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**Remarks – Mayor Joseph Hawes, Town of Pictou**

Welcome Minister Peter MacKay, MLA Pam Eyking, MLA Karla MacFarlane, MLA Pat Dunn, fellow Councillors, staff and guests.

Today's funding announcement relates to the second of a two-phase upgrade to the Pictou Water Utility. In preparation for this phase, the Town of Pictou has been busy completing upgrades to its water system since 2009. This work was required to prepare the system for the installation of a centralized water treatment plant and included:

- the installation of a new water transmission line in the Caribou well field to link nine of the thirteen wells together. This line and cluster of wells can now be directly connected to the new plant;
- the water tower and all well sites have had substantial upgrades including the installation of automated monitoring equipment and municipal grade ultraviolet disinfection systems, and
- the Town worked with consulting engineers and Dalhousie University to test different treatment technologies addressing water discolouration problems.

At the same time, many of our employees have upgraded their qualifications taking online courses from the University of Sacramento, the Nova Scotia Community College, and obtaining Nova Scotia Environment credentials. I am so pleased that six of our employees are now certified operators ranging between levels 1 and 3. Good job guys!

Our homework is done and the system is ready for a centralized treatment plant.