

Rural Transit in Eastern Ontario Supported by Federal Infrastructure Announcement

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The Government of Canada and the province of Ontario are working together to make long-term infrastructure investments to create economic growth, build inclusive communities and support a low carbon, green economy – leading to a higher quality of life for all Canadians.

On March 14, 2018, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, [announced the signing of a bilateral agreement](#) that will provide more than \$11.8 billion over the next decade in federal funding dedicated to infrastructure projects under the *Investing in Canada* plan. The projects supported through this agreement will have a total value of over \$31 billion, including \$10 billion committed by the Ontario government. These projects will be cost-shared with the Ontario government, municipalities and other partners.

Through this agreement, the Government of Canada will be making unprecedented investments towards infrastructure across Ontario and providing the flexibility for its communities to identify their priorities and projects. These investments will help transform Canada in four priority areas: public transit; green infrastructure; community, culture and recreational infrastructure; and rural and northern communities' infrastructure.

Under the public transit stream, Loyalist Township will receive \$898,526.94 in federal funding and \$741,285.00 in provincial funding to support the transit line from Loyalist to Kingston, operated by Kingston Transit. The Town of Bancroft will receive \$84,307.59 in federal funding and \$69,554.00 in provincial funding for Bancroft Community Transit. The Town of Deseronto will receive \$154,191.41 in federal funding and \$127,208.00 from the province to support Deseronto Public Transit. Finally, the Municipality of Marmora & Lake will receive \$41,208.20 from the federal government, and another \$33,997.00 in provincial funding to support the Central Hastings Support Network Transit System.

These investments will make a positive difference in communities, resulting in the better movement of people and goods, and enabling smarter and more efficient communities.

Quotes:

“As the MP for a large rural riding, I know just how important it is to have reliable, efficient, and environmentally-friendly public transit systems for our communities. Canadians rely on public transit every day to get to work, go to school, and to connect with one another. Collaboration and partnership is at the heart of the success of our *Investing in Canada* plan, and Canadians who are living and working in rural communities will be able to enjoy increased opportunities and a more sustainable economic future as a result of this funding. The Government of Canada will continue to work together in partnership with provinces, territories, municipalities, and Indigenous communities to build the infrastructure that Canadians need to thrive in the 21st-century.”

- *Mike Bossio, Member of Parliament for Hastings—Lennox & Addington*

“With the knowledge of continued dedicated provincial and federal funding available for Public Transit, Loyalist Township has been able to enhance its public transit operations, providing an efficient transit linkage to the broader community, without a major impact on the tax base and user fees.”

- *Bill Lowry, Mayor of Loyalist Township*

“The Town of Bancroft is very pleased to have received the announced transit funding to improve accessibility for our residents to this very important service. We thank the Federal and Provincial Governments for their continued support.”

- *Paul Jenkins, Mayor of the Town of Bancroft*

“Partnership between surrounding municipalities and all levels of government is essential for Deseronto Transit. I have seen a significant positive impact for residents in Deseronto and our surrounding communities. Students can get to school, people can get to work, and seniors can get to their doctors’ appointments through our service. I am grateful for the continued support of all levels of government for rural transit systems.”

- *Norman Clark, Mayor of the Town of Deseronto*

“The Municipality of Marmora and Lake is pleased to receive this funding to support Central Hastings Transit. Having rural public transit opportunities is critical to citizens and supports the vitality of our communities.”

- *Terry Clemens, Mayor of Marmora & Lake*

“Every dollar we invest in infrastructure is an investment in quality of life and our job-creating economy. We are pleased to join the federal government in building the public transit, green, recreation, and other infrastructure the people of Ontario need and deserve. The \$10 billion we are committing to Phase 2 of the Investing in Canada Plan will be derived in part from Ontario’s unprecedented investment of \$190 billion in public infrastructure over thirteen years.”

- *Minister Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure*

Quick facts

- Under the *Investing in Canada* plan, the Government of Canada is investing more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada’s rural and northern communities.
- Under the first phase of the plan, Infrastructure Canada has approved nearly 3,500 projects worth a combined investment of more than \$8.4 billion.

- As part of the Plan, Infrastructure Canada will deliver \$11.8 billion to Ontario over the next decade through a new bilateral agreement under four funding streams:
 - \$8,340,401,116 for public transit;
 - \$2,848,855,330 for green infrastructure;
 - \$407,159,893 for community, cultural and recreational infrastructure; and
 - \$250,067,117 for wide-ranging infrastructure needs in rural and northern communities. In addition, the \$400 million Arctic Energy Fund will be delivered under this stream to support energy security in the territories.

Associated links

Government of Canada's \$180-billion+ *Investing in Canada* plan:

<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/about-invest-afropos-eng.html>

Investing in Canada plan project map: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/gmap-gcarte/index-eng.html>

Federal infrastructure investments in Ontario: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/on-eng.html>