

Nipissing Point of View

WINTER 2020



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The Year in Review

The year 2019 will go down as a very successful year for Nipissing, certainly from an investment perspective. This Point of View will focus on the investments the Province of Ontario has made in Nipissing – an all-time record of \$200 million – all in addition to the annual budgets of area agencies, boards, and commissions.

With the government making landmark investments in healthcare (\$1.9 billion more) and education (\$1.2 billion more) across the province, Nipissing gained significantly in both areas. Local school boards received increases in special education, language programming grants, and transportation funding. And our healthcare system saw health, hospice, and long-term care investments.



Ontario Northland to restore Metrolinx passenger coaches

After a seven-year hiatus, Metrolinx has returned to Ontario Northland. It was great news locally that Ontario Northland had secured a contract to refurbish 15 bi-level passenger coaches.

ONTC has been working tirelessly to obtain this type of contract work at the North Bay facility, and the company

continues to prove that work can be done competitively while providing high quality at market rates.

In further good news, it was announced that the government is planning a move for Ontario Northland from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to the Ministry of Transportation. The move has the support of the ONTC management and union, Northeastern mayors, and Indigenous groups. The move will improve transportation services and help with economic development in the region.

The province will also explore options to enhance intercommunity bus services provided by Ontario Northland to ensure underserved and unserved Northern communities are connected and people have access to jobs and critical services.

Investing in Indigenous Supportive Housing

The Ontario government is investing over \$2.5 million in the City of North Bay to give people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless the housing and support services they need.

With the help of Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, the North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre will build 17 new apartments for Indigenous people and offer services such as addiction counselling, cultural services, and mental health supports.

The government is committed to working with local Indigenous Program Administrators to deliver programs for Indigenous people living off-Reserve. This year, the government is investing more than \$13 million to help Indigenous individuals and families all across the province access the housing and services they need.



CASELLHOLME RECEIVES \$55 MILLION AND 'GO-AHEAD' TO BUILD!

The long-awaited news that the government is rebuilding the long-term care facility at Cassellholme East Nipissing District Home for the Aged in North Bay was announced. This project will replace the 240 existing beds with modern design standards, and add 24 new long-term care beds.

At \$55 million, this will be one of the largest construction projects in North Bay's history. This project, when complete, will include a 16-bed provincial Indigenous unit and two, 12-bed units dedicated for specialized dementia care. The new long-term care bed allocations in North Bay are part of the government's commitment to add 15,000 long-term care beds in five years. These new beds will help take pressure off our hospital, allow doctors and nurses to work more efficiently, and provide better, faster health care for families and patients.

Families deserve access to high-quality health care they can rely on, including safe, comfortable spaces for our seniors to receive the care they need. This puts patients first through the plan to improve access to the best possible care for residents and families in a comfortable, modern, and safe space closer to home.

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Province of Ontario Invests a record \$200 million into projects in Nipissing

Healthcare

Cassellholme Long Term Care Program	\$55 million
NBRHC - Transition Unit	\$2.04 million
NBRHC – (HIRF)	\$733,835
Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund	\$517,953
Mattawa General Hospital – (HIRF)	\$440,000
K'Tigaaning Midwives	\$328,105
Midwives Sages-Femmes	\$250,499
NBRHC - Addictions Treatment & Services	\$170,860
Nipissing Mental Health Housing Support	\$120,000
People for Equal Partnership	\$102,500
Mattawa General Hospital	\$66,000
North Bay Recovery Home	\$52,000
Canadian Mental Health Association	\$13,704
Nipissing Mental Health Housing Support	\$5,903

Community Agencies

NDSSAB – Community Housing	\$2.7 million
North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre	\$2.5 million
North Bay YMCA	\$165,930
Provincial Hazardous Materials Team	\$150,000
North Bay Golden Age Club	\$52,726
Club Action 50+ East Ferris	\$52,726
Algonquin Child & Family Services	\$46,900
Mattawa Senior Citizens Club	\$44,879
Callander Elderly Persons Centre	\$10,600
Ojibway Women's Lodge	\$6,500

Infrastructure

Highway 17/94 intersection in East Ferris + Highway 94 in Callander + Highway 11 N + Highway 11/17 at Seymour Avenue	\$40.7 million
NFN - Duchesnay Creek Bridge	\$12 million
Natural Gas Expansion Support Program	\$10 million
Jack Garland Airport	\$2.4 million
Township of Chisholm - Leo Jobin Bridge	\$680,935

Municipal

Gas Tax Program - Transit	\$895,808
Municipal Partnership Fund (Increase):	
• City of North Bay	\$888,400
Small & Rural Service Delivery Improvement:	
• Bonfield	\$371,000
• Callander	\$507,200
• Calvin	\$206,800
• Chisholm	\$282,400
• East Ferris	\$577,600
• Mattawa	\$359,600
• Mattawan	\$173,000
• Nipissing	\$412,200
• North Bay	\$17,690
• Papineau-Cameron	\$258,800
• Powassan	\$445,600
North Bay Police Service (CSP Grant)	\$1,237,500
North Bay Police Service (RIDE)	\$42,401

Pre-Apprenticeship/Skills Training

Canadore College	\$514,624
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Ontario Trillium Foundation

Innovation Initiatives Ontario North (IION)	\$330,000
Northern Ontario Hockey Association	\$149,300
Laurentian Ski Hill	\$145,000
Commanda Museum	\$70,200

Celebrate Ontario

International Plowing Match & Rural Expo	\$250,000
Powassan Smoke 'N' Spurs Festival	\$49,500
Mattawa Voyageur Days	\$20,000

Ontario Arts Council

Aanmittaagzi	\$27,000
Zakide	\$17,000
North Bay Symphony Orchestra	\$17,000
Chinimiwin	\$12,750
Windsong	\$10,000
Art Fix of Nipissing	\$8,000
Compagnons des francs loisirs	\$5,000

Algonquin Nursing Home

The community celebrated the redevelopment and relocation of the 73-bed Algonquin Nursing Home at the Mattawa General Hospital. The \$20-million project is creating efficiencies through shared operations such as laundry and kitchen facilities. The health hub will retain workers, create new jobs, and attract professionals and new residents to Mattawa.



Maison des aînés Algonquin

La communauté a célébré le redéveloppement de la Maison des aînés Algonquin et son nouveau emplacement au sein du Carrefour de la santé de Mattawa. Ce projet de 20 millions \$ et de 73 lits va mener à des gains d'efficacité grâce à certains services partagés tels que la lessive et la cuisine. Également ce projet assure la rétention des travailleurs à Mattawa, la création de nouveaux

emplois et va attirer des professionnels et des nouveaux résidents à la communauté.



Canadore College Receives Training Funds

The government announced a Pre-Apprentice Training Program to help people gain trade-specific knowledge, basic job skills and valuable work experience. Canadore College received \$514,624 to deliver cook training and general carpenter training.

Canadore also received \$316,796 to deliver electrician-construction and maintenance training (Youth and Indigenous Peoples) to 17 participants, and general carpenter training (Women, Indigenous Peoples, New Canadians, Youth at Risk) to another 17 participants. This is to prepare students for rewarding, well-paying careers in the skilled trades, and ensure employers get the skilled workforce they need.



Jack Garland Airport Gets Runway Upgrade

An investment of more than \$2.4 million was made for the Jack Garland Airport to repair and extend its cross-wind runway and approach light system. This project provides the critical infrastructure needed to retain and attract new

business to North Bay and will benefit the existing local aviation and aerospace industries, while paving the way for future investment and job growth.



YMCA After-School Program

Ontario's government invested \$165,930 in the City of North Bay and the YMCA to help keep kids in Nipissing physically active, healthy, and ready to learn so they can succeed at school and in life. Ontario's After-School Program funds no-cost,

fun, safe, supervised activities for students during the school year in high-need neighbourhoods across the province.

Festival Support in Powassan

From horses to horsepower, the Smoke 'N' Spurs Festival in Powassan is the best equestrian and motorsports event of the year. The event received \$49,500 from the Celebrate Ontario Program, kicking off an action-packed Labour Day weekend.



Music to Their Ears

Several local arts organizations received a total of \$96,750 in project grants through the Ontario Arts Council, including \$17,000 for the North Bay Symphony Orchestra, under the Music Production and Presentation Projects program.

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund

Canada Meat Group	\$1.4 million
Foraco Canada Ltd.	\$1.4 million
Premier Mining Products Inc.	\$962,520
Foraco Canada Ltd.	\$400,000
Haskins Industrial Inc.	\$400,000
Twiggs Distribution	\$347,238
Paige Engineering Ltd.	\$337,164
Miller Technology Inc.	\$251,277
Drillco Mining and Exploration	\$250,000
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Canelec Manufacturing & Development	\$213,618
Gateway City Brewery	\$200,000
SafeSight Exploration	\$200,000
Castle Glass & Mirror	\$196,058
North Bay Rotary	\$150,000
Mattawa River Resort	\$147,641
Resolution Machining	\$146,065
Epiroc Canada	\$140,003
North Bay Area Museum Society	\$98,000
City of North Bay BR&E	\$42,000
FDM4 International Inc.	\$41,830
Wand Family Farm	\$8,475

NOHFC Film:

• Carter (TV Series)	\$3.6 million
• Cardinal (TV Series)	\$3.4 million
• When Hope Calls (TV Series)	\$3 million
• The Trickster	\$3 million
• Last Rituals (TV Series)	\$2 million
• New Eden (TV Series)	\$1.3 million
• Unsettled (TV Series)	\$1 million
• Rising Suns (TV Series)	\$1 million
• The Colin Mochrie Show	\$960,000
• Sunshine Sketches Homecoming	\$908,360
• Christmas in Love	\$500,000
• Sleigh Bell Sweethearts	\$500,000
• Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe	\$500,000
• Christmas at Grand Valley	\$500,000
• Dancing Through the Shadow of Mao	\$500,000
• Angel Falls	\$500,000
• Like a House on Fire	\$500,000
• The Christmas Basket	\$500,000
• Crossword Mystery Season 1	\$500,000
• Crossword Mystery Season 2	\$500,000
• Country at Heart	\$500,000
• The Kid Detective	\$500,000
• The Cosmic Dawn	\$421,775
• Exit Papers from Paradise	\$401,640
• Cold Strings	\$375,000
• Northern Ontario Film Studios	\$340,000
• Astonishing Tales of Terror	\$65,000

NOHFC Internship Program:

Nipissing University	\$62,244
Callander Animal Hospital	\$46,050
North Bay General Hospital Foundation	\$31,500
YES Employment Services	\$31,500
Gyro Data Services Canada Inc	\$31,500
Drillco Mining and Exploration	\$31,500
Knight Piesold Ltd.	\$31,500
Blue Sky Animal Hospital	\$31,500
Tourism North Bay	\$31,499
Nature and Outdoor Tourism Ontario	\$30,888
NBRHC Foundation	\$28,958
Near North Palliative Care Network	\$28,080
Nipissing District Developmental Screen	\$27,846
North Bay Area Heritage Museum Society	\$26,676
Farquhar's Orchards Fine Foods	\$26,312
Nipissing Serenity Hospice	\$24,570
Mattawa River Resort	\$17,680
Larmer Stickland	\$17,503
Buckstone Inc.	\$15,600



Investment and Job Creation

More than \$1.4 million in grant funding was announced for Canada Meat Group to build a meat processing plant and cold storage facility, and create 45 jobs. The facility will produce high-quality Kosher and Halal meat products, addressing the growing demand for specialized beef products.

Drilling for Success

Drillco Mining and Exploration received \$220,000 to design, engineer and manufacture a modular mast system that can be broken down for shipping and used in either surface or underground operations, allowing them to market their modular drilling system. They received a further \$250,000 to develop a diamond core drilling rig that can drill in reverse circulation, resulting in potential cost savings for the mining industry. And finally, the company received \$31,500 to hire a mechanical engineering technologist intern to design 3-D models.



Hollywood North

Two of Canada's major TV series, Cardinal and Carter, are filmed in North Bay and area. Cardinal is a CTV crime drama. The series adapts the novels of crime writer Giles Blunt, who hails from North Bay! The series focuses on police detective John Cardinal and his partner Lise Delorme who investigate crimes in the fictional city of Algonquin Bay. Carter is a CTV crime comedy-drama. Harley Carter is the Canadian star of a hit American TV detective series, who returns to his hometown after a public meltdown at an awards show. He finds that his old friends can no longer separate him from his television persona and keep asking him to investigate real cases.



MPP Vic Fedeli and the Premier met with Billy Campbell (John Cardinal) and Karine Vanasse (Lise Delorme) on the set of Cardinal, in North Bay.



Carter star Jerry O'Connell is a staple at North Bay functions! Here the cast enjoys a few free moments on the beach set at the North Bay waterfront. Cast includes North Bay's old friend Dave Foley, Kristian Bruun, MPP Victor Fedeli, Jerry, and Constituency Executive Assistant Andrea Stoppa.

When Hope Calls is a drama TV series airing on Hallmark Movies Now, the Hallmark Channel's digital streaming service. The series is a spin-off of the network's When Calls the Heart, which is based on the Canadian West book series by Janette Oke. It is filmed in Powassan, on a set created entirely for the series. The photos show the western town first under construction, and then as it is in the series.



MPP Victor Fedeli and North Bay Mayor Al McDonald on the set of When Hope Calls, talking about the economic spinoff the movie and TV industry brings for the Nipissing region.



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Delivering for all of Nipissing

Millions Invested in Area Infrastructure

Several major infrastructure investments were announced in 2019. To improve transit, \$36.3 million in funding was allocated to North Bay, as part of the government's 10-year infrastructure Public Transit stream.

In addition, the government nominated \$20 million worth of local infrastructure projects for funding as part of an effort to improve the province's infrastructure, create jobs, and grow the economy. If approved by the federal government, the provincial funding share would total more than \$6 million. The projects nominated under the Rural and Northern stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) include McKeown Avenue 4-laning, Dorion Hill road reconstruction in Mattawa, Alderdale Road reconstruction in Chisholm Township, Gull Bay Roads rehabilitation in Nipissing First Nation, Murphy Road bridge replacement in Mattawan Township, and Maple Hill road rehabilitation in Powassan.

Also, four priority projects in North Bay worth more than \$900,000 are being nominated under the Public Transit stream of ICIP. This includes transit terminal rehabilitation and improvements, improvements to specialized transit buses including installation of automated vehicle location systems and security cameras, and bicycle racks and related storage areas. The projects are now with the federal government for final funding decisions.

And finally, Ontario is providing a further \$3.5 million in support for municipalities to get people moving by investing in additional transit infrastructure projects in North Bay. Priority projects worth more than \$11.4 million in total are being nominated under the Public Transit stream of ICIP. The projects include construction of sidewalks, facility improvements to the fleet garage and bus barn, new bus shelters, concrete pads, and digital signage at bus stops, Transit On-Demand, purchase of additional trackless unit and fleet garage and bus barn facility rehabilitation. The projects are now with the federal government for final funding decisions as they are reviewed for eligibility under the ICIP program.



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