

News release

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Investing in water infrastructure for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, Ontario, September 15, 2026 — Today, MP Chris Malette, and Chief R. Donald Maracle announced a federal investment of more than \$66 million to extend the watermain in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, improving access to safe, reliable drinking water for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. This investment is funded through the Direct Delivery stream of the Build Communities Strong Fund.

Through the Build Communities Strong Fund, the Government of Canada is investing \$51 billion in infrastructure projects across the country that support housing, economic prosperity, climate resilience, health, education, transit, and recreation.

This project will expand access to safe, reliable drinking water for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte by connecting currently unserved areas of the community to the existing water treatment plant. It will improve water security, strengthen resilience to drought and climate change, enhance fire protection through new hydrant connections, and support future housing development. Once complete, the project will enable the community's drinking water advisory to be lifted, improving the long-term health, safety, and well-being of community members.

The Build Communities Strong Fund is a cornerstone of the Government of Canada's plan to build the infrastructure needed to build Canada strong – today and for generations to come.

Quotes

“Today's investment in watermain infrastructure for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte will connect currently unserved areas of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory to the existing water treatment plant. It will help end the community's long-term drinking water advisory, improve water security, enhance fire protection, support future growth, and contribute to the long-term health, safety, and well-being of community members.”

Chris Malette, Member of Parliament for Bay of Quinte

“On behalf of Tyendinaga Mohawk Council we sincerely appreciate and welcome this funding that increases the adaptability of the community to mitigate severe climate change impacts while providing access to communal potable water and improved fire protection for the remaining un-served areas of our community. We applaud the federal government for their commitment to eliminating long-term drinking water advisories on First Nations, as well as the dedication of Tyendinaga Mohawk Council, Todd Kring and our MBQ Infrastructure Department for their coordination and the community for their patience. This funding approval enables the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to complete water connections to the remaining 305 un-served homes, providing safe, reliable drinking water and fire protection for all in our community.”

R. Donald Maracle, Chief of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

Quick Facts

- The federal government is investing up to \$66,435,875 in this project through the Direct Delivery stream of the Build Communities Strong Fund.
- Starting in 2026-27, the Build Communities Strong Fund will deliver funding through three major streams:
 - A [Provincial and Territorial stream](#), which provides \$17.2 billion over 10 years, including \$5 billion in health infrastructure funding over three years;
 - A [Direct Delivery stream](#), which provides \$6 billion over 10 years, including \$1 billion over 4 years as part of a [Local Impact Stream](#) that is being delivered by Canada's Regional Development Agencies to support community infrastructure projects with local impact; and,
 - A [Community stream](#) (formerly the Canada Community-Building Fund), which provides \$27.8 billion over 10 years and, indexed at 2% to deliver \$3 billion per year ongoing.
- The [Buy Canadian Policy](#) is an important part of the Build Communities Strong Fund. It will help ensure that more of every public dollar goes right into the Canadian economy – creating Canadian careers, using Canadian resources, and benefiting Canadian communities.
- The Build Communities Strong Fund will be a force multiplier in infrastructure – with funding that will be matched by nearly \$17 billion from provinces, and additional billions leveraged through municipal and territorial partnerships as well as private capital. The fund will also boost Canada's GDP by \$95 billion over the next decade.
- Under the Direct Delivery stream, at least 10% of the funding will go towards investments in Indigenous communities.
- Project funding is subject to the signing of a contribution agreement between the Government of Canada and the recipient.

Associated Links

- [Build Communities Strong Fund](#)
- [Prime Minister Carney launches the Build Communities Strong Fund and announces the first tranche of projects](#)
- [Prime Minister Carney shares Budget 2025 plan to build communities strong](#)



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