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Households flush with sewer funding

A \$6-million investment from the Building Canada Fund will see almost 1,000 West Kelowna households connected to municipal sewer services.

The multi-phase project includes extending the municipal sewer to 960 households in West Kelowna, which has taken over sewer services from the Central Okanagan regional district. Existing on-site septic systems are reaching the end of their useful lives, and untreated effluent is likely impacting drinking water and sensitive spawning areas, say officials.

"We are teaming up with the B.C. government and local governments to deliver results to British Columbians," said Okanagan-Coquihalla MP Stockwell Day. "The investments under this program demonstrate the government of Canada's commitment to use infrastructure to boost our economy."

The project is one of 41 across the province that will break ground quickly through federal-provincial funding.

"We applied for funding for our much-needed sewer servicing project and now, thanks to this grant, the costs to residents can be cut significantly," said West Kelowna Mayor Doug Findlater.

— Okanagan Saturday Staff