

Nipissing Point of View

Spring 2024



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2023 IN REVIEW

Here in Nipissing, we've seen over **\$88 million** in investments from the Province in 2023; another outstanding show of support for our families.

We see these investments at every event we attend. Last year included New Year's Day Levies at area Legions, where investments in kitchen upgrades or building repairs helped these events continue. Bonhomme stopping by to kick off the Carnaval reminds us of the hundreds of thousands in investments in Les Compagnons. Dropping in at outdoor arenas has been made better with the addition of a full roof at several locations. The museums are a more rewarding experience with all the investments made there, and certainly a sign of appreciation to the thousands of volunteers in our 11 communities.



It's Trade Show season in many communities, where the millions of dollars in arena and community centre improvements will make these even better events. Soon it will be maple syrup season and think of all the venues that have welcomed much-needed provincial support for this and other seasonal events. And soon it will be biking season – where literally millions of dollars have been invested in making our trails and highways safer for both bikes and autos. Soon after that, all the Fall Fairs will start up, and again, the Provincial investments will make them all more satisfying experiences.

But no investments have been more important than those made to expand our Health Services. The \$32 million that's been announced is all extra funding that has come into Nipissing this past year – in response to the calls and recommendations we hear from all of you, through our Constituency Office. As always, more can and will be done.



Over \$2 Million for Local Non-Profits

Local non-profit organizations enrich the lives of the people in Nipissing while playing an important role in building a strong and prosperous Ontario economy. Funding included the following:

- **\$228,000** in Ontario Art Council funding for the Near North Mobile Media Lab, Aanmitaagzi and the White Water Gallery, Aanmitaagzi Pakinewatik Collective Arts, Nipissing Regional Curatorial Collective for the 10th anniversary of the Ice Follies, Capitol Centre's Bluesfest 2023 and the On the Fringe Festival
- **\$500,000** for the Providing Adults with Developmental Disabilities Lifelong Experiences (PADDLE) program *(photo above)*

Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Funding highlights included:

- **\$618,800** through the OTF's Community Resilient Fund to help non-profits recover from the Impacts of COVID-19 and build capacity, resilience, and sustainability. Recipients included Victim Services of Nipissing District, Les Compagnons, Community Living Mattawa, Nipissing Regional Curatorial Collective Incorporated, The Gathering Place, and Mattawa Legion Branch 254.
- **\$427,500** for the Callander Legion to upgrade their building's infrastructure and help offset financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **\$148,000** for the Mattawa Museum to assist with accessibility.

Below: North Bay Golden Age Club for Seniors Organization Funding announcement



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\$32 Million to Support Health Care Services



The Ontario government will continue to connect Ontario families to the health care they need, when and where the need it, in their community and closer to home. In Nipissing, there have been major additional investments to support our families.

North Bay Regional Health Centre Funding includes the following:

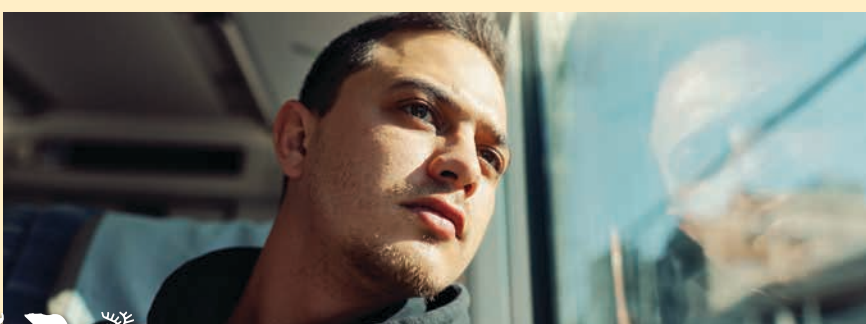
- **\$9,000,000** to support bedding capacity which supports both Alternate Level of Care transition beds and 24 Alternate Health Facility transitional beds
- **\$4,780,000** for the NBRHC and Mattawa Hospital in annual Hospital allocations and Small and Northern Hospitals Stabilization funding, representing a 2.2% increase over last year
- **\$2,784,000** to improve supports for people with complex mental health issues
- **\$1,300,000** in additional funding to reduce emergency room wait times
- **\$1,100,000** through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund to support critical upgrades, repairs and maintenance
- **\$480,000** one-time funding for the reimbursement of COVID-19 related capital expenses for the 2022-23 year



- **\$389,000** to support Surgical Recovery initiatives by increasing surgical outputs and reduce system wait times
- **\$327,500** in one-time funding to support MRI/CT Operations
- **\$300,000** through the Surgical Relief Recovery Fund to support the hospital to open their operating room on evenings and weekends
- **\$200,000** in additional base funding for On-Call Care Coverage which funds doctors working after hours
- **\$150,000** in additional funding for the North Bay Central Ambulance Communications Centre

Additional regional Health Care funding includes:

- **\$6,700,000** for Local Ambulance Services – representing 6.5% increase over last year
- **\$2,150,000** in one-time funding to support the Nipissing Parry Sound Health Unit
- **\$915,000** in one-time funding for three area facilities to support Alternate levels of Care and Patient Flow Initiatives
- **\$814,700** in top-up base funding and one-time funding for local hospices
- **\$575,00** to expand mental health services to six inter-professional primary care agencies in the riding
- **\$90,000** for the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team to support long-term care home admission diversion for older adults



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NOHFC Funding announcement at Hideaway Studios



On the set of the film "Swing into Romance"

\$10 Million for Film and Television

The Ontario government has supported almost \$10 million worth of local film and television projects through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). These investments help create industry jobs, showcase Northern talent, and raise the profile of the film and television industry in Northern Ontario.

Projects include:

- **\$2,000,000** for Great Productions to produce the film, **Everything's Going to be Great** in partnership with Amaze Film + Television and Everything Great Holdings, that follows the story of a struggling small-town, family-run theater and stars Oscar, Golden Globe, and Emmy-winner Allison Janney and Oscar-nominee and Emmy-winner Bryan Cranston
- **\$500,000** for Be Mine Productions to produce the Hallmark film **I'm Glad It's Christmas**
- **\$500,000** for HP Drive-In Productions Inc. to produce the Hallmark film **Christmas Drive-in**
- **\$500,000** for HP Into Winter Productions to produce the holiday movie **Fall Into Winter**
- **\$500,000** for Love Song H22D. to produce the made-for-TV movie **Writing A Love Song**
- **\$500,000** for Motel WFTBU to produce the feature film **We Forgot To Break Up**
- **\$500,000** for KM Romance Swing Productions to produce the feature film **Swing into Romance**

- **\$500,000** for Carpe Dee Yum Productions to produce the film **Seeds**
- **\$500,000** for JoBro Productions to produce the film **Boy in the Woods**
- **\$500,000** for Drive Back Home Productions to produce the feature film **Drive Back Home**
- **\$500,000** for Hideaway Pictures to produce the film **Christmas By Chance**, a family holiday film that follows a newly single woman who accepts an invitation meant for someone else
- **\$500,000** for Hideaway Pictures to produce **Harvest Homecoming**, a romantic story that follows a substitute teacher who moves back to the family farm
- **\$500,000** for KM Windmill Love Productions to produce **Christmas on Windmill Way**, a holiday story about a woman's attempts to save a historic windmill from a hotel development
- **\$500,000** for HP Styled Christmas Productions to produce **Royally Styled for Christmas**, which follows the story of an assistant manager of an upscale boutique who is roped into being the personal stylist of a visiting duke
- **\$440,238** for Whimper Productions to produce the feature film **Civil**
- **\$415,000** for Other Animal Entertainment to produce the feature film **Nobel & The Kid**, a story of a man with troubled past who must take over custody of his friend's child after a tragic accident
- **\$280,000** for New Tang Dynasty Television to produce the two-episode television series **The Royal Welch Chen Jones**
- **\$150,000** for The Time We Met Productions to produce the feature film **Mockingbird**, in Whitney

\$5.5 Million in Investments for BUSINESSES

The Ontario government invested \$5.5 million to support economic development projects through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). These investments will help businesses expand operations, hire interns, and develop Nipissing's workforce.



NOHFC Business announcement at Martel and Mitchell Rehabilitation



At CTS Canadian Career College for the NOHFC Intern announcement

Examples include:

- **\$1,100,000** for Nexco to develop innovative explosive products for the mining and construction industries that are greener for the environment
- **\$1,000,000** for Bineshii Business Park, an investment that has helped Nipissing First Nation develop the park along Highway 17
- **\$775,000** for Corexplore Drilling Services to purchase two additional drills and supports equipment for surface mining and exploration projects
- **\$524,000** for Martel & Mitchell Rehabilitation to purchase equipment, renovate existing facility and build adjoining new workspace
- **\$400,000** for Redpath Mining to build an additional facility to increase repair work capacity
- **\$296,000** for Bur Oak Resources to build a net zero manufacturing facility
- **\$200,000** for the Capitol Centre to replace aging infrastructure
- **\$94,000** for Fur Harvesters Auction to renovate and purchase equipment
- **\$90,000** for Mincon Canada to purchase equipment and renovate facility
- **\$37,000** for CTS Canadian Career College to hire a Technical Support Representative intern and a Human Resources Generalist Intern
- **\$35,000** for the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation to hire a communications and creative assistant
- **\$35,000** for the Labour Market Group to hire a communications and media relations intern
- **\$34,000** for the Granite Club to hire a marketing and events coordinator
- **\$19,000** for the Near North Laboratories to hire a lab analyst

+ many more businesses supported by NOHFC Intern funding

\$39 Million to Support Nipissing Communities



The Nipissing district covers a large geographic landscape, with 11 municipalities and several community-based services that assist with our safety, infrastructure, educational, and recreational needs. Throughout 2023, the community investments included:

- **\$16,400,000** through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to support 11 Nipissing municipalities to help with local priorities and community need
- **\$7,000,000** through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to assist 11 Nipissing municipalities with their critical infrastructure projects
- **\$3,300,000** to maintain and revitalize infrastructure in Algonquin Provincial Park
- **\$3,000,000** in additional funding through the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) for the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board.
- **\$2,000,000** for Canadore College's Multi-Use Sports Complex
- **\$1,400,000** for the North Bay Police Service to support the transition to a new 9-1-1 system Generation 911 program
- **\$1,000,000** for the ICAMP Expansion at Canadore College
- **\$925,000** for Canadore College to support Apprenticeship training for students in the skilled trades
- **\$914,000** for the City of North Bay to support the expansion and improvements of the public transit service
- **\$790,000** through the NOHFC Community Enhancement stream for the Municipality of East Ferris to create a 7km hardtop bike and walking path, Municipality of Callander to build washroom facilities at the municipal marina, township of Matawan to renovate the community hall, and the Near North Trail Association to make snowmobile trail improvements.
- **\$567,000** for Municipality of West Ferris to upgrade infrastructure at the Field Skating Rink
- **\$507,500** to Modernize Post-Secondary Infrastructure at Canadore College and Nipissing University
- **\$480,000** through the Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant to help four regional police services which will enable police to utilize trained crisis workers
- **\$315,000** through the Partner Facility Renewal Program for upgrades to five children's social services facilities in Nipissing
- **\$294,000** to support the creation of a Northern and rural innovation cluster through the Intellectual Property Ontario Fund
- **\$164,250** in Seniors Active Living Centres Funding for the East Ferris Club Action 50+, North Bay Golden Age Club, Mattawa Seniors Citizen Club and the Callander Elderly Persons Centre
- **\$121,000** to support Mattawa Voyageur Days, Les Compagnons' Festival Franco-Ontario and Bluesfest through the Experience Ontario 2023 Program and NOHFC's community Events funding stream
- **\$100,000** for the North Bay Police in partnership with Victim Services of Nipissing District through the Victim Support Grant to help support victims and survivors of intimate partner violence/ domestic violence, human trafficking, and child exploitation
- **\$94,100** through the Ontario Trillium Fund Capital Grant Stream to the Municipality of Powassan to install new accessible playground equipment in Lions Park
- **\$77,000** for the City of North Bay to support After School Programs
- **\$70,000** in Seniors Community Grant Funding for Les Compagnons, Mattawa Wellness, Commanda Museum and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste Marie

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