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## Ontario Investing to Upgrade Georgina Ice Palace

*\$200 million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund supporting economic growth and building healthier communities*

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**GEORGINA** — The Ontario government is investing \$487,250.00 to protect jobs and upgrade the Georgina Ice Palace in Keswick. This investment is part of the province's \$200 million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF), a provincewide initiative that helps communities revitalize local facilities, grow the economy and promote active, healthy living across Ontario.

"Because of our government's investment in community recreation centres across the province, we're revitalizing facilities like the Georgina Ice Palace", said Caroline Mulroney MPP for York-Simcoe. "This is another concrete way that our government is supporting our growing population and ensuring that kids and families have access to safe spaces to play, grow, and work."

"At a time when Ontario families are facing rising costs due to tariffs, our government is proud to support organizations focused on delivering better services for people while breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for children and young people," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport. "With investments in infrastructure like this, we are protecting Ontario jobs, strengthening our communities and building a more resilient and self-reliant economy."

CSRIF is a key part of the government's plan to protect Ontario workers, businesses and families by unleashing the economy and getting more shovels in the ground, with a historic \$200 billion investment to build highways, hospitals, transit, schools and other critical infrastructure across the province.

"Thanks to the support of the Ontario government's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, we are happy to receive this funding to upgrade the Georgina Ice Palace to better serve our growing community," said Margaret Quirk, Mayor of the Town of Georgina. "These improvements will ensure families have a safe space to stay active, build connections and support our local sports programs. Investing in facilities like this strengthens the health and well-being of Georgina residents for generations to come."



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## Quick Facts

- The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) is an application-based program providing a \$200 million investment over two years. It supports municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations, through two streams: one for repairing and rehabilitating existing sport and recreation facilities and spaces, and another for building new or transformative sport and recreation infrastructure.
- Each year, Ontario invests \$32 million in community recreation programs to help achieve active, healthy communities across the province, including Ontario's After School Program, the Inclusive Grassroots Recreation program and the Ontario Amateur Sport Fund.
- Sport contributes more than \$7.5 billion to Ontario's economy every year, creating tens of thousands of meaningful and good-paying jobs in every corner of the province.

## Additional Resources

[Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund](#)

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