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Newfoundland and Labrador

Addictions

\$3.6 million addiction treatment centre opened in Corner Brook as part of \$14.6 million new annual funding to strengthen mental health and addictions services.

Employment

Placentia Career Work Centre is the most recent of the Career Work Centres being established across the province to help business address labour market challenges.

Prescription Drug Program

\$3.3 million for seven new prescription medications to the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program and easier access for three groups of prescription medications.

Recreation and sport

\$381,880 to 228 communities to support recreation, sport and active living.

Regional asset management system

\$309,700 to develop and implement regional asset management system for five towns on Burin Peninsula to access to information on their municipal infrastructure ([hyperlink](#)).

Social housing

Renovations to social housing units Mount Pearl, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, St. John's and Corner Brook as part of five-year \$27.5-million increase announced last year.

Tourism/culture/arts

\$800,000 for 100 community museums, archives and heritage organizations for the third year of *Creative Newfoundland and Labrador: The Blueprint for Development and Investment in Culture (2006)*.

Youth

Twelve deliberative dialogue sessions to begin regarding Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy.

Justice announced new policies for the use of the St. John's Youth Detention Centre.

Northern Strategic Plan for Labrador

\$632,274 for the Air Foodlift Subsidy program and two projects to promote and preserve the region's culture and heritage.

Québec

Child care

18,000 more subsidized child care spaces between 2008 and 2010 for high-needs families and in response to requests for flexible hours and locations.

Health

Quebec's regions are receiving increased health/social services and seniors funding as part of strategy to decentralize resource allocation.

Mental health

\$300,000 over three years to develop education program for preventing depression among seniors and caregivers.

Ontario

Municipal infrastructure

Investing in Ontario Act releases \$1.1 billion for municipal infrastructure for roads and bridges, public transit and other municipal projects.

Ontario Child Benefit

Two allowances ended for families on social assistance – back-to-school and winter clothing allowances which amount to an annual maximum of \$245 per child. These will be rolled into the monthly Ontario Child Benefit.

Public policy research

Ontario partnering with the University of Toronto to create new public policy research institute.

Skills development

\$9.2 million for new centre at Mohawk College in Hamilton to help increase number of skilled apprentices in transportation industry.

Saskatchewan

Affordable housing

Low to moderate-income families interested in purchasing one of the 14 townhouse homeownership units – phase two of Maple Leaf Estates in Regina – may apply to HomeFirst Homeownership Program, which provides forgivable loans of up to \$20,000 and repayable low-interest mortgage of up to \$30,000.

Community development

\$36.4 million federal allocation for three-year Community Development Trust Fund that will target communities affected by downturn in the forest sector.

Economic development

Launch of the Enterprise Region program in the southern part of the province. Investment in economic development is doubled through \$5 million allocation to new enterprise regions. ([hyperlink](#))

Health

Federal and provincial ministers and Saskatchewan Indian Nations Chief establish partnership to improve coordination of health programming, reduce administrative duplication and address gaps in health services.

Building Communities Program – recreation and sport

\$2.9 million to fund upgrades and development of three recreational facilities in Saskatoon, one in Martensville. \$3.7 for large community and sport complex in Melville and \$133,050 for culture and recreation facility in the northern village of Sandy Bay.

Saskatoon

Mobile Primary Care

Saskatoon Health Region launched a six-month pilot to provide mobile primary care for Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods residents. Province contributing \$175,000 for staffing and operations and a private firm will supply a bus and related operational costs.

Alberta

Affordable housing

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped beneficiaries can access 23 apartment units in Ponoka at below market value (less than \$400 per month). Project received \$1.4 million capital funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund now in its final year.

Where to check for further updates:

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