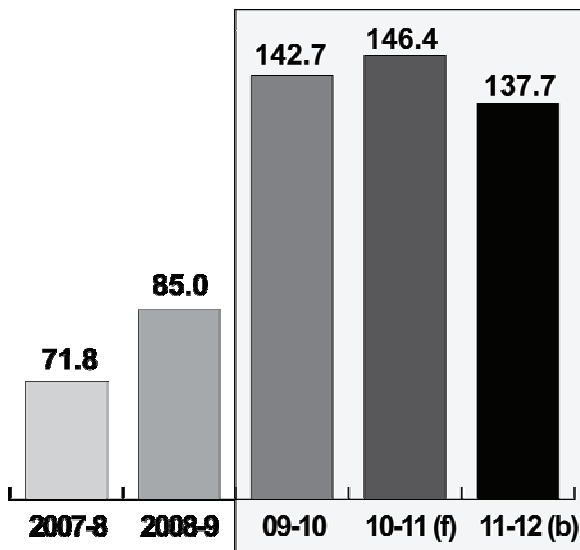


### Stimulus and Capital Investments

The provincial government responded quickly and effectively in the face of a severe global economic downturn which began in late 2008.

Prince Edward Island was one of the first provinces to announce stimulus spending measures to counteract the recession. The three-year stimulus plan created or maintained 4,400 jobs, generated \$31 million in provincial revenues and grew the provincial GDP by \$171 million.

**Capital investment over the past 5 years (\$ millions)**



**Stimulus**

The Conference Board of Canada said that the government stimulus was one of the principle reasons the Prince Edward Island economy did not fall into recession.

New and improved health facilities, schools, highways, bridges, sewer and other essential public infrastructure projects were aimed at meeting the challenges of today and the needs of tomorrow.

#### Stimulus At-A-Glance

- The stimulus plan created or maintained 4,400 jobs.
- It generated \$31 million in provincial revenues.
- The stimulus grew the provincial GDP by \$171 million.
- \$141 million was invested in roads and bridges, one of the largest investments in infrastructure in the province's history.
- 700 kilometers of highways were paved or rebuilt.
- 34 bridges were replaced or repaired
- The provincial government contributed \$64 million to local projects in 100 communities, such as upgrades to sewer and water systems; community centres; sports and cultural facilities; municipal studies; and municipal building renovations.
- \$9 million was invested in clean energy including a wind farm in Summerside and wind turbine installations in Kinkora, Kensington, Crapaud, Alberton and Murray River.

Capital expenditures on highways and bridges since 2007 were \$202 million, rising from a level of \$29 million in 2007 to \$56 million in 2010. A total of \$37 million has been committed for 2011.

A total of \$141 million was invested in highway infrastructure under the stimulus program.

The 2009/10 and 2010/11 capital budgets represented two of the single largest annual investments in road and bridge infrastructure in the province's history. Investments were made in over

100 Island communities and created over 2,000 jobs. This has resulted in major repairs or replacements of 34 bridges and the repaving or rebuilding of more than 700 kilometers of highways.

Infrastructure projects were also carried out in cooperation with the federal government and with local municipalities at a cost of \$173 million. These projects included local infrastructure like upgrades to sewer and water systems; community centres; sports and cultural facilities; municipal studies; municipal building renovations; and many other worthwhile local projects. The provincial share of this investment is \$64 million dollars. Investments were made in over 100 Island communities and resulted in more than 1,800 jobs.

Another stimulus initiative helped provide clean energy in the form of wind power to six Island communities. This included a \$9 million wind farm in Summerside and wind turbine installations in Kinkora, Kensington, Crapaud, Alberton and Murray River.

A total of \$53.4 million was allocated to the redevelopment of the emergency department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown.

More than \$50 million was allocated to the modernization of long-term community care facilities. The Colville Manor in Souris and the Maplewood Manor in Alberton are nearing completion.

A new dialysis services facility was constructed at the Prince County Hospital in Summerside at a total cost of \$1.2 million.

To improve safety for Island residents, a \$5 million project is underway to implement a provincial emergency radio service, and a further \$325,000 was committed for an upgrade to the 911 service.

Provincial correctional services facilities were expanded at a total cost of \$3.4 million, and a further \$2.4 million was committed for a facility for youth at risk.

Stimulus funding is also being committed to invest in the future. Construction of the new BioCommons Research Park is underway with an estimated cost of \$12.6 million.

### **Other Capital Projects**

- \$66 million for school construction
- 15 million for new school buses
- \$53.4 million to redevelop the QEH emergency department
- \$50 million for long term care facilities
- \$ 1.2 million to construct the PCH dialysis service
- \$5 million for a provincial emergency radio service
- \$3.4 million to expand correctional facilities
- \$12 million to construct a new BioCommons Research Park.

These and other investments have enabled the province to weather the serious downturn in the economy, maintain and create jobs and provide much-needed infrastructure which will benefit Islanders for years to come.