

MCMEEKEN CENTRE FUNDING

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WHEREAS in June 2018 Canada and Ontario signed a Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP); and

WHEREAS the ICIP sees \$10.37 billion earmarked for projects in Ontario including funding streams for Public Transit; Green Infrastructure; Community, Cultural and Recreation Infrastructure; and Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the application process for the earmarked funding sees a municipality declare a project as a priority, then provides that declaration to the Province, who reviews the application and, if agreeable to it, recommends the project for funding to the Federal Government which then considers the project and approves or denies the funding; and

WHEREAS the ICIP requires the Province to open the application process before the Federal government can determine whether to fund a project; and

WHEREAS the Province has not yet opened the application process for the Community, Cultural and Recreational Infrastructure or Green Infrastructure funding streams; and

WHEREAS the development of a twin-pad ice rink at the Northern Community Centre is the City's top recreational infrastructure priority; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie intends to apply for funding through the Community, Cultural and Recreational Infrastructure stream for the development of the twin-pad ice rink at the Northern Community Centre when the application process is opened by the Province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City urges the Province of Ontario to open the Community Cultural and Recreation Infrastructure funding stream under the ICIP for the benefit of municipalities all across Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor Christian Provenzano be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Infrastructure and Sault Ste. Marie MPP Ross Romano.