



## **HARPER GOVERNMENT AND CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO IMPROVE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3)**

*New Biosolids Facility to Modernize Wastewater Practices, Deliver Safe and Environmentally Sustainable Infrastructure*

**Sudbury, Ontario, December 12, 2011** – On behalf of the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, Tony Clement, President of the Treasury Board and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, today announced that the Government of Canada will contribute up to \$11 million through the P3 Canada Fund towards a new biosolids management facility in the City of Greater Sudbury.

“Canada needs to invest in modern and green infrastructure projects to be a world leader today and in the future. Our Government believes that public-private partnerships can build public infrastructure faster and provide better value for taxpayers’ dollars,” said Minister Clement.

Minister Clement was joined at the event by Marianne Matichuk, Mayor of Greater Sudbury. The city is contributing the balance of the funds. Once selected, the private sector partners will design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Biosolids Management Facility. The private sector proponent will be responsible for financing project costs during construction and over the term of the operating contract.

“The City of Greater Sudbury gratefully acknowledges the Government of Canada for presenting an option to municipalities that effectively addresses the gap between a limited local tax base and the need to invest in aging infrastructure,” said Mayor Matichuk. “Once complete, the Greater Sudbury Biosolids Management Facility will be a model for environmental sustainability and responsible economic stewardship.”

The City of Greater Sudbury has recognized that existing sludge disposal practices have become outdated and are no longer environmentally sustainable. The project will include the construction of a centralized wastewater sludge treatment and biosolids end-product storage facility at the existing Sudbury wastewater treatment plant.

The new facility will respond to the current restraints placed on Greater Sudbury’s disposal practices; build an environmentally responsible and sustainable plant that is safe to all surrounding communities and residents; and deliver a long-term, modern approach to wastewater management.

“The City of Greater Sudbury demonstrated a clear need for this project, and we are confident that the Biosolids Management Facility will produce benefits and deliver value for taxpayers,” said Greg Melchin, Chair of PPP Canada Inc. “This project is another great example of how public-private partnerships bring together important public infrastructure initiatives and the expertise of the private sector.”

---

For further information, media may contact:

Mary Ann Dewey-Plante  
Press Secretary  
Office of the Minister of Finance  
613-992-6754

Jack Aubry  
Media Relations  
Department of Finance  
613-996-8080

Eliza Bennett  
Manager, Corporate Communications and French Language Services  
City of Greater Sudbury  
705-674-4455, extension 4507

PPP Canada Media Inquiries:  
[media@p3canada.ca](mailto:media@p3canada.ca) or 613-947-9480 / 1-877 947-9480