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## **ONTARIO INVESTS IN BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES IN INGERSOLL** *Supports Community Revitalization, Skills Enhancement And Health Care Services Projects*

INGERSOLL – The Ontario government is building stronger communities by investing in community revitalization, skills enhancement and health care services projects in the Town of Ingersoll, Minister of Agriculture and Food Steve Peters announced today on behalf of John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

“The government has a plan for Ontario’s rural communities that involves giving them the tools they need to thrive and prosper,” said Steve Peters, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London. “We are confident that this project will offer more opportunities for the residents of Ingersoll and provide a higher quality of life.”

The Ontario government will contribute \$547,500 to the project conducted by the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll and its partners to help the continued growth and health of the community by revitalizing the downtown, supporting heritage, culture and tourism, and improving access to health care services.

“The Ontario government’s support will help us meet our community’s goal to invigorate the downtown core and enhance our recreational and health and wellness offerings,” said Paul Holbrough, mayor of Ingersoll. “We thank the government for funding such a worthy project.”

“Our partnership with the community’s local government, health and business sectors was key to securing funding for this project,” said Gordon Lesser, president, Town of Ingersoll Business Improvement Area. “This money will ensure that Ingersoll remain the small town with the big spirit.”

Today’s investment was made through Ontario’s Rural Economic Development (RED) program, which invests in projects that support sustainable rural economies and community partnerships. Through the RED program, the provincial government and its partners are making rural Ontario strong, healthy and prosperous.

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