



Peace River Regional District puts Canada's Gas Tax Fund to work on local landfill carbon-capture project

Planned project aims to reduce CO₂ emissions by 36,000 tonnes annually

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Fort St. John, British Columbia – Residents across the region will benefit from improved air quality thanks to \$980,000 from Canada's Gas Tax Fund toward the construction of a new and innovative gas management facility at the Fort St. John Landfill.

"Our Government is proud to deliver a permanent annual investment in municipal infrastructure through Canada's Gas Tax Fund," said Bob Zimmer, MP for Prince George-Peace River, on behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. "I am pleased that this project will reduce carbon dioxide emissions in our community by approximately 36,000 tonnes per year – a tremendous benefit to the environment and residents of Peace River Regional District."

The funding will assist the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) in constructing a gas management facility at the landfill. The technology employed will capture and utilize up to 75% of the Landfill's gas emissions, which can subsequently be used to produce green energy and further offset greenhouse gas emissions. This project will satisfy the provincial Landfill Gas Management Regulation, which requires the installation of a gas management system by 2016. The remainder of funds for the estimated \$2.4 million project will be provided from PRRD revenues.

"We are excited to move ahead with this environmentally-friendly project, and to do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said PRRD Chair Karen Goodings.

"Looking for innovative ways to manage landfill gas emissions is a great application for Gas Tax support," said Pat Pimm, MLA for Peace River North. "The Regional District is also a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter, and this project will assist them achieving their commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Canada's Gas Tax Fund provides stable, long-term funding to local governments and other organizations to help them build and revitalize public infrastructure. This Infrastructure Canada program primarily supports capital projects such as local roads, public transit, energy systems and waste management infrastructure that lead to cleaner air, cleaner water or reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) administers the Gas Tax Fund in BC in collaboration with Canada and British Columbia. On December 15, 2011, the Government of Canada passed legislation to make the Gas Tax Fund a permanent annual investment.

"BC local governments have been taking big steps to reduce GHG emissions," said UBCM President Heath Slee. "In many cases, new technology is needed to make substantial

reductions. UBCM is very appreciative of the support the Gas Tax Fund is providing to Peace River Regional District for this GHG reduction project.”

For further information on the Government of Canada’s infrastructure investments in British Columbia, visit www.infrastructure.gc.ca. To learn more about Canada’s Economic Action Plan, visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.

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