

News Release

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Four Communities in Central Ontario to Receive Funding for Local Infrastructure Project approved under the Small Communities Fund

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Clarington, Ontario

Residents of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Uxbridge, Clarington, and Scugog will benefit from important infrastructure improvements thanks to joint funding from the Governments of Canada and Ontario through the Small Communities Fund.

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation will see the construction of water supply infrastructure; the existing culvert on Brock Street will be replaced in Uxbridge; Baseline Road Bridge will be restored in Clarington; and a section Line 6 will be reconstructed in Scugog.

The \$1-billion Small Communities Fund provides funding for priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs. Canada and Ontario will each provide \$272 million to support projects in communities across the province with fewer than 100,000 residents. This funding will help address local priorities, supporting job creation and economic growth, thus sustaining a high quality of life in small communities across Ontario for years to come.

Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will provide up to \$5,369,128 through the Small Communities Fund for these 4 projects.
- The Province of Ontario will contribute up to \$5,369,128 to these 4 projects.

Quotes

“We are pleased to invest in projects such as these that will benefit communities by improving much needed local infrastructure. Our Government’s commitment to municipalities, big and small, has never been stronger. Through the New Building Canada Plan Small Communities Fund we are investing in priority infrastructure projects that have a strong impact on the quality of life of Ontario’s residents while helping job creation and economic growth.”

*The Honourable Erin O’Toole,
Minister of Veterans Affairs and Member of Parliament for Durham*

“Today’s investments include a water system project in the community of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and road and bridge improvement projects in Clarington, Uxbridge and Scugog. They address urgent local needs, from providing clean, safe water to improved highway safety. They are part of the largest infrastructure investment in Ontario’s history – more than \$130 billion over 10 years – which is supported by a number of initiatives, including unlocking the value of public assets to help make investments in transit, transportation and other priority projects. Our government is committed to building Ontario up through important community infrastructure projects like these.”

*Granville Anderson,
Member of Provincial Parliament for Durham*

“Often canaries in the mines of jurisdiction, First Nations rely upon the province as well as the federal government to support our nation – building. This project funding is a shining example of what is possible when the Federal, Provincial and First Nation governments work together! This partnership lends hope for the future, and signals a pathway towards reconciliation in the spirit of the recommendations of the truth and reconciliation commission. Chi-Miigwech to the province and federal governments for assisting our pathway towards clean water for Scugog First Nation.”

Kelly LaRocca,

Chief for the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

“We are very excited to receive this much needed funding to address what we feel is a serious safety concern in our vibrant downtown. All levels of government coming together to complete this project is outstanding. We are thankful to Erin O’Toole for his efforts in obtaining this funding for Uxbridge.”

*Gerri Lynn O’Connor
Mayor, Township of Uxbridge*

“This is a great example of what happens when governments work together. We are happy to partner with the Federal Government and the Province to get this much needed work done.”

*Adrian Foster,
Mayor of Clarington*

“The Township of Scugog is grateful to the Federal and Provincial Governments for their financial support towards the reconstruction of Line 6 in Scugog. This project will improve pedestrian safety and bring important infrastructure to our employment lands. Collaboration between local, provincial and federal governments make these vital projects possible.”

*Janna Guido,
Deputy Mayor of the Township of Scugog*

Associated Links

To learn more about the Government of Canada’s infrastructure programs, including the Small Communities Fund, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html>.

To find out more about Ontario’s infrastructure programs, including the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, visit <http://www.moi.gov.on.ca/en/infrastructure>.

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