



Ontario Small Urban Municipalities

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OSUM Supports and Pleased with Recent Provincial Announcements

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The Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Executive Committee is applauding the provincial government for recent announcement which will benefit small urban municipalities.

The announcement of investments into two infrastructure funding programs from Premier Kathleen Wynne during the 2016 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) / Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) combined conference that took place February 21-24 in Toronto was also welcomed. The funding which is part of the government's \$15 billion commitment infrastructure for outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area would see the Connecting Links program doubled to \$30 million a year by 2018-2019, while the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) would be expanded to \$300 million a year by 2018-2019 from the current \$100 million. The program will also be more flexible as municipalities will now be able to bank funding for up to five years.

“An important aspect of the OCIF funding that AMO and OSUM have requested from the province was for the formula based portion of the funding to be increased so that municipalities would have greater predictable funding,” stated Lynn Dollin, Chair of the OSUM Executive Committee. “This announcement captured that by committing \$200 million towards formula based and \$100 million towards application based.”

OSUM looks forward to municipalities in the province receiving this funding and moving forward with many important infrastructure projects.

Lynn Dollin

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