
News Release

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTMENTS STRENGTHEN NIPISSING - TIMISKAMING 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 more than \$1.4M in support of community economic development and small business growth in the Nipissing-Timiskaming region (see attached information sheet).

"Today's announcement is another excellent example of the strategic investments our government is making to strengthen and grow the economy of the Nipissing-Timiskaming region," said Minister Clement. "Through FedNor, we are delivering results to ensure the economic prosperity of Northern Ontarians."

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.

"FedNor continues to play an important role in the economic well-being of the Nipissing-Timiskaming region," said Vic Fedeli, Mayor of North Bay. "I am confident that these investments will pay immediate and long-term dividends for residents throughout the area, making this region a better place to live, work, play and visit."

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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