
News Release

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STRENGTHEN NORTHERN ONTARIO'S ECONOMY

SUDBURY, Ontario, August 24, 2009 — The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for FedNor, today announced a multi-million dollar Government of Canada investment, aimed at providing a solid foundation for economic recovery and development efforts across Northern Ontario.

Up to \$31.4M will be invested through the Community Adjustment Fund (CAF), one of several initiatives introduced as part of Canada's Economic Action Plan. It is the government's intention to support a total of 55 projects in communities across Northern Ontario that are struggling with the effects of the global economic downturn.

"Today's announcement demonstrates that our government is taking action to help strengthen Northern Ontario's economy," said Minister Clement. "This \$31.4M investment through the Community Adjustment Fund, delivers on our commitment to develop a competitive and diversified economy, create jobs and ensure long-term growth and prosperity throughout the region."

While in Sudbury, the Minister announced that the Greater Sudbury region will receive \$6.75M in CAF funding in support of three local initiatives (see attached information sheet).

Minister Clement also announced a significant FedNor investment of more than \$930,000 in support of 10 projects in the Greater Sudbury region (see attached information sheet). The funding will come from FedNor's Northern Ontario Development Program, designed to create new economic opportunities, support business development, retain youth and encourage sustainable growth.

"Today's announcements clearly demonstrate that the Government of Canada recognizes the importance of investing in projects that are of great importance to our community," said Greater Sudbury Mayor, John Rodriguez. "The announcements made today will serve to enhance our local economy, create jobs, support innovation in the mining industry and provide increased opportunities for residents and businesses throughout the area."

Before funding can be issued as part of the Community Adjustment Fund, proponents of selected projects must meet the terms and conditions set out in their CAF agreement. Over the next week, a complete list of CAF projects will be made available online at: <http://ic.gc.ca/caf>.

A complete list of FedNor funded projects is available at: <http://ic.gc.ca/fednor>.



Information

CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN INVESTMENTS STRENGTHEN THE GREATER SUDBURY REGION

Community Adjustment Fund Initiatives

Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation

\$4,250,600

The Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation will receive funding to install, test and measure the effectiveness of novel *Ventilation on Demand* technologies to decrease mining costs and increase productivity.

St. Joseph's Health Centre of Sudbury

\$1,900,000

This funding will assist the St. Joseph's Health Centre in its efforts to build a new 90,000 square foot, 128 bed, bilingual long-term care facility in the community of Chelmsford.

Sudbury Airport Community Development Corporation

\$600,000

The Sudbury Airport Community Development Corporation will expand infrastructure within its general aviation area by developing a large state-of-the-art hangar facility that will allow for future business growth.



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FEDNOR INVESTMENTS STRENGTHEN GREATER SUDBURY REGION

FedNor, through the Northern Ontario Development Program, is pleased to announce funding for the following projects:

Community Economic Development Initiatives

Nickel Basin/Music and Film in Motion **\$500,000**

Nickel Basin Federal Development Corporation, in partnership with Music and Film in Motion, will assist the creation of film and television productions in Northern Ontario by providing support to the Northern Ontario Media Fund. The fund provides repayable loans up to \$150,000 to individuals and production companies seeking to produce their films in Northern Ontario.

Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education/Marketing **\$130,659**

Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education & Marketing Inc. will expand their marketing and education initiatives to increase consumer awareness about Northern Ontario's agri-food industry.

Cambrian College of Applied Arts & Technology **\$36,500**

Cambrian College will convert existing *Earth Series* educational resources into a web-based format and develop an *Earth Series* interactive website for use by Aboriginal youth, educators, guidance counsellors, community-based organizations and industry professionals.

Innovation

Northern Centre for Advanced Technology (NORCAT) **\$13,500**

This funding will allow NORCAT to hire a consultant to study and report on innovative devices and medical processes developed in Northern Ontario hospitals. Once complete, the report will identify partnership opportunities to commercialize the devices; identify best practices, and identify specific products that could be made in Northern Ontario to support in-home healthcare.

Information and Communications Technology

Symboticware Incorporated **\$114,320**

Symboticware Incorporated will develop and market three software products for use in remote monitoring stations. Once complete, the programs will be used to collect data from remote monitoring sites and distribute the information to geographically dispersed stakeholders.



Youth Initiatives**\$137,500**

The FedNor Youth Internship Program (YIP) helps talented, young graduates gain the skills they need to secure permanent employment in the North. Local organizations receiving FedNor YIP funding of up to \$27,500 include:

- Cinefest Sudbury
- Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology
- Rainbow District School Board
- Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
- Wild at Heart Refuge Centre