



## News release

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### Important investments made in Murray Ridge Ski Area infrastructure

**Fort St. James, British Columbia, December 19, 2016**—The governments of Canada and British Columbia are committed to investing in local infrastructure to ensure Canadians have access to reliable, high quality recreational facilities. These important investments create jobs, strengthen the economy and connect people to their communities.

With support from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's federal Gas Tax Fund allocation, the Fort St. James Ski Club has made an important investment in the Murray Ridge Ski Area's facilities. A newly built maintenance shop now houses essential tools and grooming machinery -- equipment needed to maintain the ski hills and also extend the season for locals and tourists.

The Ski Club can now perform regular and specialized maintenance in a safe, secure and healthy environment while helping to protect valuable equipment for years to come.

### Quotes

"The federal Gas Tax Fund allows communities in British Columbia to make informed decisions about their infrastructure investments. It offers predictable, reliable and flexible support that reflects the federal government's commitment to investing in infrastructure that makes a real difference in people's lives at the local level. It is thanks to projects like these new recreational facilities in the Murray Ridge Ski Area that Canadian communities will remain among the best places in the world to live, work and raise a family."

*The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

"The Government of British Columbia continues to support its communities through the successful partnership with the federal government and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Here in Fort St. James, we are investing in the Murray Ridge Ski Area with a new facility that will enhance the ski hill's maintenance and enjoyment by sports enthusiasts and the surrounding community."

*John Rustad, Member of Legislative Assembly for Nechako Lakes*

"The federal Gas Tax Fund plays a critical role in supporting infrastructure renewal in communities throughout British Columbia. I am pleased to see these improvements to the Murray Ridge Ski Area which will extend the season for skiers."

*Murry Krause, President, Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM)*

"It's great to partner with such an active recreational group within our Regional District."

*Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area 'C' Rural Director Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako*

### Quick facts

- The Government of Canada is contributing \$141,750 to this project through the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The Government of Canada is providing over \$265 million in 2016/17 in indexed funding for local government infrastructure projects across British Columbia through the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The Union of BC Municipalities administers the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
- The federal Gas Tax Fund provides Canadian municipalities with a permanent, predictable and indexed source of long-term funding.

## Associated links

Government of Canada's \$180-billion+ infrastructure plan: <http://www.budget.gc.ca/fes-eea/2016/docs/themes/infrastructure-en.html>.

Federal infrastructure investments in British Columbia: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/bc-eng.html>.

Federal Gas Tax Fund: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>.

New Building Canada Plan: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html>.

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