

Ontario Funding Parry Sound Public Library HVAC System Upgrade*Province continuing to invest in key community infrastructure in Northeastern Ontario***NEWS**

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PARRY SOUND – The Ontario government is providing \$38,109 through the [Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation](#) (NOHFC) to the Parry Sound Public Library Board to upgrade the library’s heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. This investment will help ensure library services and programming continue for the Town of Parry Sound, Municipality of McDougall, Township of Carling and Township of The Archipelago.

“Our government recognizes the importance of investing in community infrastructure, particularly in small towns like Parry Sound,” said Graydon Smith, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka. “With a generous grant from the NOHFC, the Parry Sound Public Library now has three brand new HVAC systems. This will ensure that all users won’t have to worry about the quality of air while choosing a book, researching for a project, or taking part in one of the library’s great events.”

The Parry Sound Public Library Board, a non-profit organization, is using NOHFC funding to replace the library’s HVAC systems. Updated HVAC systems will support the health and well-being of staff and visitors, as well as preserve the library’s collection of books and other materials.

Located in the Town of Parry Sound, the Parry Sound Public Library is a stand-alone organization, not owned or operated by a municipality. Through service agreements, the library serves the Town of Parry Sound, Municipality of McDougall, Township of Carling and Township of The Archipelago, which have a combined service population of more than 12,000 residents.

“The Parry Sound Public Library Board and staff are deeply grateful for the support from the province of Ontario and the Town of Parry Sound in funding this project,” said Selena Martens, Chief Executive Officer, Parry Sound Public Library Board. “The grant from the NOHFC, covering 75 per cent of the cost to replace the library’s outdated heating and cooling units, allows the library building to continue to operate and serve our community in comfort.”

“The Parry Sound Public Library offers a diverse range of programming and services for people of all ages and walks of life and facilitates a variety of special events throughout the year,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development. “Our government’s NOHFC funding is helping guarantee the library remains an important community asset for many years to come.”

The NOHFC promotes economic prosperity across Northern Ontario by providing financial assistance to projects—big and small, rural and urban—that stimulate growth, job creation and skills development. Since June 2018, the NOHFC has invested more than \$717 million in 5,875 projects in Northern Ontario, leveraging more than \$2.3 billion in investment and creating or sustaining over 9,260 jobs.

Quick Facts

- The Ontario government launched [new and improved NOHFC programs](#) that support more projects in rural northern communities and make it easier for more people and businesses to apply. The programs target existing and emerging markets, provide more work opportunities for Indigenous people and address the skilled labour shortage in the North.

Additional Resources

- The [NOHFC](#), [Northern Development Offices](#) and [Small Business Enterprise Centres](#) are available to support northern communities, businesses and other stakeholders in identifying economic development opportunities and assist in accessing government funding programs.
- The NOHFC's [Community Enhancement Program](#) builds strong and resilient northern communities through targeted investments in critical infrastructure.

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