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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **UP TO \$1.5 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING APPROVED TO CONNECT CHATHAM-KENT**

The Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology today announced funding for Chatham-Kent, up to \$1 million from Connect Ontario and \$500,000 from GeoSmart. This funding has been awarded to the Chatham-Kent members of CKLAG. A future announcement is anticipated for the Sarnia-Lambton members of CKLAG.

With the Connect Ontario grant, CKLAG will proceed with its plan to develop "smart" communities services across Chatham-Kent. The funds will be used for capital goods such as servers and web-ready applications, and telecommunication connectivity equipment, in order to deliver public services using the new communications technology currently being put in place. It will allow our member organizations to reach out more effectively to the municipal, health care, education and voluntary partners in the community.

The Connect Ontario program, through electronic service delivery, will provide enhanced levels of service and information access to levels not currently available in the community. This will help to set the community on the electronic map, which will help attract new economic growth for the region.

The funding from Geosmart will be used to improve infrastructure and access to digital land information, which communities need to make decisions on roads, transit routes and community planning. It sets the stage for new business opportunities, job growth, informed decision making and an enhanced ability to plan and manage all resources sustainably.

CKLAG Chair, Paul De Sadeleer commended the members of the Information Technology Committee for their initiative and commitment to bringing this project to fruition, on behalf of their community.

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## BACKGROUND

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### **UP TO \$1.5 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING APPROVED TO CONNECT CHATHAM-KENT**

CKLAG is a consortium formed by the Chief Executive Officers or Chief Administrative Officers of each of the following public sector organizations (colleges, school boards, hospitals and municipalities) within Lambton, Sarnia and Chatham-Kent:

St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Technology  
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Ridgetown College, University of Guelph  
Lambton Kent District School Board  
St. Clair Catholic District School Board  
Chatham-Kent Health Alliance  
Lambton Hospitals Group  
County of Lambton  
City of Sarnia  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Along with the Executive Committee, CKLAG operates with four sub-committees: Finance, Information Technology, Operations/Purchasing and Human Resources. They are very proactive in projects and initiatives resulting in cost savings, efficiencies, cost avoidance and other soft benefits such as networking and sharing of resources, knowledge and expertise.

As announced today, the Information Technology Committee was successful in its application to the Ministry of Energy, Science & Technology for a Connect Ontario grant of up to \$1 million and a GeoSmart grant of \$500,000, to improve access to community information and services and enhanced technological infrastructures and access to digital land information.

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