
**CANADA AND ONTARIO IMPROVE
PARKS, TRAILS, CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS AND GO TRANSIT**

Sixty new infrastructure projects will continue to create jobs, boost local economies

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KLEINBURG, ONTARIO – The governments of Canada and Ontario today announced new stimulus funding that will benefit Ontario workers and the economy over the next year, and make improvements to provincial infrastructure for years to come. The joint investment will help support 60 projects that will improve cultural attractions, provincial parks, trails, as well as GO Transit infrastructure across the province.

To make the announcement, the Honourable John Baird, Canada's Transport and Infrastructure Minister joined with the Honourable Brad Duguid, Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, at the McMichael Gallery, which is one of the unique cultural attractions to receive funding. This gallery is renowned for collecting and exhibiting only Canadian art, and today the governments of Canada and Ontario are announcing a joint investment of \$4.2 million to upgrade its grounds.

A few examples of other projects receiving funding include:

- renovating a tourist attraction in Moose Factory, the Ontario Heritage Trust's Hudson Bay Staff House; and
- upgrading the Esker Lake Ontario Ranger Camp near Kirkland Lake, as well as the Killarney Ontario Ranger Camp near Sudbury.

"Each one of these projects will generate local economic activity and benefit local residents, which are key objectives of our infrastructure program under Canada's Economic Action Plan," said Minister Baird. "In the past year, the Government of Canada has partnered with Ontario to announce more infrastructure funding than ever before, resulting in local economic stimulus and improvement to our parks, trails and attractions."

"Today's investment is another demonstration of the McGuinty Government's commitment to strengthening our province's infrastructure assets," said Minister Duguid. "These investments will renew and modernize aging infrastructure, create jobs and stimulate the economy. Investments like this work into our new five-year Open Ontario plan to build new opportunities for growth and jobs. We are helping to lay the foundation for future economic growth."

"Upgrading provincial parks and trails is great news for the parks and recreation industry in Ontario," said Tim West, Chair of the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario. "By investing in these projects, our governments are supporting the province's tourism industry as well as promoting healthy living and respect for our rich, green environment."

The governments of Canada and Ontario are each contributing nearly \$31.4 million under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund to support these initiatives

The federal \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund is a key component of Canada's Economic Action Plan. The Fund invests in infrastructure projects that can be completed by March 31, 2011.

The Province of Ontario's contribution comes from the 2009 provincial budget, *Confronting the Challenge: Building Our Economic Future*. Ontario's two-year, \$32.5-billion infrastructure investment will support more than 300,000 jobs and strengthen Ontario's economy.

To date, the governments of Canada and Ontario have announced over \$11 billion in joint funding for more than 2,600 infrastructure projects across the province to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

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