

MPP Oosterhoff Announces Over \$9.6 Million in Local Infrastructure Funding in Niagara

Supporting Municipalities in Building and Repairing Roads, Bridges, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

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ST. ANNS – The Ontario government is beginning the New Year by allocating \$200 million through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to 424 small, rural and northern communities across the province. The funding is designated for core infrastructure projects, including building and repairing roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

This year, Niagara will receive over \$9.6 million in local infrastructure funding, while the five municipalities in Niagara West will receive more than \$2.5 million to address local community infrastructure needs.

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West, announced the local funding at Reece Bridge on the banks of Twenty Mile Creek in St. Anns in the Township of West Lincoln.

“As your MPP, I am upholding my commitment to support our local municipalities by creating jobs, attracting economic growth and investment, and making our community the best place to live and grow,” noted MPP Oosterhoff.

“This funding will help build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure in our community.”

The total investment in communities in Niagara West are as follows:

Municipality	OCIF Allocation
Town of Grimsby	\$1,112,750.00
Town of Lincoln	\$616,612.00
Town of Pelham	\$483,112.00
Township of Wainfleet	\$50,000.00
Township of West Lincoln	\$272,786.00

The investments in Niagara as a whole are as follows:

Municipality	OCIF Allocation
Town of Fort Erie	\$1,076,740.00
City of Niagara Falls	\$3,370,443.00
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	\$815,143.00
City of Port Colborne	\$418,760.00
City of Thorold	\$470,298.00
City of Welland	\$950,916.00

"This investment provides the predictable and stable infrastructure funding small, rural and northern municipalities have asked for," said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure.

"With this OCIF funding we are working directly with our municipal partners to deliver community infrastructure."

Recognizing that municipalities have different infrastructure needs, the province uses a straightforward and transparent formula that examines various social and economic factors to determine funding allocations across the province.

The infrastructure funding provides predictable and stable allocations for communities with populations under 100,000, along with all rural and northern communities.

Quick Facts:

- The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund provides stable and predictable funding for communities with populations under 100,000, along with all rural and northern communities.
- Approximately \$200 million in formula-based funding was allocated to small, rural and northern communities for 2019. Municipalities may accumulate their formula funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.
- Niagara as whole will receive \$9,637,560.00 in funding.
- Ontario also provides funding to communities through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), a \$30-billion, 10-year infrastructure program cost-shared between federal, provincial and municipal governments. Ontario's share per project will be up to 33.33 per cent, or \$10.2 billion spread across four streams: Rural and Northern, Public Transit, Green, and Community, Culture and Recreation.

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