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### SIX RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS CELEBRATED IN PETERBOROUGH

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Peterborough, ON - The City of Peterborough held an official ceremony today to celebrate work on six recreational infrastructure projects in the community, including the completion of a facelift for the basketball court at Simcoe & Bethune park.

Dean Del Mastro, Member of Parliament for Peterborough; Jeff Leal, Member of Provincial Parliament for Peterborough; and Paul Ayotte, Mayor of the City of Peterborough, are pleased to see the progress on these projects.

In total, the governments of Canada and Ontario and the City of Peterborough have each committed more than \$585,000 toward the projects.

"Investing in these projects will benefit families, friends and neighbours across the city, by giving them better spaces to gather and stay active," said MP Del Mastro. "Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, our government is working to improve recreation facilities to create jobs and improve the lives of residents across Ontario."

"The McGuinty government understands the importance of infrastructure investments like these, which will stimulate the economy and create local jobs," said MPP Leal. "The projects we are celebrating today support our government's Open Ontario plan to create new opportunities for jobs and growth."

"Federal and provincial partnerships on infrastructure means Peterborough is able to construct essential facilities for our citizens," said Mayor Paul Ayotte. "Recreation facilities like the six that received funding will help our citizens stay healthy and fit, and bring quality of life to our community."

The five other projects underway in the community include the replacement of the Kinsmen Arena roof; improvements to the Trans-Canada Trail from Bethune Street to Bonaccord Street; the replacement of Bonnerworth Park fieldhouse; the replacement of King Edward Park Splash Pad; and improvements to park bleachers and backstops at three local parks. For more information on each project, please see the backgrounder.

These projects are six of more than 760 across the province that are moving forward thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment of more than \$380 million under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario and the Ontario Recreation Program. The governments of Canada and Ontario teamed up to support Ontario's communities and create jobs by improving recreational infrastructure, as these types of projects also encourage higher levels of participation in physical activity and community building. For more information on this initiative, please visit [www.rinc-on.ca](http://www.rinc-on.ca)

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