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Canadian Water Quality Association Supports Investments in Municipal Infrastructure to Match New Investments in Housing

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The Canadian Water Quality Association (CWQA) is supportive of new funding announced on April 2, 2024 for infrastructure to support housing, forthcoming in Budget 2024.

“We are enthusiastic that funds have been committed to support water and wastewater infrastructure,” said Shelley Peters, Executive Director of CWQA. “This announcement shows that the government recognizes the importance of infrastructure that makes new houses and apartments habitable, healthy environments.”

CWQA members provide solutions for water treatment and delivery that benefit municipalities and utilities from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

“We are also supportive of a top-up announced for the Housing Accelerator Fund,” added Peters. “New units, especially those in rural communities will require local governments to have a water quality plan, including testing water quality for new municipal demands and, in some places, for wells.”

Today’s investments will address the current level of needs in many communities across Canada, but they will not stand the test of time alone. CWQA is calling on the federal government to also include the development of a Canadian Water Quality Map in forthcoming discussions about infrastructure, and in particular as an area of focus for the fledgling Canadian Water Agency.

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