
News Release

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All pet services to be found under one roof in Edmonton

Edmonton, Alberta – Animal Control Services for the City of Edmonton will benefit from federal and provincial support for the design and development of a new energy efficient Animal Control Facility.

The Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, and Naresh Bhardwaj, MLA for Edmonton-Ellerslie, announced the combined federal-provincial investment of more than \$2.8 million today through the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF).

"Edmonton pet owners will be happy with this new, expanded and environmentally-friendly Animal Control Facility, which will provide important services for area residents," said Minister Ambrose. "This new facility will provide important services for the residents who utilize the Animal Control Facility services and their pets."

The federal-provincial investment will enhance the design and construction of Edmonton's Animal Control Facility. The facility will enable the City of Edmonton to improve and expand its animal services, while bringing all services related to animals under one roof. The campus-style facility will provide visitors with one-stop service for both public and private animal care and control services.

"Edmonton-area residents will benefit from services that will be provided by the new Animal Control Facility," said Bhardwaj. "The facility will be designed, built and operated in an environmentally-friendly way, which reflects the importance Albertans place on our environment."

The new Animal Control Facility will be constructed to a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification status. The design will feature high efficiency heating and ventilation systems, energy efficient and natural lighting systems, and shared storm water collection. The facility will provide animal housing as well as office space for administration and animal services bylaw enforcement staff.

“We are pleased the CAMRIF partnership is adding to Edmonton’s \$5.9 million funding towards the new Animal Control Services facility,” said City of Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel. “The investments we make today – for a total project cost of about \$8.6 million – help ensure Edmontonians have the best possible care for our pets and other animals, which are important to our overall quality of life. Relocating this new facility on land shared with the new Humane Society building will reduce our eco-footprint and enhance quality of care for animals transferred between buildings. The cutting-edge environmental standards will also keep City operating costs as low as possible for years to come.”

Under the initial CAMRIF Agreement signed in June 2006, the federal and provincial governments each committed \$88 million to the fund, with participating local governments expected to make up the remaining costs. In April 2007, the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta each provided an additional \$19 million to the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund as part of their commitment to help smaller communities meet their pressing infrastructure needs. The total amount available from the CAMRIF, with federal and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in projects, is \$321 million.

A minimum of 55 per cent of funding under CAMRIF targets green infrastructure projects that contribute to community economic development and environmental quality of life. These include water, wastewater, solid waste, environmental energy improvements and public transit. The fund also invests in recreational infrastructure, tourism, cultural projects, local roads and broadband connectivity. Projects are selected on a competitive basis from applications received from Alberta communities.

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Backgrounder

Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)

The following project is receiving funding under the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF).

City of Edmonton

Animal Control Facility

Total Project Cost: \$8,692,000

Combined federal/provincial investment: \$2,809,200

City of Edmonton contribution: \$5,883,000

The Animal Control Facility will be designed and constructed to achieve LEED Silver registration / certification status, with features including efficient heating and ventilation systems, energy efficient lighting systems, and building envelope designed to capture more natural light. The facility will provide animal housing, office space for administration and animal services bylaw enforcement staff.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

LEED is a third party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based standard to support and certify successful green building design, construction and operations.

The City of Edmonton established a policy in 2007 to construct new buildings at LEED standards. Current projects include:

Registered Projects

- Animal Services – design stage
- Argyll Velodrome & Sports Centre - design stage
- Fire Stations #5 and # 11 - design stage
- Ft. Edmonton Administration – design stage
- Lois Hole Library - under construction – completed fall 2007
- St FX Field House - design stage
- Southwest Community Recreation Centre – early construction
- Southwest Transit Garage - early construction

Certified Projects

- SE Police Station (Gold)

Fact Sheet

Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)

Partnership Program

- The Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) was designed to address local infrastructure needs in rural and urban Alberta. It ensures all Albertans, whether they live in large, small or remote communities, share in the benefits of infrastructure investments.
- Through the fund, the Governments of Canada and Alberta invested in local infrastructure projects. These projects are vital to sustaining strong economic growth and quality of life in Canadian communities.
- Under the initial CAMRIF Agreement signed in June 2006, the federal and provincial governments each committed \$88 million to the fund, with participating local governments expected to make up the remaining costs.
- This year, the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta have each provided an additional \$19 million to the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund as part of their commitment to help smaller communities meet their pressing infrastructure needs.
- The total amount available from the CAMRIF, with federal and provincial investment and matching local government contribution in projects, was \$321 million.
- CAMRIF was implemented by Western Economic Diversification Canada and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, and is administered by a joint secretariat.

Program Priorities

- A minimum of 55 per cent of funding under CAMRIF targeted green infrastructure projects that contribute to community economic development and environmental quality of life. These included water, wastewater, solid waste, environmental energy improvements and public transit. The fund also invested in recreational infrastructure, tourism and cultural projects, local roads and broadband connectivity.
- At least 80 per cent of CAMRIF funding was dedicated to rural municipalities with a population of less than 250,000. The remaining 20 per cent was available to urban municipalities with a population greater than 250,000.

- A total of \$724,584 was also available to municipalities for Municipal Capacity Building (MCB) projects. Projects included, but were not limited to, the acquisition of infrastructure planning software, training to use that software, planning studies to determine the inventory and condition of infrastructure assets in the municipality or the development of a demand asset management system.

Local input and collaboration

- CAMRIF is managed by a six member Management Committee consisting of two federal representatives, two provincial representatives, and two members representing Alberta's municipal associations—the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. The Management Committee developed the Management Committee guidelines and oversees the project review and selection process. Projects were selected on a competitive basis from applications received from Alberta communities. The deadline to submit applications for the second intake was May 31, 2007.

Environmental Assessment

- CAMRIF projects are required to successfully complete applicable environmental assessment processes, and funding is conditional on compliance with all applicable federal and provincial requirements.

For more information

- Contact the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Joint Secretariat by phone (toll free) at 1-800-396-0214, by e-mail at camrif@gov.ab.ca or visit the website <http://www.camrif.ca/>.
- Information about Government of Canada and Alberta's infrastructure programs is available at <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/> and <http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca/>.