

Provincial Funding for Economic Impact Analysis on South Central Natural Gas Project

The Growth and Prosperity Stakeholders Group (GPSG) has accepted a \$43,590 grant from the Partner 4 Growth Fund to support the development of an Economic Impact Analysis for the South Central Natural Gas Project. The GPSG has been working with Manitoba Hydro to develop the feasibility of extending natural gas service to 13 communities and surrounding rural areas in the municipalities of Norfolk Treherne, Victoria, Glenboro South Cypress, Lorne, Louise and Thompson. Information from the analysis will quantify economic benefits directly related to the construction phase as well as set a strategic path for attracting investment in industry sectors such as increased corn production, hog finishing barns, equipment manufacturing, and agricultural food processing that will benefit with access to natural gas. This is a major long-term investment for the communities and surrounding areas, the area needs to continue providing infrastructure resources for job creation. The South Central Natural Gas Project is an opportunity to tap into the network that surrounds us and remain competitive with exciting economic development opportunities growing in rural areas.

Doug Collins, Chairperson GPSG, “funding to support a regional economic impact analysis on a major infrastructure project is important to make informed decisions and to have that information available for the public”.

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