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Huron-Kinloss to receive over Half-A-Million Dollars from Provincial Government for Local Community Centres

\$200 million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund supporting economic growth and building healthier communities



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LUCKNOW — The Ontario government is investing \$529,500 to upgrade both the Lucknow Community Centre and the Ripley-Huron Community Centre in the Township of Huron-Kinloss. This investment is part of the province's \$200 million <u>Community</u> <u>Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF)</u>, a provincewide initiative that helps communities revitalize local facilities, grow the economy and promote active, healthy living across Ontario.

"I'm pleased to see the Township of Huron-Kinloss receive this well-deserved investment through the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund," said Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce. "These upgrades to the Lucknow Community Centre and the Ripley-Huron Community Centre will ensure that both facilities continue to serve as safe, welcoming, and modern spaces for residents of all ages to gather, stay active, and take pride in their local facilities. This funding demonstrates our government's commitment to supporting rural infrastructure and enhancing quality of life across Huron-Bruce."

The funding will support upgrades to the Lucknow Community Centre roof and will also provide support to the Ripley-Huron Community Centre by upgrading to a new ice plant and adding more storage to the facility.

"At a time when Ontario families are facing rising costs due to tariffs, our government is proud to support organizations focused on delivering better services for people while breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for children and young people," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport. "With investments in infrastructure like this, we are protecting Ontario jobs, strengthening our communities and building a more resilient and self-reliant economy."

CSRIF is a key part of the government's plan to protect Ontario workers, businesses and families by unleashing the economy and getting more shovels in the ground, with a historic \$200 billion investment to build highways, hospitals, transit, schools and other critical infrastructure across the province.

QUOTES

"The Township of Huron-Kinloss is grateful to the Province of Ontario for this investment through the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund. This funding will allow us to replace the roof of the Lucknow Community Centre, helping preserve the building for another 40 to 50 years and supporting the local service clubs that manage it. We were proud to support the grant application and aim to complete the project by September 2025. The funding will also support upgrades at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre, including a new ice plant and added storage for user groups."

- Mayor Don Murray, Township of Huron-Kinloss

QUICK FACTS

• The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) is an application-based program providing a \$200 million investment over two years. It supports municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations,

through two streams: one for repairing and rehabilitating existing sport and recreation facilities and spaces, and another for building new or transformative sport and recreation infrastructure.

- Each year, Ontario invests \$32 million in community recreation programs to help achieve active, healthy communities across the province, including Ontario's After School Program, the Inclusive Grassroots Recreation program, and the Ontario Amateur Sport Fund.
- Sport contributes more than \$7.5 billion to Ontario's economy every year, creating tens of thousands of meaningful and good-paying jobs in every corner of the province.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

2025 Ontario Budget - A Plan to Protect Ontario

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