

Press Release

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Elliot Lake Hub Project gets Commitment from Province

ELLIOT LAKE – In yesterday's 2018 Ontario Government Budget, the Province committed to support the City of Elliot Lake's community hub project. The budget document highlights pending investments into culture and recreational infrastructure across Ontario, including Elliot Lake. Elliot Lake has been planning and lobbying for a new multipurpose recreation and wellness hub that would encompass a new arena, pool, curling pad and program areas.

Mayor Dan Marchisella reported "I'm ecstatic and thankful that the provincial government has heard our appeals for investment into our recreational and community assets. This facility is key for community economic development and recovery and can secure our future for not only retirement but families of all ages".

The hub project has a capital budget currently pegged at \$41 million, with the likely share being: 40% federal, 33% provincial and 27% municipal. The federal share is not yet committed and more work with the province is needed to clarify the project's next steps.

However, Elliot Lake Chief Administrative Officer Daniel Gagnon noted "the province's support is critical for our final push to secure the federal share. That process will be considerably easier to manage now with the province's formal support in the 2018 budget".

Enclosed: excerpt from 2018 Ontario Budget: A Plan for Care and Opportunity.

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