



Indigenous Services Canada Capital & Housing Update



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Government of Canada Infrastructure Investments in First Nation Communities

- The Government of Canada has made a commitment to improve the infrastructure, education, social and health conditions of Indigenous people and communities across the country.
- In terms of infrastructure, beginning with Budget 2016 through to today, nationally, Indigenous Services Canada has made the following additional infrastructure commitments:
 - More than \$2 billion over five years for water and wastewater improvements;
 - \$1 billion over five years for housing;
 - Almost \$970 million for education facilities over five years; and,
 - Over \$330 million for other community infrastructure, and;



Total Investments in Ontario – Budgets 2016 & 2017

- Beginning with Budget 2016 and ending March 31, 2018, the Indigenous Services Canada made over \$690 million in infrastructure investments in Ontario First Nations. Of this amount, over \$299 million was additional funding.
 - \$96.2 million for housing
 - \$102.5 million for water and wastewater projects
 - \$22.3 million for education facilities
 - \$66.6 million for other infrastructure such as roads, electrical systems, culture and recreation
 - \$11.9 million for solid-waste management



Investments in Ontario fiscal 2018-2019

- For 2018-2019, the Region has either committed or plans to invest more than \$255 million of additional funding into infrastructure projects in Ontario First Nation communities.
- These investments are part of the record \$482.7 million we have to invest in First Nations infrastructure this fiscal year, including formula, operations and maintenance, and all other funding.
- The \$482.7 million is approximately 25% more than the \$370 million we invested in 2017-2018



Creation of the Major Projects Implementation Office

- Creation of a regional Major Projects Implementation Office (MPIO) to enhance service delivery and maximize benefits to communities.
- Closely aligned with the Community Infrastructure Directorate.
- Key MPIO Portfolios:
 - Water
 - Systems currently under, or at risk of falling under, long-term drinking water advisories
 - Education
 - Construction of new schools, additions, upgrades
 - Energy
 - Connection of communities to provincial electricity grid
 - Diesel reduction



Project Highlights

Energy

- In partnership with Wataynikaneyap Power LP and the Government of Ontario, we are connecting 16 remote First Nations to the provincial power grid. The Government of Canada has committed \$1.6 billion to the project.

Water

- Eliminating all long-term drinking water advisories (LTDWA) in Ontario by March 2021. Eliminated 27 LTDWAs since November 2015, with nine more expected to be lifted by December 31, 2018, and three more by March 31, 2019.
- Supporting long-term sustainability of water systems through training, enhanced operation & maintenance funding, and Hub services.



Project Highlights

Education

- Focus on improving education infrastructure so students have access to safe and culturally-appropriate facilities. We currently have 4 schools in the design phase and 16 in the feasibility stage.

Housing

- For 2018-2019, Ontario Region has been allocated approximately \$37 million of the available \$200 million national housing program budget for this fiscal year. We anticipate approximately 40 new construction projects to create approximately 210 new housing units, and 40 capacity-building and innovation projects to be funded.



Project Highlights

Solid Waste

- For 2018-2019, Ontario Region has been allocated approximately \$20 million of the available \$110 million national solid-waste management budget for this fiscal year.
- Providing funding for a wide range of solid-waste management projects, including waste co-ordinator positions for 14 Tribal Councils.



Improving First Nation Infrastructure & Health Outcomes

The RO and FNIHB components of ISC are integrating infrastructure-related service delivery, including public health-related programming. This includes:

- Formation of integrated project teams to help address complex infrastructure projects;
- Working collaboratively with communities to establish monitoring programs to ensure drinking water is safe;
- Providing advice and guidance to leadership about how to address potential public health concerns associated with drinking water supplies, and;
- Identifying potential health hazards in facilities and homes and providing advice and guidance to help reduce these risks.



Shaping the Future in Partnership with You

- Along with the Government's commitment of increased investment into First Nation communities, it is our commitment to find better ways of working with you to accomplish more and greater successes over the long term.
 - Chiefs' Committee on Housing (Joint Gathering Commitment)
 - Tribal Council Network (Joint Gathering initiative)
 - Operations and Maintenance of First Nations Infrastructure Reform
 - *Safe Drinking Water Act*
 - Indigenous Fire Marshall's Office



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