## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Township completes rehabilitation of McLachlan Road

**McNab/Braeside** – On October 10, 2018, the Township of McNab/Braeside celebrated the completion of the McLachlan Road reconstruction and rehabilitation project.

This budgeted \$1.5 million dollar project included the rehabilitation of approximately 3.3 kilometers of McLachlan Road and the McLeod Road intersection, which addressed not only the poor road condition, but also road width and sightlines to improve overall safety. Construction was completed by Goldie Mohr Ltd. with road design and contract administration provided by Novatech. This project was supported by a \$900,000 grant from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF).

"Sections of McLachlan Road were more patch than road," said Township Mayor Tom Peckett. "The OCIF funding we received has made a significant contribution to our long-term roads plan, helping to address the infrastructure funding gaps in our Township."

"Our government understands the importance for rural municipalities to address their infrastructure needs. We are committed to providing funding for revitalization projects in rural communities, such as McNab/Braeside, to develop and renew their local infrastructure, create jobs and boost economic growth in rural Ontario."

- John Yakabuski, MPP - Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke

Comprising almost 100 square miles or 25899 hectares, the Township of McNab/Braeside is situated between the towns of Arnprior and Renfrew. It is responsible for 198 kilometers of roads with an estimated replacement value of \$209 million, results from the Township's 2013 Asset Management Plan has identified a roads funding gap of \$21.5 million.

OCIF is helping create jobs and prosperity and opening the door to community economic development by increasing support for small and rural communities to improve roads, bridges and wastewater systems. McNab/Braeside was one of 79 applicants receiving support from the province in 2018-19 through the OCIF Top-Up Application Component to build and upgrade local infrastructure. Ontario is also providing more than 420 communities across the province with stable and predictable annual formula grants under the program.

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