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Recreational facilities are vital social and athletic hubs of our communities. They bring us together as families, friends and neighbours to have fun and to stay active and healthy.

Canada's Government is taking clear action to stimulate the economy, create jobs and contribute to the health and quality of life in communities across the country. We are acting quickly to encourage economic growth.

In addition to \$33 billion the Government of Canada has already committed to infrastructure, *Canada's Economic Action Plan* provided almost \$12 billion in new stimulus funding over the next two years. This included \$500 million for the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program to support upgrading and renewal of recreational facilities in communities across Canada.

Today, we are announcing that local hockey rinks, swimming pools, multi-purpose facilities and other community sites with a recreational emphasis are eligible for financial support for renovations and upgrades, thanks to the new Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario (RINC Ontario).

Municipalities, counties, First Nations governments and community organizations with eligible projects that can be completed before March 31, 2011, are invited to submit their applications.

We also ask and encourage you to share information about the new program with your local community organizations and not-for-profit entities that may have eligible projects.

Given the short time-span over which the funding will be provided, this program is geared towards rehabilitation projects as those generally require shorter lead times in terms of project start up and completion and have lower project costs.

The application process for this new program is straightforward for applicants.

A short, streamlined application form, program criteria and deadlines are available online at www.rinc-on.ca.

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This new program will ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy local playing fields, arenas, pools and gymnasiums for decades to come. It will also have an immediate impact by stimulating economic activity.

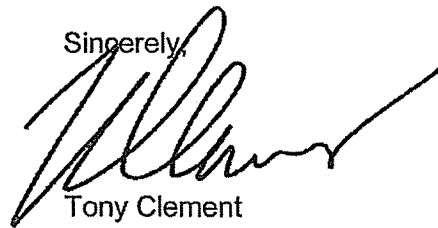
The initial federal allocation under the RINC Program in Ontario is \$68 million. Funding over the next two years will be allocated based on applications submitted from Ontario communities.

The Government of Canada can fund up to one-third of a project's total eligible cost up to a maximum of \$1 million per project.

For additional information, refer to the Program Guide available on the website at www.rinc-on.ca, email infrastructure@ic.gc.ca or contact 1-888-300-9308.

I look forward to announcing projects throughout the province that will receive RINC funding in Ontario over the coming months, and to seeing the benefits that these projects will bring to Ontario's communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Clement', written in a cursive style.

Tony Clement