

## CANADA—ONTARIO PARTNERSHIP TO REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN NIAGARA FALLS STREETScape

*Investment will create jobs and stimulate the economy*

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**NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO** – Residents, businesses, and tourists of Niagara Falls will benefit from nearly \$2.7 million in upgrades to the Queen Street streetscape, thanks to a contribution announced today by the Honourable Rob Nicholson P.C., Q.C., M.P. for Niagara Falls, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Mr. Kim Craiton, Member of Provincial Parliament for Niagara Falls, and His Worship Ted Salci, Mayor of Niagara Falls. The governments of Canada and Ontario will each invest up to \$889,033 for the revitalization project through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. The City of Niagara Falls will fund the remaining project costs.

“Under the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, our Government is investing in projects that get shovels in the ground to stimulate the economy and create jobs locally,” said Minister Nicholson. “Thanks to the strong relationship between the federal, provincial and municipal governments, we are working together to help Niagara Falls revitalize the Queen Street streetscape, which will greatly enhance the area and improve the economic viability of the downtown core.”

"I have been amazed at the determination and energy of the Queen Street community's efforts to bring life, vitality and people back to this important historic neighbourhood," said Kim Craiton MPP for Niagara Falls. "The provincial government has been proud to support the community's innovative programming over the last two years through Trillium and Celebrate Ontario. This past summer we invested in bringing the Go Train to town. Now I am delighted that the McGuinty Government is able to help build on this success and further invest in rebuilding and revitalizing the streetscape to continue the dream of building a vibrant and economically successful and sustainable tourist attraction."

This project involves a wide range of infrastructure improvements to the city's downtown area, including re-profiling a section of Queen Street, altering traffic lanes and other intersection improvements at River Road. The pedestrian walkway along Queen Street will be replaced with a solid concrete walkway and coloured banding along the curb; some of the street parking will be removed to make way for widened pedestrian walkways; and streetlight poles and lamps will be replaced. Underground infrastructure improvements include the relocation of a hydro pole, drainage improvements, the replacement of an old cast iron water main, and road improvements at Queen Street and Erie Avenue.

This project is one of nearly 1,200 across the province that will break ground thanks to \$1.84 billion in joint federal and provincial funding under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

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