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**Frontenac Community Arena Receives  
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Grant**

**Godfrey** - The Frontenac Community Arena (FCA) Board of Directors are pleased to announce that the FCA is the recipient of up to \$985,371 from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant. These funds will help fund the \$1,343,750 capital costs of replacing the Arena's 44-year-old refrigerated floor with a new, more energy-efficient and safer system.

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program between the federal government, provinces and territories, and municipalities and other recipients. This program provides federal, provincial and other partner funding, under four priority areas, including Community, Culture and Recreation. The Community, Culture and Recreation stream supports community infrastructure priorities across the province, improving access to and / or quality of community, cultural, and recreation priority infrastructure projects.

"The FCA submitted a joint application along with the Township of South Frontenac and Central Frontenac, and we are delighted to be a recipient of the grant," said Arena Board Chair and Central Frontenac Township Councillor Brent Cameron. "This represents a significant investment into the ice making foundation of the Arena. More importantly, it allows us to guarantee our community - and our Arena family – a reliable facility for decades to come," added Cameron.

"Once complete, the upgrades to the Frontenac Community Arena will be enjoyed by residents of Central Frontenac," said Mayor of Central Frontenac Frances Smith. "Funding through the ICIP is timely and appreciated," added Smith.

"I was thrilled to hear that the FCA was successful in securing this grant from the Provincial and Federal Governments," said South Frontenac Mayor Ron Vandewal. "Being a shared service between South and Central Frontenac, the timing of this news is welcome and will benefit both our communities." "I would like to thank the Staff involved with having the foresight to go after additional funding sources and ultimately submitted a persuasive and successful grant application," added Vandewal.

"This is the most significant Capital replacement project since the arena opened in 1976," said Arena Manager Tim Laprade." "The work scheduled reflects the Arena Board representing both Township's continued commitment to investing in the long-term future of the FCA and supporting our community arena," added Laprade.

This major renovation commenced early February with completion by the end of the summer. Work will include:

- Remove Slab, refrigeration lines, boards, glass, etc.
- Replace concrete slab, refrigeration lines
- Install new Dasher Boards, Acrylic shields, Benches, Timekeepers Box
- Improve access to players benches
- Update Safety netting
- Rubberized access surfaces around pad, in hallways and dressing rooms
- Install an Accessible ramp/viewing area,
- Install new 'Buried' Mains and Headers for refrigeration lines
- Many other changes to improve the spectator and patron experience

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## BACKGROUNDER

In 1976, with the support of several Townships in Frontenac County, the North Frontenac Community Arena opened at Godfrey.

The Frontenac Community Arena is governed by an Arena Board, comprised of serving members of council from Central Frontenac and South Frontenac Townships.

Over the years, the Frontenac Community Arena has provided a place for young and old alike to gather and engage in sporting and recreational activities.

Most notably, it has given young people in Central and South Frontenac Townships, and surrounding area, the chance to Dream Big.

The Frontenac Community Arena has been the place where many hockey dreams began, including those of:

- Marty Abrams, a 1983 draft pick by the NHL's Washington Capitals, who goaltended for the Toronto Marlboros, Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds and Ottawa 67's of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). Formerly a scout with the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau, Abrams served as Coach of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds during the 2003-04 OHL season.
- Mike Smith, a 2001 draft pick by the NHL's Dallas Stars, whose goaltending skills brought his Phoenix Coyotes to the Western Conference Finals of the 2012 Stanley Cup Playoffs. A member of Canada's gold medal winning team at the 2014 Winter Olympics at Sochi, Russia, Smith was Canada's starting goalie at the 2015 World Championships, going 10-0 through the tournament and recording a shutout streak of 190:03 in the medal round (final three games).
- Trevor Stienburg, selected 15th overall in the 1984 NHL Entry Draft, and who played 74 regular season games with the NHL's Quebec Nordiques. Currently the Head Coach of the Saint Mary's University Huskies, Stienburg has guided his players to both Atlantic University Conference and National University championships over the last decade.