



**SOUTH CENTRAL**  
NATURAL GAS PROJECT

# newsletter

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## Update on Investing in Canada Infrastructure Funding

The Province has sent their list of Projects recommended for funding to be reviewed at the Federal level. After the review the Project proponents will be notified if their request for a total of \$39.7 million from Federal and Provincial governments was successful.

The South Central Natural Gas Project meets the outcome of providing more reliable and efficient energy of the Rural and Northern Development Funding stream. In addition, the Project would provide a much needed economic boost by providing a return on investment of \$110 million and creation of over 400 jobs from construction of the pipeline alone. Once gas is made available, there are emerging market drivers to expand development in agricultural industries especially hog barns, metal fabrication, and crop production in greenhouses. The South Central Natural Gas Project and these types of industries will be key in helping our Province “jump start” and recover from the economic effects of COVID-19.

## Introducing New Project Manager Joe Masi

The GPSG has brought Joe Masi on board to fill the Project Manager position. Joe brings a wealth of knowledge working with municipalities on regional projects as well as lobbying governments at all levels.

The GPSG thanks Jolene Callum for her dedication to the Project and wishes her the best of luck with the new addition to her family.

## FAQ's

Check out the [www.southcentralnaturalgas.com](http://www.southcentralnaturalgas.com) website for answers to some common questions, or if you have questions let us know!

### *When will I have to pay my customer connection fee?*

When Federal and Provincial funding is confirmed Manitoba Hydro will be sending customer service representatives to collect customer fees.

### *How much would I save in Heating Costs?*

Right now, natural gas is approximately half the cost of Manitoba Hydro electricity and 1/3 of the costs of propane. Natural gas prices have been stable for 10 years and are projected to continue that way. Manitoba Hydro and other natural gas marketers can lock in a price for up to a 5-year term.

### *How are Natural Gas pipelines installed, will the roads have to be torn up?*

In most cases pipelines are installed in road right of ways to save on easement costs. They are installed at a minimum depth of between 0.75 to 1 meter depending on pipe. The majority of the pipeline is polyethylene distribution and are installed using a low-disturbance ploughing method with directional drilling under water and road crossings. For the high-pressure steel pipeline trenching is required.

## We Want to Hear From You

The GPSG meets on a regular basis, if you would like to attend a meeting to discuss or learn more about the Project, please contact [manager.gpsg@gmail.com](mailto:manager.gpsg@gmail.com)

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