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CANADA AND BC PARTNER WITH TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION IN \$9 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS PROJECT

TSAWWASSEN, B.C. - Tsawwassen First Nation will partner with Canada and British Columbia to access \$9 million through Canada's Economic Action Plan. This significant investment will kick-start a major industrial development on Tsawwassen Lands and will provide a substantial economic boost to the entire Delta region. The project will be cost-shared on an equal basis between the three government partners; Canada, British Columbia, and Tsawwassen First Nation will each contribute \$3 million.

The investment will pay for the first phase of the Tsawwassen Industrial Lands Site Servicing Project, which will extend new road, water, sanitary sewer and drainage works to 40 hectares of undeveloped Tsawwassen Lands adjacent to Deltaport. This development will provide significant economic, employment, and environmental benefits to the regional economy and the national supply chain network.

"This funding gets us moving to create a sustainable, self-sufficient future for our community" says Chief Kim Baird, recently re-elected to a 6th term as head of Tsawwassen Government. "Today's investment by the Government of Canada, under the Economic Action Plan, and the government of British Columbia complements recent investments they have made in the Pacific Gateway and Port Metro Vancouver, and helps to ensure the success of our recently completed treaty. This truly is a win-win-win."

Chief Baird thanked the following for their strong support: the Honourable John Baird, federal Minister of Transport Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Stockwell Day, federal Minister of International Trade and the Asia-Pacific Gateway, the Honourable Chuck Strahl, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable George Abbott, provincial Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and the Honourable Shirley Bond, provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "Moving forward on an initiative of this size and this importance is truly a team effort; we look forward to the on-going partnership as we make this important project a reality," said Chief Baird.

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