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Provincial fact sheet #3

Ontario – Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC)

Highlights: The Harper government funnelled 34% more taxpayer dollars to its own Conservative ridings, an average of \$2.1 million, compared to \$1.5 million for Liberal and NDP ridings. The overall disparity means that Conservative ridings were given an extra 199 projects and \$26.7 million extra in funds. The Toronto area was particularly disparaged, denied 25% of its \$40 million fair share, and getting 38% less funds than the average Ontario Conservative riding. Conservatives ridings averaged 60% more funding than the average Toronto riding. Funding does not match higher unemployment, except between Conservative ridings.

Top level facts:

“Fair share” (per capita basis) for Ontario: \$194,000,000

Total announced funding: \$190,929,795.00 (98.4%)

Project funding details divulged: \$190,929,795.00 (98.4%)

Announcement History: \$190 million June 26, 2009

Table 1 – Provincial summary by partisan:

	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Opposition	Total:
Announced Funding	\$105,715,000	\$56,796,131	\$28,418,664	\$85,214,795	\$190,929,795
# of Ridings:	51	38	17	55	106
Avg \$/riding	\$2,072,843.14	\$1,494,635.03	\$1,671,686.12	\$1,549,359.91	\$1,801,224.48
Avg # Projects	9.3	5.1	6.1	5.4	7.2
Avg Unemp Rate	9.35%	9.53%	10.8%	9.9%	9.8%
Difference in Avg \$ to Opposition	\$523,483				
% Difference in Avg \$	34%				
Total Extra Conservative Funding	\$26,697,645				

Table 2 – Top 20/Bottom 20 ridings by number of projects announced:

	Conservatives	Opposition	Cabinet Ministers
Top 20 ridings by # of projects	18	2	2
Bottom 20 ridings by # of projects	7	13	2

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Table 3 – Top 20/Bottom 20 ridings by \$ amount announced:

	Conservatives	Opposition	Cabinet Ministers	Unemp Rates
Top 20 ridings by \$ amount announced	13	7	1	9.8%
Bottom 20 ridings by \$ amount announced	7	13	1	9.3%

The bottom 20 ridings received an average of less than 1/10th the funds of the top 20, (\$3.8 m vs \$.330 m) despite similar unemployment rates.

Table 4 – Toronto:

Toronto “Fair Share”:	\$ 39,940,000
Amount funded:	\$ 29,786,294
Number of ridings in Toronto:	23
Average per Toronto riding:	\$ 1,295,056
Average for Conservative ridings (province wide)	\$ 2,072,843
Difference in Average	\$ 777,787
% Difference in Average	60.1%

Table 5 – Top 20 ridings by number of projects announced:

*Minister responsible for program

Rank	Riding	Party	MP	Amount	# of Projects
1	Kenora	Conservative	Greg Rickford	\$ 6,755,843.00	35
2	Parry Sound--Muskoka	Conservative	Min. Tony Clement*	\$ 2,409,223.00	28
3	Prince Edward--Hastings	Conservative	Daryl Kramp	\$ 3,386,447.00	25
4	Lambton--Kent--Middlesex	Conservative	Bev Shipley	\$ 3,191,294.00	17
5	Huron--Bruce	Conservative	Ben Lobb	\$ 3,980,748.00	16
6	Glengarry--Prescott--Russell	Conservative	Pierre Lemieux	\$ 2,668,345.00	16
7	Thunder Bay--Superior North	NDP	Bruce Hyer	\$ 3,695,444.00	15
8	Sarnia--Lambton	Conservative	Pat Davidson	\$ 3,356,483.00	15
9	Elgin--Middlesex--London	Conservative	Joe Preston	\$ 2,441,407.00	15
10	Stormont--Dundas--South Glengarry	Conservative	Guy Lauzon	\$ 1,691,377.00	15
11	Leeds--Grenville	Conservative	Gord Brown	\$ 1,055,161.00	15
12	Peterborough	Conservative	Dean Del Mastro	\$ 3,020,849.00	14
13	Kitchener--Waterloo	Conservative	Peter Braid	\$ 5,561,674.00	13

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14	Oxford	Conservative	Dave MacKenzie	\$ 3,726,789.00	13
15	Etobicoke North	Liberal	Kirsty Duncan	\$ 1,353,644.00	13
16	Bruce--Grey--Owen Sound	Conservative	Larry Miller	\$ 1,258,720.00	13
17	Chatham-Kent--Essex	Conservative	Dave Van Kesteren	\$ 2,032,744.00	12
18	Dufferin-Caledon	Conservative	David Tilson	\$ 2,021,845.00	12
19	Perth--Wellington	Conservative	Gary Schellenberger	\$ 1,960,105.00	12
20	York--Simcoe	Conservative	Min. Peter Van Loan	\$ 2,222,064.00	11

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1	Kenora	Conservative	Greg Rickford	\$ 6,755,843.00	35
2	Kitchener--Waterloo	Conservative	Peter Braid	\$ 5,561,674.00	13
3	Ottawa South	Liberal	David McGuinty	\$ 4,695,167.00	7
4	Mississauga South	Liberal	Paul Szabo	\$ 4,149,967.00	6
5	Essex	Conservative	Jeff Watson	\$ 4,000,000.00	4
6	Huron--Bruce	Conservative	Ben Lobb	\$ 3,980,748.00	16
7	Oxford	Conservative	Dave MacKenzie	\$ 3,726,789.00	13
8	Thunder Bay--Superior North	NDP	Bruce Hyer	\$ 3,695,444.00	15
9	Bramalea--Gore--Malton	Liberal	Gurbax Mahli	\$ 3,690,666.00	5
10	Haldimand--Norfolk	Conservative	Min. Diane Finley	\$ 3,531,667.00	6
11	Scarborough Centre	Liberal	John Cannis	\$ 3,505,667.00	8
12	Prince Edward--Hastings	Conservative	Daryl Kramp	\$ 3,386,447.00	25
13	Sarnia--Lambton	Conservative	Pat Davidson	\$ 3,356,483.00	15
14	Ottawa--Orléans	Conservative	Royal Galipeau	\$ 3,312,333.00	9
15	Lambton--Kent--Middlesex	Conservative	Bev Shipley	\$ 3,191,294.00	17
16	London North Centre	Liberal	Glen Pearson	\$ 3,082,392.00	9
17	Peterborough	Conservative	Dean Del Mastro	\$ 3,020,849.00	14
18	Ancaster--Dundas-- Flamborough--Westdale	Conservative	David Sweet	\$ 2,937,923.00	6
19	Brant	Conservative	Phil McColeman	\$ 2,862,785.00	5
20	Markham--Unionville	Liberal	John McCallum	\$ 2,804,925.00	6

Source: Government of Canada, Industry Canada website <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/708.nsf/eng/home> available as of October 20 2009, spreadsheet available on request.

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