

5 Things Friday



What your government did for you this week.

Ring of Fire

Ontario is taking an important next step toward developing the Ring of Fire, working with Webequie, Marten Falls and Nibinamik First Nations to plan and construct a year-round access road into the proposed mining development site being proposed by Noront Resources Ltd. As part of this project, the province is also working with First Nations to build all-season access roads to their communities.



Building these roads is a critical step in realizing the economic benefits of one of the biggest mineral-development opportunities in Ontario in almost a century. Funding for these roads is part of the government's commitment to invest \$1 billion in Ring of Fire infrastructure to create jobs, provide long-term benefits and improve quality of life for people in the region.

Climate Change Action Plan



Ontario is investing in programs to improve ecosystem health in communities across the province. These programs are part of Ontario's [Climate Change Action Plan](#) and are funded by proceeds from the province's carbon market. These programs include:

- Targeted support to reduce the costs of tree planting for urban landowners, as part of the province's initiative to plant [50 million trees by 2025](#).

- The development of a Land Use Carbon Inventory which will allow Ontario to assess the potential of agriculture, forestry and other land uses, such as wetlands and grasslands, to emit, remove and store carbon.
- Fighting climate change while protecting the environment is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

Human Trafficking Lived Experience Roundtable

Ontario is creating a new Human Trafficking Lived Experience Roundtable that will bolster the province's efforts to end human trafficking through direct engagement with, and input from, survivors of trafficking. The roundtable will be the first of its kind in Canada. It will be led by Jennifer Richardson, director of the provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Coordination Office, who has lived experience as a survivor of human trafficking. This roundtable builds on the strong action the government has already taken through Ontario's Strategy to End Human Trafficking.

New Métis Communities

Ontario and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) are pleased to announce that collaborative work has resulted in the identification of historic Métis communities located throughout Ontario. Six new historic Métis communities have been identified, each with its own customs, practices, and traditions. While identification of these historic Métis communities is a significant milestone, this alone does not determine who in Ontario is Métis or who holds Métis rights, nor define Métis harvesting areas or territories.

Funding for Retrofits and Repairs

Ontario is providing new funding for repairs and retrofits to social housing across the province in order to improve living conditions and fight climate change. This investment is part of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan and is funded by proceeds from the province's carbon market. The province will invest up to \$657 million for repairs and retrofits to social housing apartment buildings over five years. The investment will help improve the lives of low-income and vulnerable tenants with upgrades to social housing buildings such as new energy efficient heating, improved insulation and window replacements.