

**Ontario Investing \$4,163,737 for Critical Water Infrastructure in the  
Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers in Algoma-Manitoulin**  
*Funding will support housing, jobs and economic growth*

**NEWS**

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**Sables-Spanish Rivers, Ontario** — Today, MPP Bill Rosenberg announced the Ontario government is investing up to **\$4,163,737** to rehabilitate water infrastructure in the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers in Algoma-Manitoulin. The funding comes from the province's [Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program's Health and Safety Water Stream \(MHIP-HSWS\)](#), which has increased by \$700 million for a total of \$875 million to support access to safe drinking water, housing, job creation and protection for communities in the event of extreme weather events.

MPP Bill Rosenberg: "Congratulations to the Township of Sables–Spanish Rivers on receiving funding from the Ministry of Infrastructure through the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund. This provincial investment will create local job opportunities while strengthening the water distribution system in Massey. We are confident this funding will support the community's growth and long-term well-being for many years to come".

The MHIP-HSWS funding will be used in the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers to improve the Massey Water Distribution System. This critical artery supplies the Township Clinic, and Senior Residence as well as a proposed Housing Development and Senior Housing expansion.

"The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers is grateful for the investment that the Ford Government is making for infrastructure replacement on Bell St in the town of Massey. This will replace a major piece of our aging water system and ensure a safe and healthy water supply moving forward. This project will also compliment future projects along the Bell Street corridor that are under consideration. I would like to personally thank Acting-Minister McCarthy and the Ministry of Infrastructure along with MPP Bill Rosenberg and Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson for their direct involvement and support – thank you for listening to our story." Mayor Kevin Burke, Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

This funding is part of a historic investment of \$4 billion in the [Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program \(MHIP\)](#), included in Ontario's \$220 billion capital plan, the most ambitious in the province's history, to build transit, highways, hospitals, schools and water infrastructure that enables new housing.

"As we continue to navigate economic uncertainty and unwarranted U.S. tariffs, our government is protecting Ontario by investing in critical infrastructure that drives growth, creates jobs and strengthens communities," said Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure. "Through our historic \$4 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, we are giving municipalities and First Nations the tools they need to get shovels in the

ground and build stronger communities. Our investments will deliver more homes, modernize aging water systems and lay the foundation for long-term prosperity across Ontario.”

## **QUICK FACTS**

- In August 2025, [Ontario increased the MHIP to \\$4 billion](#) to speed up construction of homes and core infrastructure, such as roads and water systems. Since its launch in 2024, the MHIP has made about 800,000 more new homes possible.
- The MHIP is comprised of four funding streams: the [Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund \(HEWSF\)](#), the [Housing-Enabling Core Servicing \(HECS\) Stream](#), the [Health and Safety Water Stream \(HSWS\)](#) and the [Agriculture and Irrigation Stream](#).
- In January 2025, [Ontario announced an initial investment of \\$175 million](#) to launch the HSWS.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [Ontario Investing \\$1.6 Billion in Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program](#)
- [Ontario Getting Homes and Infrastructure Built Faster and Smarter](#)
- [Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program](#)
- [Health and Safety Water Stream](#)

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