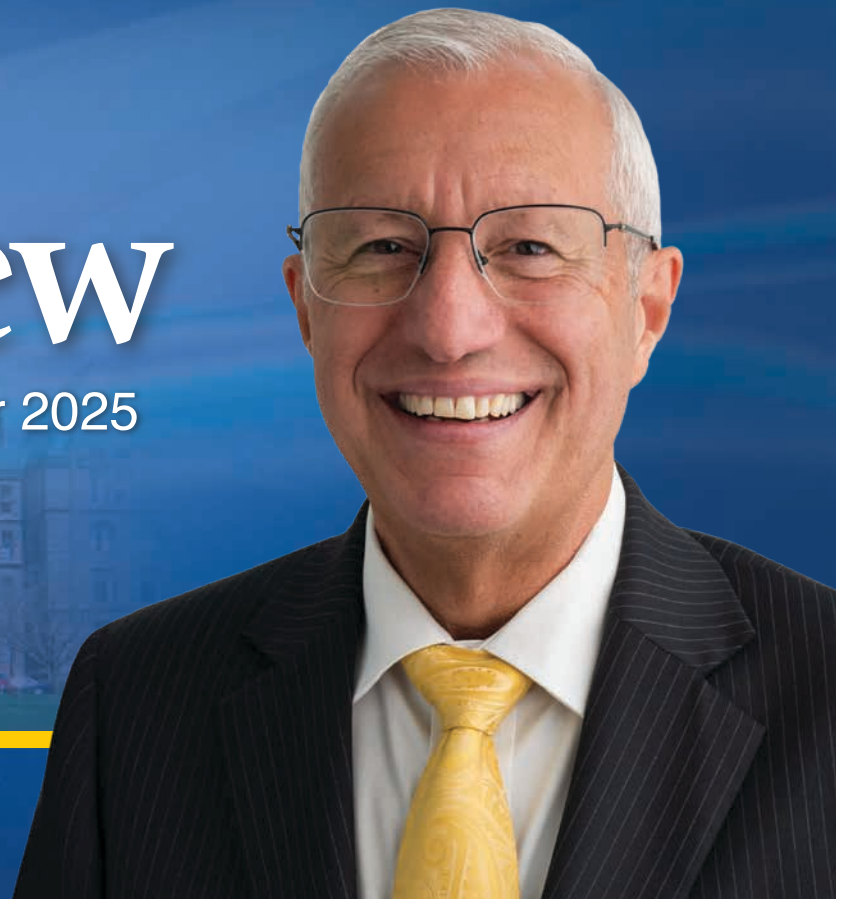


Nipissing Point of View

Winter 2025



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2024 IN REVIEW

Here in Nipissing, we've seen over **\$118 million** in investments from the Province in 2024; another outstanding show of support for our families.

We see these investments at every event we attend. Last year included millions invested in various First Nations initiatives; all important components to our community makeup. Bonhomme stopping by to kick off the Carnaval reminds us of the many hundreds of thousands in investments in Les Compagnons. Seniors are more fit, healthier, and happier with the resources and activities provided through new programs. And there is renewed Provincial support for so many festivals and events – there's lots to see and do in Nipissing! Thank you to the thousands of volunteers in our 11 communities.

The business community is thriving, thanks to almost \$10 million in economic development investments, creating hundreds of jobs throughout Nipissing. The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation has helped businesses expand operations, hire interns, and develop Nipissing's workforce. And, millions more have been invested to support local film and television projects. These investments help create industry jobs, showcase Northern talent, and raise the profile of the film and television industry in Northern Ontario. Do you have a project that may need NOHFC assistance? Call our office to get you started.

But no investments have been more important than those made to expand our Health Services. The \$57 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.



\$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:

- **\$1,000,000** for Antoine Nation Community Centre
- **\$220,000** in local Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grants to faith-based, cultural, and Indigenous communities
- **\$180,000** in Seniors Active Living Centres in Mattawa, East Ferris, Callander, and North Bay, and \$75,000 through Ontario Seniors Community Grants for projects such as Powassan's Fit for Life and their Library
- **\$165,000** for Les Compagnons projects, including \$55,000 for Carnaval des Compagnons, \$25,000 from Seniors Community Grant, \$50,000 through the Francophone Community Grants Program
- **\$55,000** for Mattawa Voyageur Days
- **\$60,000** to promote tourism and travel for events like the Powassan Agricultural Society's Fall Fair, Tourism North Bay's Winter Market Experience, and the North Bay Film Festival

Several libraries in our riding including East Ferris (below), Chisholm, Powassan and others received financial support



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\$57 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:

- **\$16 million** to support a new 40-bed Alternate Hospital Facility. A newly-renovated stand-alone facility, located at 111 Cartier St., saw an investment of \$9.8 million (\$7.3M from the Province), adding 16 new beds. In addition, \$6.1 million in one-time funding assists with the Alternate Level of Care transition, as well as the Alternate Hospital Facility transition
- **\$12.8 million** in additional operational funding: \$8,942,311 permanent increase in hospital base funding, and \$3,847,570 in one-time funding to relieve in-year pressures
- **\$10.5 million** for the 2024-25 year to deliver faster, more connected care to families throughout Nipissing. Of that investments, \$9,173,600 is a 4.1% increase in base funding
- **\$2,900,000** for Alternate Level of Care and Patient Flow initiatives including acute geriatric rehabilitation
- **\$220,000** to support Pediatric Priority Initiatives



Additional regional Health Care funding includes:

- **\$6.9 million** for Local Ambulance Services, for faster emergency care
- **\$2.6 million** to support nursing and paramedic students through the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant (upfront funding for tuition and books in return for working here for a term of service)
- **\$1.8 million** to increase pediatric services. Funding was primarily for One Kids Place, followed by the Nipissing Serenity Hospice
- **\$1.3 million** to support the North Bay Indigenous Hub. Funding will help create culturally-safe health care for Indigenous people
- **\$600,000** for Alternate Level of Care and Patient Flow initiatives including the Alzheimer's Society's respite care program and Mattawa Hospital to support a geriatric emergency medicine nurse
- **\$570,000** to support Nipissing Seniors with complex needs like dementia and bariatric care. Powassan's Eastholme, Mattawa's Algonquin Nursing Home, and North Bay's Casselholme share the funding to purchase vital equipment
- **\$321,000** to the Powassan and Area Family Health Team to expand their services to connect more people to interdisciplinary primary care
- **\$300,000** for Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team
- **\$260,000** permanent annual increase in hospital base funding
- **\$125,000** for Nipissing Serenity Hospice and Near North Palliative Care Network as part of their increase to \$50,000 annually
- **\$86,000** to the Alzheimer Society to connect more people to dementia care
- **\$74,000** to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program



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\$8.5 Million for Film and Television

The Ontario government has supported over \$8.5 million worth of local film and television projects through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. These investments help create industry jobs, showcase Northern talent, and raise the profile of the film and television industry in North Ontario.

Projects include:

- **\$2,000,000** for Piazza Entertainment to produce Season 2 of the TV series *SkyMed*
- **\$2,000,000** for SkyMed Three Ontario to produce Season 3 of the TV series *SkyMed*
- **\$800,000** for Blood Lines Films to produce the film *Blood Lines*
- **\$500,000** for Distinct Features to produce the film *Driven*

- **\$500,000** for Embers Film to produce the film *The Embers and the Starts*
- **\$500,000** for HP Productions to produce the film *Operation Mistletoe*
- **\$500,000** for Hideaway Pictures to film *Royal Christmas Ball*
- **\$500,000** for CastNorth Productions for the film *Aurora Christmas*
- **\$500,000** for Fela Ocu for their feature film *Sweetness*
- **\$500,000** for Gearshift Productions to the TV movie *Chopping Boy*
- **\$200,000** for Mukwa Studios to improve its studio space

\$9.3 Million in Investments for BUSINESSES

The Ontario government invested almost \$10 million to support economic development projects through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. These investments will help businesses expand operations, hire interns, and develop Nipissing's workforce.

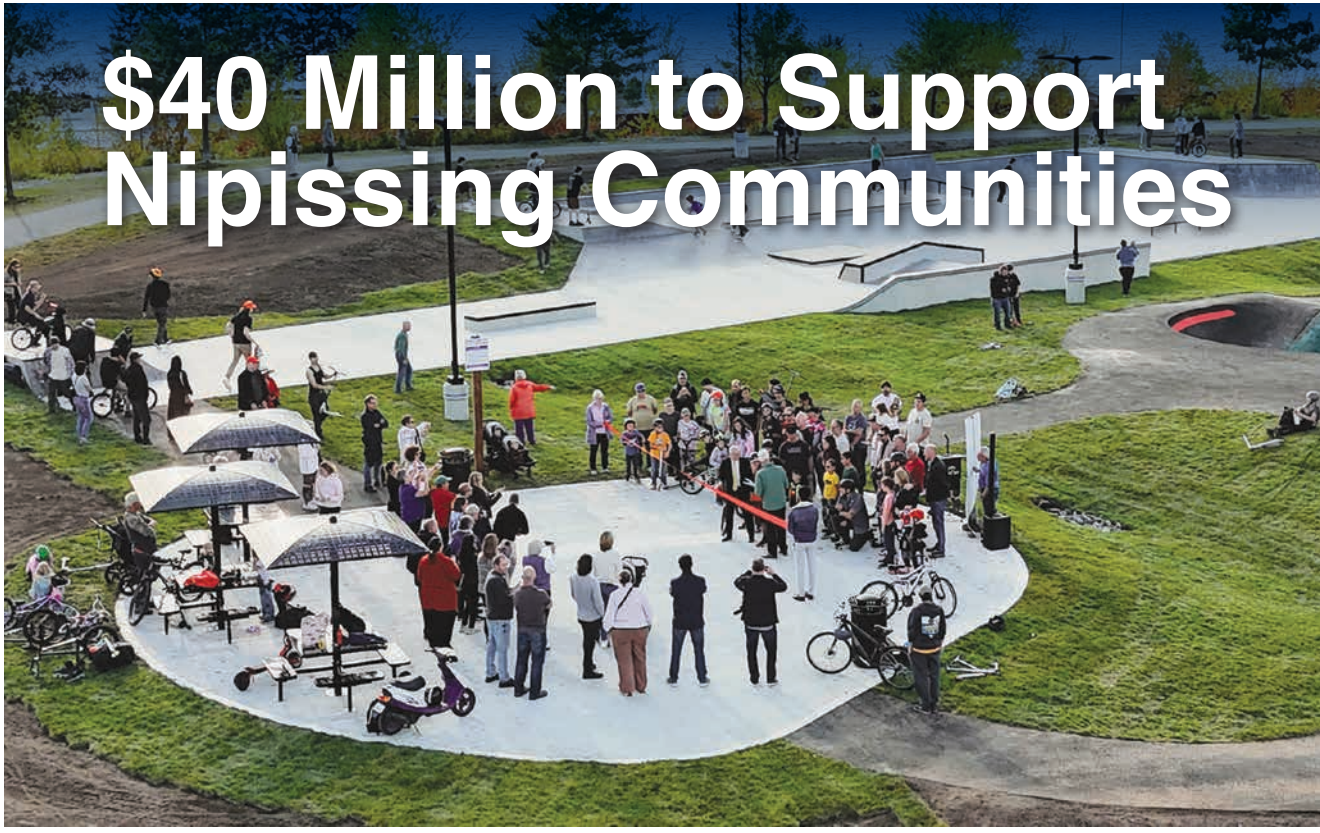
- **\$1 million** for Nordic Minesteel Technologies to build a new manufacturing facility and purchase equipment to increase production capacity
- **\$500,000** for SafeSight Exploration to develop and commercialize their Digital Tool Mine Rescue Kit
- **\$400,000** for National Compressed Air to construct a new operations facility
- **\$270,000** for Miller Technology to develop and commercialize enhancements to their mining utility vehicles
- **\$192,000** for Awakening Software to establish software for the financial, mortgage, and real estate industries
- **\$191,594** for 287 Farm Productions to establish a poultry processing plant in Powassan
- **\$191,331** for Everest Solutions & Images to establish a school photography services business
- **\$189,000** for Nbsiing Well Drilling to establish a water well drilling service company
- **\$132,733** for Sunrise Meadows, a lamb and beef cattle farm in Powassan, to construct a new barn, renovate existing facilities, and purchase new equipment
- **\$115,000** for Simon River Sports for the advanced composite manufacturing of Olympic racing canoes and kayaks
- **\$103,000** for Tomahawk Construction to establish a mobile company for remote construction and mining projects
- **\$53,000** for Smylie's Meadowlark Farms to establish a hydroponic greenhouse
- **\$51,682** for Northland Glass & Metal to purchase equipment and renovate their facility
- **\$32,700** for Jim's Locksmithing to purchase equipment to expand their advanced security services and products

+ many more business supported by NOHFC Intern funding. Here are some examples:

- **\$70,000** for Suppa Engineering to support a manufacturing intern and a scientific services intern
- **\$65,000** for Fabrene to hire an electrician apprentice and an industrial mechanic apprentice
- **\$55,016** for Mincon Canada to hire a quality technician intern and a supply chain assistant
- **\$35,000** for Rise Controls to hire an automated specialist intern
- **\$35,000** for SYTC Logistics to support a 2nd-year electrical apprentice
- **\$35,000** for Active Running & Therapy Centre to support a health care intern
- **\$35,000** for Big Brothers Big Sisters to hire a caseworker
- **\$34,400** for Corexplore to support an oil and gas extraction intern
- **\$33,700** for Pathway's Wellness Clinic to hire and advanced footcare nurse
- **\$26,300** for Ableton Electrical Services to hire a construction intern
- **\$21,258** for The Engraving Shoppe to hire a graphic design intern



\$40 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 2024, the community investments included:

- **\$18.5 million** through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to support 11 Nipissing municipalities to help with local priorities and community need (an increase of \$2.1 million)
- **\$6.5 million** through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to assist 11 Nipissing municipalities with their critical infrastructure projects
- **\$5.6 million** to ensure students at Canadore College and Nipissing University have access to modern facilities, learning tools, and equipment
- **Over \$1.8 million** for Nipissing University and Canadore College to assist with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programming costs, due to higher enrolments
- **\$1.3 million** for the City of North Bay to purchase buses, sidewalk tractors, and a refurbishment of the North Bay Transit centre
- **Over \$1 million** in increased support to front-line agencies such as Community Living North Bay, Mattawa Community Living, and One Kids Place
- **\$800,000** to First Nations in Nipissing, as part of Ontario's commitment to economic reconciliation. Funding includes \$600,000 to Antoine First Nation, \$100,000 to Nipissing First Nation, and \$100,000 to Anishinabek Nation.
- **\$800,000** to support urgent temporary housing through the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to house 37 tenants following the closure of an independently-owned Powassan facility
- **\$785,000** for the City of North Bay for their share in the Gas Tax program
- **\$580,000** for road repairs for Mattawa and others through the Connecting Links program
- **\$499,574** for the Municipality of Callander to make its waterfront safe and accessible
- **\$450,000** in upgrades to local community facilities, including Children's Aid Society, One Kids Place, Community Living Mattawa, Nipissing First Nation, and the Crisis Centre
- **\$400,000** to improve mental health for students at Nipissing University and Canadore College
- **\$400,000** to the City of North Bay for exceeding their 2023 housing target, under the Building Faster Fund
- **\$300,000** to support the North Bay Police Service's Youth Engagement project
- **\$195,000** from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, including \$170,500 for the outdoor pool in Powassan, and \$25,000 for the library in Chisholm
- **\$144,000** for 10 area fire departments to keep firefighters safe by supporting cancer prevention initiatives
- **\$128,000** for Victim Services of Nipissing through the Grant to Support Child Victims of Gun and Gang Violence
- **\$88,000** to help Chisholm cover emergency response costs related to a wildfire
- **\$77,000** for the City of North Bay's Ontario After School Program
- **\$60,000** through the Inclusive Community Grants Program to the City of North Bay for their Shaded and Accessible Picnic Tables and Benches project
- **\$60,000** through the Ontario Arts Council for local Indigenous and Northern arts projects
- **\$56,000** to the City of North Bay to support the Newcomer Entrepreneur Program
- **\$50,000** for the Business Centre Nipissing Parry Sound on top of their base funding of \$159,500
- **\$40,000** to the Nipissing First Nation Public Library
- **\$22,400** to the Powassan Library

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.

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