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## **ACEC-PEI welcomes the Federal government's announcement of \$10B in new infrastructure initiatives and we encourage the province of PEI to take full advantage of the program**

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ACEC-PEI welcomed this week's announcement by the Federal government of \$10B in new major infrastructure initiatives including clean energy and retrofits, and their efforts to create jobs, stronger communities and a more sustainable and resilient economy for Canadians.

As part of its response to the COVID-19 crisis and its growth plan for Canada's recovery, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, alongside Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Catherine McKenna and Canada Infrastructure Bank Chair Michael Sabia announced \$10 billion over three years in new infrastructure initiatives to create jobs and economic growth. The Canada Infrastructure Bank's (CIB) Growth Plan is expected to create approximately 60,000 jobs across the country and has three main pillars: expanding broadband access, developing agricultural infrastructure and retrofitting.

ACEC-PEI is pleased by the government's acknowledgement that investments are required to grow the economy. We believe infrastructure is an investment, not a cost to be minimized. It helps to support our economic vitality. Infrastructure is the foundation that Prince Edward Island is built upon. It provides clean drinking water to our residents, handles our waste, creates spaces for sports and recreation and helps protect our homes against flooding and other natural disasters. We believe infrastructure is a core business of the government and a key investment in our social, economic, and environmental quality of life. It connects communities, enables commerce, and protects our environment.

Priority should be given to core infrastructure that sustains our capacity for economic growth, creates jobs and expands the tax base. Growing the economy is essential to making further investments in community and social infrastructure viable and sustainable in the long term.

As proud Islanders, we know that Prince Edward Island is the best place to live in Canada. We owe it to current and future residents to invest in renewing our infrastructure by leveraging this federal support and selecting projects wisely to advance our capacity to grow our economy and enjoy the social and environmental gifts we enjoy and value.

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