

News release

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Canada and Ontario make new funding available for transformative infrastructure projects in Bay of Quinte

Funding of over \$16 million available in federal and provincial funding for local public transit projects

Belleville, ON, March 16, 2018—The governments of Canada and 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 recreation infrastructure; and rural and northern community infrastructure.

Neil Ellis, MP for Bay of Quinte, and Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West today announced that Belleville, Quinte West and Prince Edward County will receive a combined total of more than \$9,087,657 million in federal funding and \$7,497,316 million in provincial funding under the public transit stream to build new urban transit networks and service extensions that will transform the way constituents live, move and work.

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

Quotes

“Long-term investments in infrastructure are key to building a strong Canada—connecting people, creating good jobs for the middle class, and building our economy and our communities for the future. Canadians living, working and raising families in our community will be able to enjoy increased opportunities, and a more sustainable economic future. Collaboration and partnership have been at the heart of the success of our *Investing in Canada* plan and we will continue to work with the province and our municipalities to make the Bay of Quinte the best it can be.”

- Neil R. Ellis, MP, Bay of Quinte

“Our government has a track record of investing in the critical public infrastructure people in Ontario need and deserve. I am pleased that Quinte West will receive approximately \$672,858 in provincial public transit funding that will improve the flow of people and goods, support a booming economy, and enhance quality of life.”

- Lou Rinaldi, MPP, Northumberland-Quinte West

Bay of Quinte Transit Allocations

The Public Transit stream will provide provinces, territories and municipalities with funding to address the new construction, expansion, and improvement and rehabilitation of public transit infrastructure.

The table below provides an overview of the maximum transit allocations for municipalities in Bay of Quinte.

Federal Funding:

Municipality	Maximum Transit Allocation
Belleville	\$8,200,178.07
Quinte West	\$815,585.71
Prince Edward County	\$ 71,892.65

Provincial Funding:

Municipality	Maximum Transit Allocation
Belleville	\$ 6,765,147.00
Quinte West	\$ 672,858.00
Prince Edward County	\$ 59,311.00

- 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 over 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.

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>

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