

INVESTING IN WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY

May 1, 2008

The Government of Ontario recognizes that Windsor and Essex County offer more than just a border crossing location to this province. That is why Ontario has committed to making a wide range of significant investments in this area.

Since 2003, this government has invested, or committed to invest, almost \$900 million in this region in the following areas:

Economic Development

- \$17 million to reopen the Ford Engine Plant
- \$400 million for the expansion of Casino Windsor
- \$5.6 million to Chrysler Canada employee training (jointly funded by Ontario and Canada)
- \$250,000 to support the Machine, Tool, Die and Mould Industry and Workforce Development Initiative

Education

- \$40 million to the University of Windsor for a new Centre for Engineering Innovation and \$5 million to St. Clair College
- \$3 million to support the University of Windsor Chair in Cross-Border Transportation Studies

Finance

- \$7.7 million from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Health

- \$8.3 million for land ambulance funding
- \$2.7 million for public health funding

Municipal Affairs

- \$3.8 million through uploading of the Ontario Drug Benefit and the Ontario Disability Support Program
- \$3.3 million for social housing rehabilitation

Transportation

- \$300 million under the *Let's Get Windsor-Essex Moving* strategy (jointly funded by Ontario and Canada)
- \$12.7 million gas tax revenues to the City of Windsor (jointly funded by Ontario and Canada)
- \$225,000 under Ontario's Connecting Links program for local roads connecting provincial highways
- \$8.8 million through Move Ontario
- \$2.3 million for transit in Windsor (jointly funded by Ontario and Canada)
- \$20.7 million to widen Highway 3 from Windsor to Leamington

Infrastructure

- \$17.8 million for infrastructure improvements in the Windsor-Essex area under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative
- \$40 million for projects in Amherstburg, Essex, Kingsville, Tecumseh and Lakeshore funded by the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (jointly funded by Ontario and Canada)

The Windsor-Essex Parkway is estimated to cost \$1.6 billion (2011 dollars), bringing investments in Windsor-Essex to total almost \$2.5 billion. The Windsor-Essex Parkway will create approximately 12,000 project-related jobs, with the majority in the Windsor-Essex region. The Government of Ontario is committed to investing in the future and prosperity of this important region.

For more information on The Windsor-Essex Parkway visit www.weparkway.ca.