

**News release**

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**Better wastewater and water infrastructure for York Region residents***80 new projects approved in 10 communities*

**Newmarket, Ontario, May 24, 2017**—The governments of Canada and Ontario are committed to investing in local infrastructure that ensures Canadians and their families have access to modern, reliable water and wastewater services that meet their needs. These investments safeguard the health and well-being of residents, protect waterways and preserve local ecosystems, while also laying the foundation for new economic opportunities to strengthen the middle class across the province.

Kyle Peterson, Member of Parliament for Newmarket—Aurora, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Chris Ballard, Ontario Minister of Housing, Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, and Member of Provincial Parliament for Newmarket—Aurora, on behalf of the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, and Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, today announced that 29 new projects in York Region have been approved under the Government of Canada's Clean Water and Waste Water Fund. The federal government is providing up to 50 per cent of funding for these projects—over \$23.2 million. The provincial government is providing up to 25 per cent of funding for these projects—over \$11.6 million of total eligible costs, and the Regional Municipality of York will provide the balance of funding.

Thanks to this investment, York Region residents will benefit from projects like the rehabilitation of the York-Durham sewer on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, field testing for phosphorus reduction at the Duffin Creek Wastewater Plant, and the replacement of a ductile iron watermain that services residents and businesses. These projects are essential to keeping our waterways clean and our communities healthy and livable.

In addition to these projects, over \$27.6 million in federal funding for 51 water and wastewater projects will benefit nine other communities across Ontario.

This investment is part of [an agreement between Canada and Ontario](#) for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

**Quotes**

“Investing in water and wastewater treatment infrastructure is essential to maintaining a healthy environment and providing access to clean, reliable drinking water. The Government of Canada is working with provinces, territories and municipalities across the country to support important projects like those in York Region, which ensure that Canadian communities are healthy and sustainable now and for years to come.”

*Kyle Peterson, Member of Parliament for Newmarket—Aurora, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

“Building and maintaining high-quality water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure is an essential part of building livable communities. This announcement demonstrates the Province's commitment to partnering with municipalities in order to deliver the public infrastructure Ontarians need. I am pleased that these projects will contribute to enhanced quality of life in York Region and its communities for years to come.”

*The Honourable Chris Ballard, Ontario Minister of Housing, Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, and Member of Provincial Parliament for Newmarket—Aurora*

“York Region remains a leader in environmental sustainability and innovation. This is best demonstrated through our state-of-the-art treatment facilities, including the Duffin Creek Plant. This facility has one of the

best performance records of all wastewater plants on Lake Ontario. This funding will help ensure we are continuing to provide much-needed services and support healthy, sustainable communities. Today is a good example of what can be accomplished when we work together to achieve common goals.”

*Wayne Emmerson, Chairman and CEO, The Regional Municipality of York*

## Quick facts

- The Government of Canada will provide more than \$180 billion in infrastructure funding over 12 years for public transit, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, transportation that supports trade, and Canada’s rural and northern communities.
- Budget 2017 proposes \$21.9 billion for investments for green infrastructure. This amount includes \$5 billion that will be available for investment through the Canada Infrastructure Bank.
- The Government of Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges, and water and wastewater infrastructure in the province’s history – more than \$190 billion in public infrastructure over 13 years, starting in 2014–15. To learn more about what’s happening in your community, go to Ontario.ca/BuildON.

## Related Products

Backgrounder: Canada and Ontario announce funding for clean water and wastewater infrastructure projects across Ontario

## Associated links

Government of Canada’s \$180-billion+ infrastructure plan in Budget 2017:  
<http://www.budget.gc.ca/2017/docs/plan/chap-02-en.html#Toc477707375>

Federal infrastructure investments in Ontario: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/on-eng.html>

The Clean Water and Wastewater Fund: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/cwwf/cwwf-programme-eng.html>.

Build ON 2017 Infrastructure Update: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/buildon-2017-infrastructure-update>

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