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Federation Applauds Increased Infrastructure Spending

Federation of PEI Municipalities President Bruce MacDougall today applauded the increase in infrastructure spending announced in the federal government's fall fiscal update.

The update, presented in the House of Commons on November 1, included a major announcement which expands Phase 2 of the federal infrastructure plan to \$81 billion over 11 years, "a significant upgraded commitment to municipal priorities across the country," said MacDougall.

Of particular interest to PEI is a \$2-billion fund for rural and northern infrastructure needs. "Thanks to our collective efforts through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, our federal partners continue to recognize that community building is nation building," continued MacDougall. "Investing in local infrastructure creates jobs, spurs the economy and improves the quality of life of Canadians," he explained.

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