

Ontario Strengthening Community Development in Greenstone*Provincial investment will improve municipal infrastructure***NEWS**

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GREENSTONE – The Ontario government is providing more than \$3.1 million through the [Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation](#) (NOHFC) for four Greenstone community enhancement projects. This investment supports important infrastructure upgrades and boosts business and recreational development in Northwestern Ontario.

“Our government is committed to revitalizing community infrastructure here in Greenstone and across the North,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development. “We are focused on keeping our northern communities relevant and current, making them attractive places to live, work, play and do business.”

The NOHFC is funding the following projects:

- \$2 million for the Municipality of Greenstone to upgrade its wastewater system and extend this service south of Little Longlac Bridge for commercial and industrial development along the Highway 11 corridor
- \$633,600 for the Municipality of Greenstone to rehabilitate Longlac Sportsplex, a facility with an ice rink and four curling sheets
- \$500,000 for the Municipality of Greenstone to refurbish the pier and boat launch at Polar Lodge Park
- \$16,445 for the Kenogamisis Recreation Corporation to revamp the Kenogamisis Golf Club’s public golf course and clubhouse in Geraldton.

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 \$608 million in 5,070 projects in Northern Ontario, leveraging more than \$1.93 billion in investment and creating or sustaining over 8,100 jobs.

Quick Fact

- In 2021, 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.

- The NOHFC's [Community Enhancement Program](#) builds strong and resilient northern communities through targeted investments in critical infrastructure.

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.

Quotes

"We would like to thank the Ontario government for investing and providing much needed support for our community. Through the assistance provided by NOHFC, the Municipality of Greenstone is able to proceed with the rehabilitation at Poplar Lodge Park and the Longlac Sportsplex, along with expanding our municipal infrastructure in Geraldton. Without this investment, these projects would not be possible." – Jamie McPherson, Mayor, Municipality of Greenstone

"The Kenogamisis Recreation Corporation would like to thank NOHFC for its financial support towards our clubhouse. Through the Community Enhancement Program, we were able to repair, improve and make accessible the use of the facility and update our kitchen area. Thanks to NOHFC and their support, we have made a very good start on the upgrades the board has identified for our clubhouse." – Pina Luomala, Board Member, Kenogamisis Golf Club

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