

Ontario Building Critical Infrastructure in Uxbridge Province’s nearly \$1 million investment will help keep workers on the job and promote economic growth

UXBRIDGE — The Ontario government is investing \$983,894 to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure in Township of Uxbridge. The funding will be delivered through the 2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) as part of the government’s more than \$200 billion capital plan to protect Ontario by building key public infrastructure that will strengthen the economy and keep workers on the job in the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty.

“The Ontario government’s \$983,894 investment through the 2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) is helping small, rural, communities like Uxbridge build and renew the critical infrastructure they rely on every day,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. “These projects keep people working, strengthen local economies, and ensure Ontario remains strong and competitive for years to come.”

In 2026, Ontario will allocate

\$400 million in OCIF funding to help 423 small, rural and northern communities address critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems. The minimum grant amount for municipalities will increase to \$125,000 from \$100,000. Funding allocations are based on a formula that accounts for the different needs and economic conditions of each community. Communities may accumulate funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

“Small, rural and northern communities are essential to the growth and prosperity of Ontario,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “That is why we’re increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund’s minimum grant amount to provide predictability and stability for these communities and ensure they have the resources they need to thrive. With our record investments across all infrastructure programs, we’re driving an unprecedented wave of construction—highways, transit,

hospitals, schools, and more—to make communities stronger, keep workers on the job, and drive economic growth for generations to come.”

“We’re grateful to the Government of Ontario for this investment through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. These funds make a real difference in keeping our infrastructure in great shape and helping us serve the day-to-day needs of our residents. It’s great to see the Province’s ongoing support for small and rural communities like ours. I also want to give a big thank you to our MPP, Peter Bethlenfalvy, for his continued support and advocacy for Uxbridge,” said Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge.

The OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in municipalities with populations under 100,000, rural and northern municipalities, as well as for Local Services Boards that own water or wastewater systems.

Statement from Mayor Foster on SMRs as fast-track nation-building projects

Clarington, Ontario – Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster has issued the following statement. “It’s exciting that Prime Minister Mark Carney has chosen the Darlington New Nuclear Project as one of the first nation-building initiatives, and the only in Ontario, to be fast-tracked by the Major Projects Office.

The Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) being built in Clarington are the first of their kind, a bold step toward advancing nuclear technology and creating a more sustainable future. This project will create and sustain 2,600 jobs, boost Ontario’s GDP by \$13.7 billion, and deliver reliable power to 1.2 million people. The Conference Board of Canada predicts this pioneering initiative, combined with the successful refurbishment of Ontario Power Generation’s (OPG) Darlington CANDU reactors, will deliver a \$100 billion boost to the Canadian economy.

Canada is at the forefront of developing a robust domestic nuclear fleet, ready to share our expertise and technology internationally. CANHC (the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities) is helping new nuclear host communities around the world benefit from our shared experience and advice. The world is watching closely. Delegations from across the globe are visiting Darlington, witnessing work underway for the first grid-scale SMR in the G7. I want to thank Prime Minister Carney for his trust in our nuclear community and warmly invite him to Clarington, home to the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station and our newest SMR development.

Canada is a global energy superpower, thanks to major investments from both the federal government and the Province of Ontario, and the dedicated efforts of the nuclear industry. Through our cutting-edge nuclear technology, Canada has an amazing opportunity to impact climate change, deliver reliable and affordable energy, produce life-saving isotopes, and unlock immense economic growth. It’s the opportunity of a lifetime.”

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