

Ontario investing \$1.6 million to create Kawartha Lakes community hub

Improving Supports and Services for Children and Youth in the City of Kawartha Lakes

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Ontario is investing \$1.6 million in facility improvements to The Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes.

This funding, announced by Minister Jeff Leal on behalf of Minister of Children and Youth Services Michael Coteau, will allow Chimo Youth and Family Services to share the facility with The Boys and Girls Club, creating a new central community hub for children and youth in Kawartha Lakes.

The investment will allow both agencies to more effectively share supports and services to better meet the needs of the Kawartha Lakes children, youth and their families.

The funding will help The Boys and Girls Club make the necessary renovations and upgrades including: construction of a new parking lot and upgrades to the existing one, new ventilation systems for the Youth Centre kitchen, upgrades to the daycare play area, replacing flooring and windows and the construction of a Section 23 classroom.

Ontario is making the largest investment in public infrastructure in the province's history -- about \$160 billion over 12 years, which is supporting 110,000 jobs every year across the province, with projects such as hospitals, schools, roads, bridges and transit. Since 2015, the province has announced support for more than 475 projects that will keep people and goods moving, connect communities and improve quality of life. To learn more about infrastructure projects in your community, go to <http://www.ontario.ca/BuildON>.

QUOTES

““The Boys and Girls Club and Chimo Youth and Family Services provide exceptional programming and services that have a positive impact on child’s development and well-being. By providing this funding, our government is not only benefiting the children and youth involved with these organizations, but helping these organizations to have a greater impact on the families in our community.””

-Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

“This project is really about bringing services together and making it easier for The Boys and Girls Club and Chimo Youth and Family Services to offer services that are integrated and co-ordinated, ultimately providing the children, youth and families of Kawartha Lakes convenient access to programs and services they need in order to reach their full potential.”

— Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services

“After the donation of our building and grounds in the late 1990's, our vision was to create a Children's Village with partner organizations serving families together under one roof. This investment by the Ministry is a landmark step in our journey. Words can't express how grateful the Club feels about this tremendous support!”

- Scott Robertson, Executive Director The Boys and Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes

“Chimo Youth and Family Services has provided community based children's mental health services in the Kawartha Lakes area since the mid 70s. Over the intervening years services have been enhanced by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. This project will now enhance the space available to effectively deliver all of these services while enhancing the established and ongoing relationship between the Boys and Girls Club and Chimo.”

- Rob Hunter, Executive Director Chimo Youth and Family Services

QUICK FACTS

- The Boys and Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes and Chimo Youth and Family Services serve more than 9,000 children and youth a year.
- The BGCKL transportation program provided over 70,000 rides to programs last year.
- BGCKL provided over 108,000 meals and snacks to hungry children and youth last year.

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