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Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund Announcement

MPP Billy Denault announced this week, on behalf of Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Sport Neil Lumsden, that the Province of Ontario will be providing over \$2,000,000 in recreation supports across Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke through the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF).

The Township of Admaston/Bromley was successful in receiving \$150,000 to refurbish our two outdoor rinks, located at the Admaston Recreation Complex and at the Douglas Recreation Complex. As the CSRIF is a matching 50/50 grant, the Township, Admaston Recreation Committee and the Douglas Recreation Committee have pooled their funding resources together to finance the \$150,000 matching amount for the refurbishment project.

Mayor Donohue stated, "Council, staff and our Recreation Associations are enormously pleased to have been selected from a very large pool of applicants." He advised the funding will be used to improve the outdoor rink facilities at both the Douglas Recreation Complex and the Admaston Recreation Complex, saying, "These facilities provide many programs for all residents of our community, with a particular focus on youth and seniors."

Deputy Mayor Angela Field, Chair of Community Services Committee, noted the financial commitment from the Township was instrumental in submitting the application for the program. "Recreation volunteers in the Township work tirelessly to keep facilities and programming running, but fundraising has its limits. The total commitment of \$300,000 will refurbish both Township rinks and at the same time give our volunteers a renewed drive and sense of pride."

Jesse Welch, President of the Douglas Recreation Committee, was also very grateful to be awarded the grant, saying the new rink will benefit the community for decades to come. "Rehabilitating our rink will make it safer, more accessible and provide a longer skating season during the winter months," Welch said. "During the summer it will provide us the opportunity to potentially offer new recreational programs like pickleball, tennis, & ball hockey."

It is anticipated work will begin on the projects in spring of 2026.