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GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATES SAFER AND HEALTHIER WATER FOR RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

EMBRUN — An official ceremony was held today to celebrate upgrades to the Township of Russell's water distribution system. Pierre Lemieux, Member of Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell; Jean-Marc Lalonde, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell; and Ken Hill, Mayor of the Township of Russell were pleased to see this important community infrastructure project reach completion.

The project has allowed the Township's existing groundwater sources to be replaced with drinking water produced by the City of Ottawa. Work included constructing and connecting a new feedermain between the communities of Greely and Embrun, installing water meters, constructing a new booster pumping station, and modifying the existing reservoirs and pumping stations.

The governments of Canada and Ontario each contributed up to \$4,474,251 to this project under the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. The Township of Russell committed the balance of the total project cost of approximately \$24,000,000.

"These upgrades will help protect the health and safety of residents in the Township of Russell by improving water quality and ensuring the sustainable use of water resources," said MP Lemieux. "Through the Economic Action Plan, our government is committed to creating jobs and ensuring Ontario communities have the infrastructure necessary to ensure future economic growth."

"Safe and reliable water distribution systems sustain healthy, successful communities," said MPP Lalonde. "Our government's Open Ontario plan is ensuring the future success of our communities by investing in important infrastructure projects such as these."

"We are extremely proud to have brought this project to completion. Our residents will now have access to clean reliable and abundant safe drinking water. This project is key to our communities and a solid foundation of all infrastructure moving forward," said Mayor Hill.

Under the Canada Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, the governments of Canada and Ontario are working together with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and local partners to respond to local needs through infrastructure upgrades providing clean, safe drinking water, better sewage systems, improved waste

management processes, safer local roads and bridges, as well as delivering on other health and safety priorities.

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