

New Municipal Infrastructure Fund for Ontario

Government Investing in Small, Rural and Northern Communities to Create Jobs

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Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Simcoe today as part of the government's ongoing investments in infrastructure across Ontario.

Joined by Minister of Rural Affairs, Jeff Leal, the Premier announced that the new Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund is now accepting applications. The program, part of the 2013 Budget, will help address critical infrastructure needs for these communities, including roads, bridges, water and wastewater projects, and will support local jobs.

Twenty-one communities were approved based on their application to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative earlier this year.

The Premier and Dave Levac, MPP for Brant, also attended a jobs roundtable at Laurier Brantford today, where they called on local business and community leaders to work with the government to help grow the economy and create jobs, especially for young people.

Improving highways, roads and bridges and working with local businesses is part of the Ontario government's economic plan to invest in people, invest in infrastructure and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

QUOTES

"Small, rural and northern communities are critical to the prosperity of our province. That's why we will work together as One Ontario to address the unique needs of every community so that everyone can grow and prosper."

— Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

"During our summer consultations, our municipal partners spoke about their limited ability to address their pressing infrastructure priorities. Through this new fund, we're helping revitalize infrastructure that will grow local economies, strengthen rural communities and create jobs."

— Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs

"As a government, we're committed to working with our municipal partners to provide essential infrastructure investments that will strengthen communities across the province in the long-term. Through the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy and this new infrastructure fund, we are making strategic investments where they are needed the most."

— Glen Murray, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation

QUICK FACTS

- As of Oct. 1, 2013, eligible Ontario municipalities can apply for support from the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund.
- The new fund has three components: \$4 million to help municipalities with populations under 5,000 complete their asset management plans; \$25 million to fund 20 previously submitted critical project proposals; and \$71 million for capital projects.
- The government has committed to invest more than \$35 billion in infrastructure across Ontario over the next three years, which will support more than 100,000 jobs on average each year.
- Since taking office in February, Premier Kathleen Wynne has hosted more than a dozen roundtables with partners from the public, private, academic and non-profit sectors.

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Read about the [2013 Budget](#).

Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Projects

Projects in 21 communities have already been approved under the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund based on their application to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative earlier this year.

Community	Project
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	Bridge #9 will be replaced with a full two-lane bridge to improve safety and accommodate increased traffic flow.
Town of Aylmer	An aging watermain on John Street will be replaced with new, larger piping to reduce breaks, enhance fire safety and improve the water supply's reliability.
Township of Burpee and Mills	Indian Road will be improved by widening the roadway, removing an encroaching rock outcrop, repaving deteriorating road surfaces and creating better site lines. Water flow will also be improved to better manage spring runoffs and eliminate flooding and washouts.
Town of Cobalt	The section of Lang Street that serves as Cobalt's main road will be rehabilitated to improve safety. The project includes removing and replacing a deteriorated retaining wall and road repaving.
Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley	The Jellby Road Bridge will be replaced to improve traffic safety and accommodate increased truck traffic.
Foleyet (Local Services Board)	Foleyet's water distribution system will be upgraded to protect the quality of the water supply.
Town of Fort Frances	Above- and below-ground infrastructure at Second Street and Mowat Avenue will be rehabilitated and replaced to reduce traffic congestion and improve local water and wastewater services.
Township of Georgian Bay	Hasketts Drive will be rehabilitated to improve road safety conditions. The project will include road realignment and widening, replacing culverts, improving drainage and installing guard rails.
Township of Greater Madawaska	Flat Road will be realigned and repaved to improve driving conditions and enhance road safety.
Municipality of Hastings Highlands	A portion of Madawaska Road will be reconstructed to meet current standards and improve road safety.
Township of Hilton	20 th Side Road will be reconstructed to improve traffic flow and enhance road safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.
City of Kingston	Corroded sections of the Ravensview trunk sewer will be repaired to protect the quality of the local water supply.
Township of Larder Lake	A new Larder Lake Water Well will be developed to provide the community with a more reliable source of water.
Township of Matachewan	The Matachewan Water System will be upgraded and new water storage reservoir will be built to provide a more reliable water supply during fire emergencies.
Township of North Kawartha	Road safety on Jeff Road will be enhanced with improved sight lines, new guide rails and softened curves.
Municipality of Northern Bruce	Cemetery Road will be paved and widened to improve road safety.

Peninsula	
County of Northumberland	The CPR Overhead Bridge will be rehabilitated to align with federal standards and increase road safety.
City of Owen Sound	The combined sewer along 8 th Street East will be replaced with separate sanitary and storm sewers to prevent overflow into Sydenham River and Owen Sound Bay and protect water quality and public health.
Sault Ste. Marie (City) and Prince Township	Four single-lane bridges that are over 90 years old will be replaced with two-lane bridges to enhance public safety and improve traffic flow by eliminating the need for load restrictions.
Town of Wasaga Beach	Schoonertown Bridge will be widened to four lanes and will include new bike lanes to help reduce traffic congestion.

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