

Nipissing Point of View

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Vic Fedeli MPP



\$2 Million for Area Hospitals

The Ontario government is investing \$1,257,065 to support area hospital infrastructure through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund (CIRF).

“This funding will ensure patients can continue to access the care they need in our local hospitals, while providing our local health care system with the tools to improve the quality of care for the residents of Nipissing,” said MPP Vic Fedeli.

In addition, the Ontario government is investing \$65,000 to the Mattawa Hospital to support both admission avoidance and discharge planning for 150 seniors with frailty to return to the community.

Over \$6 Million for Land Ambulance

The Ontario government announced an investment of \$6,325,976 for the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB). This will support the hiring of additional paramedics, wage and cost of living adjustments, and general ambulance services operations to meet the needs of the local community. Funding is provided through the Land Ambulance Service Grant and represents a 7.8% increase over last years investment.

“In keeping with the government’s Plan to Stay Open, the Land Ambulance Service Grant will be very beneficial for our area”, said MPP Vic Fedeli. “Today’s funding will assist our local DSSAB to help alleviate some of the demands on our emergency health care system.”

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$764 million in the province’s annual Land Ambulance Service Grant to help municipalities facing increased cost pressures in their emergency departments.



ONTARIO BRINGING BACK PASSENGER RAIL

The Ontario government is purchasing three new trainsets as part of its plan to bring back northeastern passenger rail service. The \$140 million investment marks a significant milestone in reinstating service between Timmins and Toronto, and unlocking the full economic potential of northern industries, resources and minerals.

“As part of the plan to build Ontario, the government is making this investment to help bring the Northlander back to the North,” said MPP Vic Fedeli. “Passenger rail supports families, tourism, manufacturing jobs, innovation and economic growth, all while keeping the people of Ontario connected. As the long-time voice for this vital service, it’s an absolute pleasure to see the government bringing passenger rail back to Northern Ontario, once and for all.”

“This is a significant step forward in bringing back the rail service that northerners deserve,” said Stan Cho, Associate Minister of Transportation. “The reinstated Northlander train will support our northern industries and resource sectors and provide a safe and reliable transportation option for Northern communities, especially in the winter months. This purchase demonstrates real progress, as we continue to take concrete steps to build a better transportation network for the north.”

The new rail cars will meet the latest EPA Tier 4 emission standards, making them amongst the most environmentally friendly diesel locomotives on the market. The fully accessible fleet will include built-in wheelchair lifts, mobility aid storage spaces, galley style food services, and fully accessible washrooms.

The trainset interiors will also feature spacious seating and modern amenities, including Wi-Fi connectivity and passenger information systems with audio and visual announcements.

Once reinstated, northeastern passenger rail service will be offered from four to seven days a week, based on seasonal travel demands.



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Over \$5.5 Million to Support Business Innovation and Expansion

The Ontario government is investing \$5,547,385 through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation to support business expansion. This investment will help create jobs, diversify product and service offerings, and boost economic growth in the northeast.

- \$1,344,493 to Wrmth for their design and manufacture of heated outdoor furniture
- \$483,495 to One Red Maple for their on-line shopping App
- \$67,607 to Cuna Railway Innovation to purchase specialized equipment
- \$1,132,558 to Miller Technology to develop prototypes of the EV low-back grader
- \$803,957 to Janveaux Forest Products in Mattawa to purchase new equipment
- \$523,345 to Think On to expand its operation to create a Security Operations Centre
- \$353,040 to Driller's Edge to purchase automated equipment
- \$250,000 to Nordic Minesteel Technologies to develop a new tire handling tool



- \$241,500 to Pneuma-Tools to test a series of new clean-tech, fully synthetic rock-drill oils
- \$158,855 to North Bay Machining Centre to purchase new equipment
- \$50,035 to Boart Longyear to build a prototype of a dual-tube drill rod
- \$43,000 to Rejean Bedard Logging in Mattawa to purchase new equipment
- \$28,000 to J&J Machine Works to expand their operations



Over \$1.5 Million to Support Local Interns

The government is providing \$1,582,332 through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for 53 job placement opportunities in Nipissing. This investment will help strengthen and develop Northern Ontario's workforce.

Some of the NOHFC internship investments include:

- \$67,292 for Northland Glass & Metal to hire two Project Manager Interns
- \$64,762 for Drillco Mining and Exploration to hire a Mechanical Engineer Intern and an Inventory Manager and Purchasing Agent Intern
- \$63,471 for One Red Maple to hire a Business Development Intern and a Junior Software Developer Intern
- \$54,941 for Critchley Hill Architecture to hire two Architect Interns
- \$20,649 for Jackman's to hire a Florist Intern

\$10 Million to Support Local Film and TV

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$10 million through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for 12 film and television projects in Nipissing. This investment will help support job creation and boost economic growth in our area.

"The film and television industry continues to create good jobs and develop skilled local talent," said MPP Vic Fedeli. "Today's funding is helping solidify the North's reputation as a first-rate production centre in North America and the world."

The following funding is being delivered through NOHFC:

- \$2,000,000 for a five-part limited series, *Essex County*
- \$2,000,000 for a family television series, *Beyond Black Beauty*
- \$500,000 each for two Christmas movies, *Catering Christmas*, *Homestead for Christmas*, a horror movie, *Bloody Hell*, the made-for-TV film, *Winter Palace*, two Hallmark films, *I'm Glad It's Christmas* and *Christmas Drive-in*, the holiday movie, *Fall Into Winter*, the made-for-TV movie, *Writing A Love Song*, and the feature films, *We Forgot To Break Up* and *Civil*
- \$280,000 for the two-episode television series, *The Royal Welch Chen Jones*
- \$150,000 for the feature film, *Mockingbird*



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Delivering for all of Nipissing

Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care

The plan focuses on providing people with a better health care experience by connecting them to more convenient options closer to home while shortening wait times for key services across the province and growing the health care workforce for years to come.

PILLAR ONE The Right Care in the Right Place

- As of January 1, 2023, pharmacists are able to prescribe medications for 13 common ailments to people across Ontario at no extra cost.
- Making it faster and easier for youth to connect to mental health and substance use support, primary care, social services and more by adding eight additional Youth Wellness Hubs to the 14 that are already operating across the province.

PILLAR TWO Faster Access to Care

- Making it easier and faster to get publicly funded surgeries and procedures by further leveraging the support of community surgical and diagnostic centres to eliminate surgical backlogs and reduce wait times.
- Providing paramedics more flexibility to treat people who call 9-1-1 at home or on scene in the community rather than in emergency rooms.

PILLAR THREE Hiring More Health Care Workers

- Moving forward with the largest medical school education expansion in more than a decade by adding 160 undergraduate seats and 295 postgraduate positions over the next five years.
- Expanding education and training opportunities for those interested in working in health care, including expanding the Learn and Stay grant that is helping over a dozen growing and underserved communities grow their health care workforce by covering the costs of tuition, books and other direct educational costs for postsecondary students who enroll in high-priority programs in return for working in those communities for up to two years after they graduate.



Votre santé : Plan pour des soins interconnectés et commodes

Ce plan vise à offrir aux gens une meilleure expérience en matière de soins de santé en leur proposant des options plus commodes près de chez eux, tout en réduisant les temps d'attente pour les services clés dans toute la province et en augmentant la main-d'œuvre dans le secteur de la santé pour les années à venir.

PREMIER PILIER Les bons soins au bon endroit

- En date du 1er janvier 2023, les pharmaciens peuvent prescrire sans frais supplémentaires des médicaments pour 13 affections courantes à la population ontarienne.
- Faire en sorte qu'il soit plus rapide et plus facile pour les jeunes d'avoir accès à des services de soutien en matière de santé mentale et de toxicomanie, à des soins primaires, à des services sociaux et à d'autres services, en ajoutant huit autres Carrefours bien-être pour les jeunes aux 14 qui existent déjà dans la province.

DEUXIÈME PILIER Un accès plus rapide aux soins

- Faire en sorte qu'il soit plus facile et plus rapide d'obtenir des chirurgies et des interventions financées par les fonds publics en tirant davantage parti du soutien des centres communautaires de chirurgie et de diagnostic pour éliminer les arriérés de chirurgie et réduire les temps d'attente.
- Donner aux ambulanciers paramédicaux plus de souplesse pour traiter les gens qui appellent le 9-1-1 à domicile ou sur place dans la collectivité plutôt que dans les salles d'urgence.

TROISIÈME PILIER Engager davantage de travailleurs de la santé

- Le gouvernement de l'Ontario va de l'avant avec la plus grande expansion de l'enseignement médical depuis plus d'une décennie en ajoutant 160 places au premier cycle et 295 places au deuxième cycle au cours des cinq prochaines années.
- Élargir les possibilités d'éducation et de formation pour les personnes intéressées à travailler dans le domaine des soins de santé, notamment en élargissant la subvention Apprendre et rester qui aide plus d'une douzaine de collectivités en pleine croissance et ayant un accès limité aux services à accroître leur main-d'œuvre dans le domaine des soins de santé en couvrant les frais de scolarité, les livres et les autres coûts liés à l'éducation pour les étudiants de niveau postsecondaire. Lorsque ceux-ci s'inscrivent à des programmes prioritaires, il s'engagent à accepter un travail dans ces collectivités pendant un maximum de deux ans après l'obtention de leur diplôme.

211 ANSWERS THE CALL

Did you know there is a helpline in Ontario that provides information and referrals to social services, community programs, and government supports?

Simply dial 2-1-1 to connect with a Community Navigator who will talk to you about your situation and help you find the programs or services that are right for you.

This service is free and confidential. Calls are answered 24/7 in 150+ languages.

You can also connect with a Community Navigator by texting 2-1-1 or using the online chat at 211Ontario.ca Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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211 RÉPOND À L'APPEL

Saviez-vous qu'il existe une ligne d'assistance en Ontario qui permet d'accéder aux programmes et aux services communautaires, gouvernementaux et sociaux?

Composez le 2-1-1 pour parler de votre situation avec un navigateur communautaire qui pourra vous diriger vers les meilleurs programmes ou services qui vous sont offerts.

Ce service est gratuit, confidentiel et disponible 24 heures sur 24, 7 jours sur 7, dans plus de 150 langues.

Vous pouvez également communiquer avec un navigateur communautaire en textant le 2-1-1 ou en utilisant le clavardage en ligne sur 211Ontario.ca du lundi au vendredi de 7 h à 21 h

\$11 Million for Area Municipalities

The Ontario government is providing \$2,315,912 through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation to five community enhancement projects in Nipissing.

- \$801,198 for the City of North Bay to build All-Wheel Park; \$690,451 to revitalize downtown’s Main Street; and \$437,693 build a Museum Playground
- \$372,510 for the Municipality of Callander to renovate Bill Barber Arena
- \$14,060 for Friends of Laurier Woods Inc. to replace and widen the two boardwalks

In addition, over \$6.9 million is being invested into all 11 of Nipissing’s municipalities, through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. The City of North Bay is receiving \$5.6 million, and the 10 surrounding municipalities receive between \$100-200,000 each. This will provide stable funding to meet local infrastructure needs, including road, bridge, water, and wastewater projects.

North Bay also received over \$1.3 million for their transit system. The funding was delivered through the Safe Restart Agreement, as well as the City’s share of the Gas Tax Program.



“This funding will help ensure reliable transportation options are available for everyone in the North Bay area, whether you’re going to work, school or the grocery store,” said MPP Vic Fedeli.

“This funding will allow the City to continue to provide essential transportation services for North Bay residents while our transit system continues to recover from the disruption caused by the pandemic,” said Mayor Peter Chirico.

Over \$1.6 Million for Area Non-Profits



The YMCA Northeastern Ontario and the City of North Bay will share over \$170,000 through Ontario’s After School Program. “The experience of the past two years has highlighted the importance of sport and recreation programs to individual and community well-being,” said MPP Vic Fedeli. “These programs are at the heart of Nipissing’s community, and working with our partners, educators, and community leaders, our youth and families will continue to be active and healthy.”

In addition, \$430,000 is being invested into Nipissing for upgrades and repairs to four community organizations. The Canadian Mental Health Association, Nipissing Transition House, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Nipissing First Nation are sharing the funding to improve their facilities that provide important programs and services to area families.

Finally, more than \$1 million is being provided to 9 local organizations through the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Capital Grants Program and Community Resilient Program. North Bay Nordic Ski Club, Municipality of East Ferris, Club Action 50+, YMCA, Community Living, The Gathering Place, and the Potters Guild all received Capital grants. Les Compagnons and Big Brothers Big Sisters shared \$325,000 in Resilient grants.

We’re Here to Help!

The constituency office is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. You can reach us with any issue you may have, as we are here to help you. We can help you with your health card, birth certificate, celebratory scrolls, social services, and a multitude of other issues.

Nous sommes à votre disposition!

Le bureau de circonscription est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 9h à 17h. N’hésitez pas à nous contacter si vous avez la moindre question. Nous pouvons répondre à vos questions notamment celles portant sur les cartes Santé, les certificats de naissance, les certificats de félicitations, les services sociaux, et maints autres besoins.

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