

# Supporting **COMMUNITIES** through infrastructure

## Investing in infrastructure is about investing in people and communities

Infrastructure investments help ensure that people have quality housing, safe drinking water, better schools, health centres and other infrastructure that helps to bring people together and build strong communities.

## QUEBEC REGION

### First Nations Targeted Infrastructure Investments Across the Region



Infrastructure investments are essential to the health, safety and prosperity of First Nations communities. Between 2018 and 2019, Indigenous Services Canada invested more than \$55 million of targeted funds to support infrastructure projects in Quebec First Nations communities. As a result of the close collaboration between the Department, tribal councils and Indigenous communities in the region, many innovative projects have been completed or are currently being delivered.

By focusing on capacity building and providing new opportunities for economic and community development, these investments not only contribute to improving the quality of life of First Nations people, but also empower the Indigenous communities in the region.

### AT A GLANCE

- In Quebec, there are 41 First Nations communities divided into 10 separate nations: Abenaki, Algonquin, Atikamekw, Cree, Innu, Maliseet, Mi'kmaw, Naskapi, Huron-Wendat and Mohawk. There are 89,568 registered members, 56,831 (63.5%) of whom live on reserve. Fourteen Inuit communities also inhabit the territory now known as Nunavik.
- First Nations in Quebec are divided into two language families: Algonquian and Iroquoian. The Inuit belong to the Eskimo-Aleut language family.

#### Water and Wastewater



#### Community

Timiskaming First Nation

#### Project

Drinking Water Treatment System Upgrades

#### Departmental Investment

\$5.7 million

Members of the Timiskaming First Nation community were regularly faced with boil water advisories or service interruptions, until the community's drinking water supply and treatment and distribution systems were expanded and modernized to ensure that all residents now have access to sufficient safe drinking water at all times.

#### Culture and Recreation



#### Community

Long Point First Nation

#### Projects

Construction of a Seniors' Cultural Space

Construction of a Community Radio Building

Community Centre Renovation

#### Departmental Investment

\$0.9 million

Long Point First Nation benefits from vibrant gathering places that bring people together, where the Anishnabe language and culture can be celebrated. The renovation of the community centre, the installation of a traditional wooden gathering area for seniors and the construction of a new community radio station provide Winneway residents with new opportunities for intergenerational encounters that promote the sharing of rich cultural heritage from one generation to the next.

#### Fundamental Community Infrastructure



#### Community

Innu Takuaikan Uashat mak Mani-utenam

#### Project

Road Repairs on Montagnais Boulevard

#### Departmental Investment

\$0.9 million

Repairs to Montagnais Boulevard, Uashat's main access route, ensure the safety of road users in the community. The new pavement, sidewalk restoration and curb repairs will provide safer access to community residents and visitors alike.

"Our community is dynamic and every dollar invested in our infrastructure stimulates our development and ensures our quality of life."

Antoine Maniteu Grégoire,  
Deputy Chief of Uashat mak Mani-Utenam  
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## Education Facilities



### Community

Pekuakamillunatsh First Nation

### Projects

Repairs—School Complex

### Departmental Investment

\$1.2 million

For the Mashteuiatsh community, the well-being and safety of children is a priority. That is why the community has carried out major renovations to its school complex, which accommodates 300 elementary, high school and adult students daily. A new ventilation system and improved accessibility contribute to a safer and healthier learning environment.



## Energy, Sustainability and Connectivity



### Community

Atikamekw of Opitciwan First Nation

### Project

Acquisition of Fibre Optics

### Departmental Investment

\$2.2 million

With faster access to the Internet, Obedjiwan institutions, organizations and businesses can now serve their community members more effectively. The construction of a 165-km fibre optic link provides community members with access to effective communication services comparable to those in major Canadian cities.

## Health



### Community

Pessamit Innu Band

### Project

Design and Construction of a New Community Health Facility

### Departmental Investment

\$7.3 million

The construction of an integrated health and social services facility provides residents of the Pessamit community with easy access to a range of quality health services under the same roof. These services include front-line, prevention and promotion services in community health and dentistry, alongside access to social and long-term housing workers.

## Solid Waste Management



### Community

Unamen Shipu Montagnais

### Project

Ecocentre

### Ongoing

In an effort to better manage its recoverable or hazardous waste, the community of Unamen Shipu is currently building a new ecocentre. In addition to being more environmentally friendly, the ecocentre will extend the landfill's life by reducing the amount of waste sent there. As a result, the community will benefit from a cleaner, safer and more sustainable environment.

## Housing



### Community

Anishnabe Nation of Lac Simon

### Projects

Construction of 8 Mini-Houses

### Departmental Investment

\$0.5 million

In order to meet the particular needs of its vulnerable members that live alone, the community of Lac Simon came together to build eight mini-homes. This innovative, green and scalable project, suitable for both the elderly and young families, has allowed the First Nation to better meet the housing needs of its members.

