

News Release

GUELPH TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR RECREATIONAL UPGRADES

Guelph, Ontario, June 29, 2009 — The City of Guelph will benefit from joint federal and provincial funding to improve community recreational infrastructure, announced today under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program in Ontario (RInC Ontario) and Recreation Ontario (Ontario REC).

These projects will provide stimulus to the local economy through investments that will spur construction activity related to recreational infrastructure. Improving recreational facilities and services will also encourage higher levels of participation in physical activity and community building.

“These recreational projects will strengthen our communities, both physically and economically,” said Wellington-Halton Hills MP, Michael Chong. “These projects will bring communities together for sports and fitness, while at the same time creating local jobs for local residents, something I’m committed to doing.”

“Today’s investment will improve recreational opportunities for our citizens and create jobs for our workers,” said Guelph MPP, Liz Sandals. “This RInC funding secures the provincial and federal contributions to the Civic Square Ice Rink project, and provides for upgrades and repairs at the West End Community Centre, the Evergreen Seniors Centre and the Sleeman Centre.”

“We are thrilled with these substantial investments from the federal and provincial governments in Guelph’s recreational infrastructure,” said Mayor Karen Farbridge. “These projects will not only create jobs; they will allow us to build and repair community facilities that are vital to our quality of life.”

Recipient	Project Title	Federal Investment	Provincial Investment
City of Guelph	Civic Square Ice Rink / Water Feature	\$500,000	\$500,000
City of Guelph	Video Score Clock - Sleeman Centre	\$250,000	\$250,000
City of Guelph	Infrastructure Repairs, Accessibility and Energy Conservation – West End Community Centre	\$728,050	\$728,050
City of Guelph	Infrastructure Repairs and Energy Conservation – Evergreen Senior Centre	\$333,000	\$333,000
Grand River Conservation Authority	Guelph Lake Conservation Authority washrooms	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL		\$1,911,050	\$1,911,050

These projects are among the 758 projects announced on June 26 by Minister of State (Science and Technology) Gary Goodyear, on behalf of the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, and Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Leona Dombrowsky, on behalf of George Smitherman, Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, worth a total joint federal and provincial investment of more than \$380 million.

Approved projects were selected on the basis of merit and construction readiness.

A list of approved projects will be available on July 6, 2009, at www.rinc-on.ca.

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