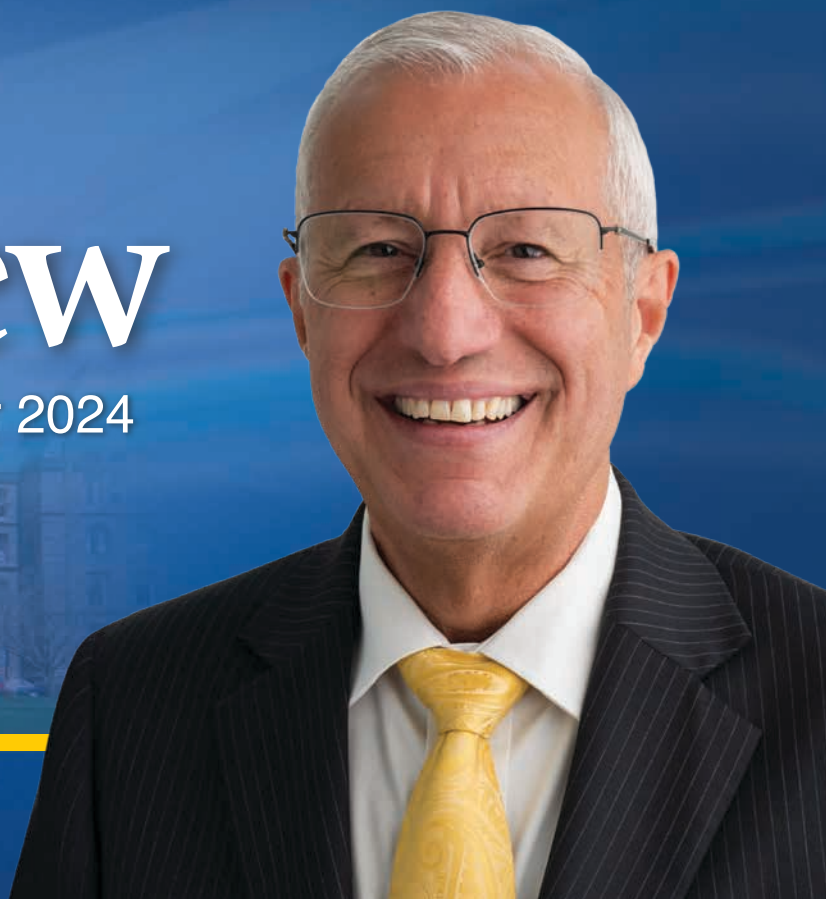


Nipissing Point of View

Winter 2024



Vic Fedeli MPP



A Year of Investments

This past year saw a record number of investments made throughout the riding of Nipissing. From school repairs and upgrades, to road and bridge improvements, to parks and recreation facility installations, no matter where you looked, you saw provincial construction programs underway.



This newsletter will provide a photo highlight of some of the investments seen throughout Nipissing – all signs of progress for our region. And all designed to make life better, make travelling to work and play easier, and making sure the infrastructure is in place for our future growth.

More than \$200 million has been invested in resurfacing hundreds of kilometres of roads, highways, and bridges throughout Nipissing. And there's plenty more planned for 2025-26, so be prepared to see lots of construction next spring, summer, and fall.

\$400,000 From Building Faster Fund



Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli and Mayor Peter Chirico are presented the provincial Building Faster Fund cheque by then-Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack.

and commitment, the city is tackling the affordability crisis by creating new opportunities for families to grow.”

“With the help of Ontario’s Building Faster Fund, we anticipate even more progress in the coming years in creating an environment that further facilitates the growth of our local housing supply,” said North Bay Mayor Peter Chirico.

The Ontario government provided the City of North Bay with \$400,000 in funding through the Building Faster Fund after the city exceeded its 2023 housing target. North Bay broke ground on a total of 202 new housing units last year.

“We applaud the work being done by the City of North Bay to exceed their housing targets and contribute to the province’s goal of building at least 1.5 million homes,” said Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli. “Through their efforts



Millions Invested in Transit!

First, the Ontario government invested almost \$1.4 million to support three transit projects in North Bay. This has expanded access to transit throughout the city, connecting more people to jobs, housing, and other opportunities.

It includes purchasing two gas and six hybrid buses to improve accessibility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also, the purchasing of two sidewalk tractors and replacing aging hoists with five new transit vehicle lifting devices to improve safety and efficiency.

It also includes the retrofit the Transit Terminal with a video screen displaying arrival times alongside upgraded heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems to enhance the customer experience. In addition, the Ontario government is supporting the City of North Bay with \$785,000 from the Gas Tax program. The funding can be used to expand service hours, increase routes, purchase new vehicles, and improve accessibility to increase transit ridership.



Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli at the podium announcing millions of dollars of Transit Funding for the City of North Bay, including new hybrid buses, transit equipment, an upgraded Transit Terminal, and Gas Tax funding.

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Over **\$50 Million** in Road and Bridge Work in the Powassan/ Trout Creek Area

It was a busy construction year in the south end of the Nipissing riding, as roads and bridges were refurbished. These investments are critical to make life better, make travelling to work and play easier, and making sure the infrastructure is in place for our future growth.



\$580,000 for Area Road Repairs

Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli announced that the Ontario government is investing \$580,000 to help Mattawa and area communities with road projects. The funding is being delivered through the Connecting Links program, which helps maintain vital roads and bridges that connect people to good jobs, support the movement of goods and drive economic growth in Northern and rural communities.

“Safe and reliable roads and bridges are vital links that connect people to jobs and housing and make it easier for them to get

where they need to go,” said MPP Fedeli. “It’s important that the government continue to provide the funding municipalities need to ensure our transportation infrastructure is maintained for generations to come.”

The funding includes \$305,000 for the Municipality of Mattawa for the detailed designs for the rehabilitation of Main Street (Highway 17) from Mauril Bridge to Hwy 17 Roundabout.

“Main Street/Hwy 533 is vital to the Town of Mattawa as it represents our downtown and runs through the heart of our community,” said Mayor Belanger. “We are grateful for the Connecting Link Program support from the Province which will allow us to create the design and engineering needed to modernize our Main Street,” Belanger added.



\$5.6 Million to Support Postsecondary Infrastructure

The Ontario government is ensuring students at Canadore College and Nipissing University have access to modern facilities, learning tools and equipment so students develop the skills to succeed in the workforce through an investment of \$5.6 million in 2023-24.

“This support will ensure students at Canadore College and Nipissing University have access to modern instructional equipment to meet business and industry standards, increase student access to micro-credentials and enhance the overall student experience,” said Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli. “By investing in postsecondary infrastructure, we are not only supporting our local economy, but ensuring students develop the skills they need to succeed in the workforce.”

Colleges and universities can use the funding for projects that support the renewal and modernization of campuses including major building systems upgrades, heating and ventilating system upgrades, and mechanical and electrical system upgrades. The funds can also be used to purchase instructional equipment and materials, such as new computers and software for teaching purposes, specialized equipment, or machinery for use in labs and classrooms, and tools for shops.



Canadore College and Nipissing University share a 760-acre campus, complete with a man-made lake. Head up College Drive one day to look around, if you haven't ever seen this great campus.

Capital investments include \$3.1 million for Canadore College to support manufacturing, health, electric vehicle, and trades projects and \$2.5 million for Nipissing University to support their George and Helen Vari Simulation Centre and additional classroom renovation.



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Delivering for all of Nipissing

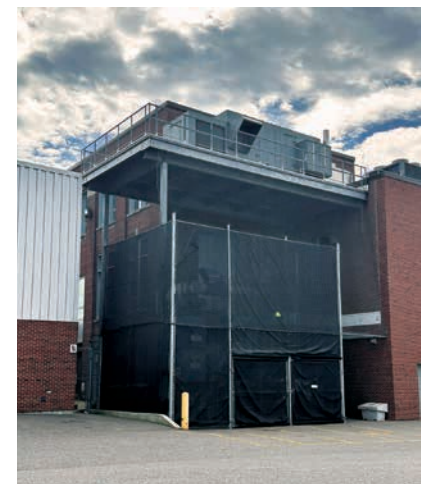
Province Providing \$1.4 Billion to School Boards for School Renewals

The province of Ontario is investing in the construction, repair, and renewal of Ontario's schools. To support healthy and safe learning environments that accommodate student needs, \$1.4 billion is being invested this year. School Boards can use this funding for projects such as HVAC improvements, roof and window replacements, accessibility enhancements, and classroom modernization.

La Province fournit 1,4 milliard de dollars aux conseils scolaires pour la rénovation des écoles

La province de l'Ontario investit dans la construction, la réparation et le renouvellement des écoles de la province. Un montant de 1,4 milliard de dollars sera investi cette année pour créer des environnements d'apprentissage sains et sécuritaires qui répondent aux besoins des élèves. Les conseils scolaires peuvent utiliser ce financement pour des projets tels que l'amélioration des systèmes de chauffage, de ventilation et de climatisation, le remplacement des toits et des fenêtres, l'amélioration de l'accessibilité et la modernisation des salles de classe.

School Facility Renewal Project Réfection des installations scolaires





\$6.5 Million to Build Critical Infrastructure in Nipissing

Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli announced that the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund is investing over \$6.5 million to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure throughout Nipissing, with \$5.4 million going to the City of North Bay, and the remainder going to the area municipalities.

\$195,000 to Improve Area Community Infrastructure

The Ontario government is providing two municipalities in Nipissing with \$195,500 through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to make it easier for residents to access critical programming, activities, and spaces.

The funding includes \$170,500 for the Municipality of Powassan to make necessary repairs to the community's outdoor pool and \$25,000 for the Township of Chisholm to upgrade their library facilities by replacing interior light fixtures, installing a new heat pump, and bringing accessibility features up to standard.



\$450,000 in Upgrades to Area Community Facilities

The Ontario government is investing \$450,000 for necessary building upgrades and repairs to children and social services agencies.

“By funding these upgrades, we are helping to ensure that vulnerable families can access high-quality services and supports in safe and accessible spaces,” said Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli.

The following agencies are receiving funding:

- **\$204,100** for Children’s Aid Society of the District of Nipissing and Parry Sound
- **\$98,800** for One Kids Place Children’s Medical Treatment Centre of North East Ontario
- **\$79,100** for Community Living Mattawa
- **\$49,900** for Nipissing First Nation
- **\$17,500** for Crisis Centre North Bay



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