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This brief is submitted by:

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or

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Topic: Infrastructure

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

The Townships of North and South Glengarry and the City of Cornwall are working together to implement the $60 million Glengarry Waterline infrastructure project. The project would see the construction of a 50 km pipe to bring treated water from Cornwall to provide safe, reliable water to Township communities. Current ground water sources are inadequate and are negatively affecting residents and inhibiting economic growth. We are asking the federal government to join the Province of Ontario and the municipalities of North and South Glengarry to fund this project.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

$10 million-$99.9 million

1 year

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

The New Building Canada Fund, announced in Budget 2013, speaks directly to the funding needs of communities requiring infrastructure upgrades. Rural water system improvements are vital to community life and to ensuring economic growth in rural communities. The Townships of North Glengarry and South Glengarry are asking for New Building Canada Fund support for the Glengarry Waterline project. The project involves funding from three levels of government. Funding would assist: pipe manufacture, ground preparation and laying; a pumping station, connections and new water storage tank.

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

Numerous communities in North and South Glengarry Townships are without municipal treated water or have inadequate and unsafe supplies of well water. The lack of a safe, reliable and sustainable water source is a health concern, jeopardizing the local community and hampering growth. The Glengarry Waterline would provide a safe and reliable drinking water source for thousands of residents in order to protect public health, retain existing economic activity levels and grow the regional economy in the Townships and the City of Cornwall. There is wide support in local communities for the project.

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

Residents would enjoy safe, clean, reliable water. Economic expansion includes residential development, agri-food industrial expansion, health care facility expansion and private business opportunity. Economic activity in South Glengarry and Cornwall increased due to South Glengarry's proximity to Cornwall and Highway 401 making it an attractive commuter and investment location. Cornwall's northern industrial area could expand to serve the existing logistics industry. Direct and indirect job creation of 200 person-years. Positive tax benefits for municipal, provincial and federal government.

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Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

The Townships of North and South Glengarry are working with the City of Cornwall to develop the Glengarry Waterline 50 km pipeline. Clean water is essential to economic growth in our communities. By coming together and working to build the pipeline we believe we will help to secure future prosperity for our region. The pipeline would service the needs of a population of over 6,000.

Currently, local water challenges inhibit growth and are a contributing factor to a slow decline in population and economic activity. North Glengarry's population declined over 3% since the last Census. Our Watershed is classified as stressed and the North Glengarry Township uses 10 times the amount of chemicals to make the water safe as the City of Cornwall does for a vastly larger population.

Businesses purchase water to meet their needs. The 122 bed long term health care facility, Maxville Manor, brings in potable water at an annual cost of over $90,000 and because of this cost are considering relocating or closing.

Increased economic activity would be supported by the pipeline both through the build process and in development after completion.

The Province of Ontario has funded the $3.1 million design phase of the Glengarry Waterline at a level of 90%. The design work is ongoing and proceeding on schedule and the project will move to shovel ready status by summer 2013.

Traditionally, local infrastructure is funded one-third by the local community and two-thirds by the provincial and federal governments. Investment of $60 million is needed for actual implementation of the project.

The Townships of North and South Glengarry and the City of Cornwall believe that the Glengarry Waterline project would contribute positively to the future development of our community.

*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided