

# Shea, MacKinley busy today handing out public funds for north shore communities

ST. PETERS BAY – Federal and provincial dollars were handed out this morning in four communities along P.E.I.’s north shore.

ACOA Minister Gail Shea and Ron MacKinley, P.E.I.’s minister of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development, were busy with press conferences in Tracadie Cross and St. Peters Bay.



Abegweit First Nation Chief Brian Francis, left, ACOA Minister Gail Shea, and P.E.I. Rural Development Minister Ron MacKinley announced details for \$204,920 in upgrades to the Abegweit First Nation Community Centre.

In Tracadie Cross, community group representatives got approval for funding infrastructure upgrades for the Tracadie Community Centre, the North Shore Community Centre and Stanhope Place, and the Brackley Beach Community Centre.

ACOA will invest a total of \$46,850 from the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund in the three projects announced while the province will invest \$59,700 through the Island Community Fund and an additional \$31,000 contribution through Skills P.E.I.

Community proponents will also make contributions to their respective projects.

“With support from the federal and provincial governments, we were able to put plans into place to transform our facility into a more energy-efficient, multi-purpose centre,” said Barry Schieck, chairman of the Board of Directors. “These renovations will enable us to offer a wide variety of events and activities, and in turn, meet the needs of our surrounding communities today and well into the future.”

- The Tracadie Community Centre will receive \$23,550 from Ottawa and \$80,500 from the government of Prince Edward Island to carry out renovations to its community centre. Work will include electrical and plumbing upgrades, improvements to the heating system, and replacement of flooring in the main hall and washroom area. This project included support from Skills PEI.
- The Community of North Shore will receive \$17,550 from the federal government to carry out upgrades to two of its municipal buildings. The North Shore Community Centre will benefit from updated conference furniture, acoustical upgrades and signage. Stanhope Place will also undertake roof and window replacements. The Government of Prince Edward Island, through the Island Community Fund, will contribute \$5,800 toward the project renovations at Stanhope Place.
- The Brackley Point Women’s Institute will receive \$5,750 from Ottawa and \$4,400 from province for improvements to the Brackley Beach Community Centre. Work will include the installation of heat pump units and electrical heaters.

In St. Peters, Ron MacInnis, chairman, St. Peters Bay Community Council was on hand with Shea and MacKinley to announce details for upgrades and renovations to the St. Peters Bay Community Centre, known formerly as the St. Peters School.

Ottawa is investing \$93,564 from the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund. The Government of Prince Edward Island is investing \$50,200 from the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development.

These investments will help the Community of St. Peters Bay carry out upgrades and improvements to the former St. Peters School building. These improvements include a new sound system and security system, plumbing and electrical system upgrades, kitchen equipment, painting, as well as paving and entrance upgrades to provide wheelchair accessibility to the centre.

“Our centre is an important place for residents and visitors to St. Peters Bay,” said MacInnis. “We look forward to providing much-needed office rental space, as well as spaces for conferences, weddings and other large gatherings. It will also address the community needs for recreation and fitness.”

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