

# **Ontario Invests \$5 million in Northumberland to Improve Service Delivery and Efficiency**

*Investments Will Support Communities, Respect Taxpayer Dollars*

**NEWS**

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Ontario's government is working to improve local service delivery and efficiency in the province's municipalities. On March 20, 2019, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced a one-time investment for many of Ontario's small and rural municipalities.

Northumberland received \$4,958,960 from the Province of Ontario to improve service delivery, and find smarter, more efficient ways to spend money that help those who need it most while respecting taxpayer dollars. These investments will support some of Northumberland's smallest municipalities that may have limited capacity to plan, modernize and improve the way they provide services to their communities.

"Taxpayers need their local government to deliver modern, efficient services that show respect for their hard-earned dollars. This funding will help small and rural municipalities improve how they deliver services and reduce the ongoing costs of providing those services," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "I look forward to continuing to work together with our municipal partners to help people and businesses in communities across our province thrive."

Ontario's government for the people was elected to restore transparency and accountability in Ontario's finances. The province undertook a line-by-line review of its own expenditures, and has been clear that they expect their partners, including municipalities, to be taking steps to become more efficient. Examples could include service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, IT solutions, capital investments or other projects. Municipalities will decide how to best target funding to benefit their local communities.

"This investment is unconditional – our government is providing this money to support municipalities so that they can find smarter ways to deliver services that support their communities and respect taxpayer dollars," said David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland – Peterborough South. "The Ontario government is taking a different approach to fiscal management, job creation, and how we deliver core services by putting our municipalities and people first."

"We thank the province for this significant investment in our community," said John Logel, Northumberland County Warden "With this unconditional funding, local municipalities will have the flexibility to invest in targeted enhancements that will deliver the greatest value to Northumberland residents."

The funding supports Ontario's commitment to reduce the cost of government.

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## **QUICK FACTS**

- Northumberland County \$725,000.00
- Town of Cobourg \$619,005.00
- Brighton Municipality \$619,005.00
- Trent Hills Municipality \$619,005.00
- Port Hope Municipality \$619,005.00

- Hamilton Township \$617,084.00
- Alnwick-Haldimand Township \$576,742.00
- Cramahe Township \$564,114.00
  
- 405 small and rural municipalities received funding.
- To ensure investments are targeted to where they are needed most, funding will be allocated based on the number of households in a municipality and whether the municipality is urban or rural.

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