games are hosted by a different Southern Alberta community, offering around 20 sporting events, as well as a variety of cultural events. Over the four days of the Games, more than 2000 athletes will participate from 13 regions in Southern Alberta. For more information, please visit: <https://southernalberta-summertimegames.ca/>.

Registration for Town of Coaldale kids summer camps is now open. Register for all 8 weeks or select the weeks that best fit your schedule. Drop off between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. for pre-care with camp programming running from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and free post-care and pick-up from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. To register, please visit: <https://coaldale.recdesk.com/Community/Program>