
News Release

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTMENTS STRENGTHEN KENORA REGION

SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ontario, December 16, 2009— The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for FedNor, today announced a \$9.5 million Government of Canada investment, through FedNor's Northern Ontario Development and Community Futures Programs, in communities throughout Northern Ontario. This announcement includes nearly \$1.2 million in support of community economic development, small business and youth initiatives in the Kenora area (see attached information sheet).

"Today's announcement addresses priorities identified by the communities," said Minister Clement. "The investments in critical economic infrastructure, strategic planning and small and medium-sized enterprises will help promote economic diversification and job creation."

"I am proud that FedNor's strategic investments in key initiatives in the Kenora region are helping to make a difference, helping families and communities to build a stronger tomorrow," added Greg Rickford, Member of Parliament for Kenora.

These investments complement measures in Canada's Economic Action Plan to help communities overcome the challenges brought on by the global economic downturn. Initiatives, such as the Community Adjustment Fund and Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, are important tools in the Government of Canada's strategy to revitalize the economy of Northern Ontario.

"Thanks to FedNor's support for our highway commercial development and small business in the region, we are anticipating growth in our retail and service sector," said Phil Vinet, Mayor of Red Lake. "This project is an important step in diversifying our economic base."

By supporting people, communities and business through its programs and services, FedNor is opening doors and building futures for a prosperous Northern Ontario.

For a full list of FedNor-funded projects in Northern Ontario, visit us at: <http://ic.gc.ca/fednor>

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