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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 \$555,000 in support of a downtown revitalization project and two youth internships in Sault Ste. Marie (see attached information sheet).

"Today's announcement demonstrates our government's commitment to create an environment for private sector growth and to encourage youth to find meaningful employment in Northern Ontario," said Minister Clement. "By enhancing public infrastructure, this investment will help rejuvenate Sault Ste. Marie's downtown core and attract future tourism opportunities."

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 support will enable our city to improve recreational opportunities for residents and make Sault Ste. Marie more attractive to tourists," said John Rowswell, Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie. "It is expected that this project will create 40 construction jobs and leverage approximately \$4 million in private sector investments."

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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