



CITY CELEBRATES RECONSTRUCTION OF PEMBROKE STREET WEST

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PEMBROKE — The City of Pembroke today held an official ceremony to celebrate the recently reconstructed Pembroke Street West. Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Ed Jacyno, Mayor of the City of Pembroke, were pleased to see the completion of this important infrastructure project.

Work on the project involved the reconstruction of Pembroke Street West, from Trafalgar Road to Forced Road. The road was resurfaced, realigned, and equipped with more efficient left-turn lanes and traffic signals, as well as a new sidewalk. In addition to these improvements, new storm sewers were installed and a 200-metre portion of the road's underlying watermain was replaced.

The governments of Canada and Ontario each contributed up to \$899,220 to the project. The City of Pembroke contributed the balance of the total eligible project cost of up to \$2,697,660.

“By reconstructing one of Pembroke’s central downtown arteries, we have improved transportation safety and efficiency, created construction jobs and stimulated the local economy,” said MP Gallant. “Thanks to our partnership with the provincial and municipal governments and our commitment to infrastructure under Canada’s Economic Action Plan, many positive changes are taking place in communities across Ontario.”

“The McGuinty government is proud to invest in essential infrastructure projects across rural Ontario,” said Minister Dombrowsky. “These improvements boost our economy and help our communities meet their highest priority infrastructure needs.”

“I look forward to the benefits that these improvements will bring to our residents and surrounding communities,” said Mayor Jacyno. “As a main thoroughfare in our transportation network, the improved Pembroke Street West ensures drivers and pedestrians have a more enjoyable commute each day.”

This project is one of more than 470 across the province that is moving forward thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment of more than \$1 billion under the Building Canada Fund Communities Component. During these challenging economic times the governments of Canada and Ontario have taken steps to get shovels in the ground and invest money quickly in community infrastructure projects during the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons.

