

CANADA AND ONTARIO IMPROVE
VOYAGEUR PROVINCIAL PARK
IN EAST HAWKESBURY

Stimulus funding will continue to create jobs, boost local economy

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Chute-à-Blondeau, ONTARIO – Pierre Lemieux, Member of Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and Jean-Marc Lalonde, Member of Provincial Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell today announced stimulus funding that will benefit local workers and the local economy in East Hawkesbury, and improve local infrastructure for years to come. Today's investment of \$200 000 in joint federal and provincial funding will upgrade and improve Voyageur Provincial Park.

“As a father of five, I greatly enjoy coming to places like Voyageur Park because of it is a place where local families can spend time together and appreciate the outdoors. Furthermore, it draws in visitors and families into our riding, allowing them to experience the natural beauty that our region has to offer,” said Mr. Lemieux. He added, “I also know that the economic benefits associated by the increased tourism created by Voyageur Park is very much welcomed by the local business community.”

“Voyageur Provincial Park is a popular destination for local residents and tourists alike, and I am proud that our government and the Federal government are working together to improve the infrastructure of this beautiful destination,” said Jean-Marc Lalonde, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

The work will include: Rehabilitating older structures and incorporating green building standards by replacing roofs, doors, windows, campsite rehabilitation, replacing comfort stations, and installing solar heating. The governments of Canada and Ontario are each providing up to \$100 000 for a total of \$200,000 to complete this project.

The Government of Canada's contribution for this project is being provided through the \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, a key component of Canada's Economic Action Plan, which invests in construction-ready infrastructure projects that can be completed by March 31, 2011.

The contribution from the Government of Ontario will be from the two-year, \$32.5 billion infrastructure commitment laid out in the 2009 Ontario Budget – *Confronting the Challenge: Building Our Economic Future*.

“Just over a year ago, our Government introduced Canada’s Economic Action Plan to address the deepest global recession since the Second World War. In response, we unveiled an aggressive plan. In fact, it was one of the most comprehensive stimulus plans in the industrialized world,” said Mr. Lemieux. He continued, “Our goal was to create jobs, help unemployed Canadians, stimulate business, build consumer confidence, and help our economy emerge even stronger after our recovery. Over the past 12 months, we’ve taken significant steps to achieve this.”

“Our Government took action to lessen the global recession’s impact on Ontario businesses and families. Working together, we will continue to create jobs in the short term and lay the foundation for long-term growth,” said Jean-Marc Lalonde, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

To date, the governments of Canada and Ontario have announced over \$11 billion in joint funding for more than 2,700 infrastructure projects across the province to stimulate the economy and create jobs. During these challenging economic times, the governments of Canada and Ontario have taken steps to get shovels in the ground and funding into targeted infrastructure projects across the province.

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