



Public Statement

Ignace Sports and Recreational Centre Receives Much Needed Provincial Funding for Repairs and Enhancements

Ignace, ON. July 3, 2025 – Township Mayor and Council received notification from the Ministry of Sport and Recreation in the recent week that it has indeed secured much needed funding for repairs and enhancements required at the Ignace Sports and Recreation Complex.

Today, Minister Greg Rickford was at the Township to make this amazing announcement on behalf of the Provincial Government, as well as other announcements related to critical infrastructure in the community, including the construction of a new OPP Detachment within the community's jurisdiction.

The announcement related to the Sports and Recreational Centre included the transfer of \$935,550 to the Township of Ignace from the Ministry Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, under Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation for the rehabilitation of Ignace Recreation Centre project. The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund is a \$200 million capital funding program designed to revitalize existing community sport and recreation infrastructure and support the construction of new facilities across the province. The government's investments in new and essential facilities, like ours, will increase access to sport and recreation, create jobs and foster healthier and more active lifestyles for families in Ignace.

"On behalf of Mayor and Council from the Township of Ignace, we would like to thank Minister Rickford for his on-going support, hard work and dedication to the communities of Northwestern Ontario. Today we are so pleased to have heard great news on the announcement of \$935,550 for the enhancements and repairs required at the Ignace Recreation Centre. This Centre truly acts as the heart of our community, hosting and supporting, not only local sport activities, but also acting as a centre of activity and recreation for our residents year-round. In the past, it has also been used as our

emergency central area, bringing much value-added uses to Ignace," stated Mayor Kim Baigrie.

"We are so pleased that after months of working on the application and meetings with the Minister and others, that we have indeed been approved for this much needed funding for this critical piece of infrastructure for our community," stated Aaron Gullins, Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Ignace. "We truly want to thank both Minister Rickford and Minister Lumsden for their ongoing support and dedication to our community."



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