

EASTERN ONTARIO COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES \$160,000 IN FUNDING FOR INNOVATION CLUSTER

[PETERBOROUGH] Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro announced today, on behalf of the Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporation Network Inc., that the corporation is providing \$160,000 in support of the Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster. The funding was obtained thanks to the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP), a Government of Canada economic development initiative.

The funding will be allocated to the following five areas of activity:

- 1) Commercialization of the International Consortium on Anti-Virals (ICAV) Development
- 2) Establishment of enhanced agriculture research and the pursuit of related commercial opportunities
- 3) The enhanced development of research opportunities related to water quality and relevant commercial opportunities
- 4) Enhancing the commercial opportunities related to the Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment (CAWT) located at Fleming College
- 5) Providing regional commercial interests with enhanced opportunities to partner with area research activities and researchers

John Martin, Board Chair of the Innovation Cluster commented, "We thank the Eastern Ontario CFDC Network for the support of our initiatives. This funding will allow further outreach to Peterborough and the surrounding communities and allow us to pursue commercialization efforts with new and existing partners."

"In order to position Eastern Ontario's knowledge-based economy in the global marketplace, we need to focus investment towards the facilitation of research and innovation. This funding will encourage future employment, sustainability and economic growth in the Peterborough Region and Eastern Ontario as a whole." Said Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro.

"This important CFDC funding reinforces how Trent University's research expertise is serving as a catalyst for investment and economic development," said Bonnie Patterson, President and Vice Chancellor. "The CFDC is to be commended for providing meaningful investments that support a number of partnerships that are capitalizing on current and emerging research excellence at Trent University."

Tony Tilly, Fleming College President said, "The world is looking for new solutions to common environmental issues. This funding will assist with commercialization opportunities in alternative wastewater treatment."

The Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster is a not-for-profit corporation with a mission to facilitate and advance life sciences, environmental, DNA and other innovative research in the Peterborough region. The Cluster's mandate is to facilitate an environment in which wealth can be generated, new jobs created and an improved quality of life achieved for area residents.

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The following contacts are available to provide comments to media on their views of how the funding will assist with their activities.

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