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CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND ENHANCED CAMPBELL RIVER IN 2022

Sportsplex rehabilitation, Baikie Island bridge, and pedestrian crossings among community improvement projects.

In 2022, the City of Campbell River used over \$2.88 million from the Government of Canada's Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) to support 17 community infrastructure projects. Initiatives ranging from local road improvements to facility upgrades benefit the entire community. The City receives an annual allocation of \$1.49 million from the CCBF which can be used in the year it is received or for future projects.

The Sportsplex Rehabilitation & Expansion project received \$1.95 million in CCBF funding. Work on this project took place between May and October 2022, and involved a roof replacement, and refreshing and painting the facility. This facility is a much-loved activity hub. Racquet sport enthusiasts, weightlifters, fitness class goers, and many other community members welcomed its return following a brief closure for the work.

The Baikie Island Bridge project also received CCBF funding, totalling \$131,820. In 2016 an inspection found that the bridge was near the end of its serviceable life and needed a foundation replacement. CCBF support helped facilitate the replacement and upgrade so that the new structure can manage increased vehicle weight. It is now possible for a fire pumper truck to access Baikie Island and provide assistance in case of a wildfire.

Other projects included the installation of bus shelters around town to improve the service offered to those using public transit, and the installation and enhancement of various pedestrian crossings within the community. Work was also completed on Willow Point Park, Campbellton Parkettes, cycling infrastructure, Robron pickleball courts, and more.

The Canada Community-Building Fund started in 2005-2006 and is a permanent and predictable source of long-term funding so communities have the flexibility to invest across 19 different project categories, including local roads and bridges, culture and tourism, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and sport and recreation.

For more information on the Canada Community-Building Fund visit <https://bit.ly/3YRKyE>.

For more information on City Projects, visit www.campbellriver.ca/capital-projects.

Quotes

"Investments in infrastructure help strengthen the fabric of our communities. Whether it is improving local roads or upgrading recreational facilities, the investments that the Government of Canada is making will help build more resilient and vibrant communities across B.C. and Canada." – The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

"The City of Campbell River is just one example of a community dedicated to providing better service for their citizens. By making improvements like adding bus shelters or updating recreational facilities, the people of Campbell River can feel proud of where they live. Through the Canada Community-Building Fund, we are helping communities grow and creating a stronger economy." – Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs

"These large-scale infrastructure projects are essential to the upkeep and advancement of our community, and they enhance the lives of Campbell River residents. The Canada Community-Building Fund helps the City to address the long-term needs within our community and we see the benefit of this support every day as we use the Sportsplex, cross Baikie Island Bridge, or enjoy Willow Point Park." – Mayor Kermit Dahl

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