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New sewers for 130 in Osoyoos

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About 130 properties along Osoyoos Lake will be serviced by sewers, preventing potential contamination of wells and Osoyoos Lake.

Funding of \$4.5 million from the Canada – B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund will assist in the development of this project, which is scheduled for completion by March 31, 2012. Ground was broken Saturday by Okanagan-Coquihalla MP Stockwell Day, Boundary-Similkameen MLA John Slater, Osoyoos Councillor Michael Ryan, and Regional District representative Mark Pendergraft.

"With this investment, public health concerns will be addressed by reducing groundwater contamination and improving the quality of well water," says Day. "It is another example of all levels of government working together to help local communities during the worldwide economic downturn and I was pleased to be able to secure federal funding support for this project."

The town of Osoyoos will own and operate the system under the authority of a service agreement with the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen.

"The Town of Osoyoos is pleased to undertake the NW sewer extension after several years of planning and negotiation and many years of discussion," says Ryan. "Although beyond our town boundaries, it demonstrates the Town's commitment to enhance and safeguard the quality of our lake."

One-third matching funding will be provided by the benefiting properties, and through municipal borrowing. Additional funding is provided by the Okanagan Basin Water Board.



MP Stockwell Day helped break ground Saturday on a new sewer project in Osoyoos. (File photo: Castanet archives)