



Remarks Regarding Ontario Budget 2024

Camping In Ontario, the leading voice for campgrounds in the Province, welcomes the announcement of the new Bigwind Lake Provincial Park, and the enhancement of current campsites by bringing electrical services to over 800 campsites and creating approximately 300 new campsites across several provincial parks.

This exciting development not only signifies an enhancement of recreational opportunities for tourists but also marks a commendable step towards catering to the evolving needs of campers. This initiative is the first step towards bolstering the province's appeal as a premier camping destination, attracting visitors from far and wide to experience the beauty of our natural landscapes.

While we celebrate this progress, Camping In Ontario urges the Provincial Government will extend the same opportunities to other campgrounds that are not provincially operated. With nearly 400 campgrounds in our membership, many of our members encounter obstacles to expansion due to regulatory red tape at multiple levels of government. Additionally, the rising prevalence of electric vehicles presents new challenges for campground owners seeking to enhance their electrical capacity to meet the demands of modern campers.

Most campgrounds operators have access to 50 amps or less (30 amps). Whereas, most EV chargers need more than 50 amps for a adequate charge. Discussions regarding electrical grid expansion have been unsuccessful, contributing to continued anxiety of what the future will hold for small businesses operating in this new age of transportation innovation.

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Looking forward, the Government of Ontario and Camping In Ontario should work together for a fair and equitable distribution of resources and support for all campgrounds, regardless of their ownership structure. Every campground, whether privately or publicly operated, should have the opportunity to thrive and contribute to Ontario's vibrant tourism industry.

At its core, this initiative is about providing campers, both from Ontario and around the world, with equal access to recreational opportunities that our province has to offer. By working together, we can ensure that every camper, regardless of where they choose to stay, can create unforgettable memories amidst Ontario's natural wonders.

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Camping In Ontario remains committed to advocating for the interests of our members and the broader camping community. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Government of Ontario to advance the shared goal of promoting outdoor recreation and preserving our natural landscape for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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