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**Town of Pelham receives \$2,958,911 in support for the Northwest Fonthill Watermain Upgrade**

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Pelham, ON – The Town of Pelham watermain system upgrade in Northwest Fonthill will be moving forward with the funding support from the 2021 intake of the Green Infrastructure funding stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

“Although most of the work for this project will be underground and not overly visible, it is a valuable infrastructure investment for Pelham and will continue to allow for reliable access to municipal water services for years to come,” said Town of Pelham Mayor, Marvin Junkin.

The clean water project in Pelham, set to start the design phase in summer 2022 and be constructed in three phases with a December 2025 completion, will replace 2,908 m of cast iron watermain in northwest Fonthill and 19 fire hydrants. The watermains included within the northwest Fonthill project are Canboro Road, Daleview Crescent, Moote Lane, Highland Avenue, Park Lane, Pinecrest Court, Spencer Lane and Strathcona Drive. The Canboro Road watermain, nearing the end of its life cycle, is the oldest (circa 1935) and 2nd most critical municipal watermain in Pelham. Replacement with pvc watermain improves the long-term viability and will help ensure that residents continue to have access to clean drinking water, while enhancing the reliability and capacity of the local water infrastructure systems.

The investment is being made through the Green Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, a cost-shared, application-based infrastructure funding opportunity. The total project cost is \$4,035,062.50 of which the Federal portion is 40% for \$1,614,025 and the Provincial portion is 33.33% for \$1,344,886.33 and the Town of Pelham contribution is 26.67% for \$1,076,151.17.

The Pelham project is one of 144 water infrastructure projects across Ontario that will provide residents with safer and more reliable drinking water and drinking water infrastructure.

Residents will be able to stay up to date on the project through the Engaging Pelham site at <https://engagingpelham.ca/>

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