

From: Minister of Infrastructure

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To: Sarah Johnson

Subject: A Message from the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure

His Worship Chris Peabody

Mayor

Municipality of Brockton

Dear Mayor Peabody:

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I would like to thank you for attending the 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation.

As you are aware, Ontario is providing communities with \$4 billion in provincial funding for critical infrastructure that makes new housing possible. This investment is part of our government's more than \$200-billion capital plan to build infrastructure capacity and support growing communities.

To date, Ontario has awarded over \$2 billion through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) to support more than 185 projects which will enable the construction of approximately 800,000 new homes across Ontario. Of this investment, approximately \$1.2 billion, including \$120 million from the BFF, is supporting 124 water and road projects to enable the construction of approximately 270,000 new homes in 112 small, rural and Northern municipalities without housing targets.

I recognize the importance of investing in critical core infrastructure to support growth and long-term economic prosperity in Ontario, as well as the importance of supporting all municipalities, especially small, rural and northern municipalities.

Through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), Ontario is continuing to invest \$400 million in 2026 to renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure like roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems in 423 small, rural and northern communities. The minimum grant for municipalities has been raised to \$125,000, an increase of \$25,000 over last year, providing stability and predictability for communities.

Starting in 2022, the government increased its investment for OCIF by \$1 billion, for a total investment of nearly \$2 billion over five years. The funding delivered through OCIF is part of Ontario's over \$200 billion capital plan to build key public infrastructure, strengthen the economy and support jobs.

The province continues to offer affordable short-term construction financing and long-term fixed-rate loans through the Infrastructure Ontario (IO) Loan Program, to help municipalities, universities and other eligible public sector partners renew and build Ontario's public infrastructure. All Ontario municipalities are eligible to apply for a loan from IO.

In addition, the new Housing-Enabling Water Infrastructure lending stream of the IO Loan Program provides municipalities with up to \$1 billion in flexible loans for housing-enabling water infrastructure projects. Application intake began on December 2, 2024, and intake will continue until available financing is exhausted. Eligible projects support the construction, expansion and rehabilitation of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects that enable the construction of new homes.

I recognize the importance of investing in critical core infrastructure to support growth and long-term economic prosperity in Ontario, as well as the importance of supporting all municipalities, especially small, rural and northern municipalities.

Your input on our shared priorities is very valuable, and I appreciate your perspective. To follow up on our discussion, ministry officials may be in touch to continue the conversation.

Thank you again for meeting with myself and the Ministry of Infrastructure. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Amarjot Sandhu

Parliamentary Assistant to the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure