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Speaker: The Honourable Geoff Regan

Infrastructure

Ms. Dianne L. Watts (South Surrey—White Rock, CPC):

Mr. Speaker, the Liberals are taking \$15 billion away from communities to set up their new bank.

We repeatedly warned that small and rural communities would be left out of the funding opportunities. Instead of listening, the Liberals called Canadians stupid and irresponsible for raising concerns.

Yesterday, the finance minister was forced to admit that small communities will in fact be left out.

When will the Liberals stop betraying rural communities, and start working to get infrastructure built in every part of the country?

Hon. Amarjeet Sohi (Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, we understand that infrastructure is the foundation for building strong and sustainable communities, including rural communities.

Let me tell the House what we are doing. There are water and wastewater upgrades for Red Deer, Alberta; upgrades to the town of Lanigan water in Saskatchewan; wastewater treatment upgrades for Selkirk and Gimli in Manitoba; water and wastewater upgrades to Royal Oak, Bay, Ontario; and there is more I could say.

I encourage members to actually visit the Infrastructure Canada website to see how many projects we are funding.