

Canada partners with Woodstock First Nation to strengthen food security

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Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, met with Woodstock First Nation Chief Tim Paul and community members. During the meeting, he highlighted a federal investment of up to \$62,124 for Woodstock First Nation under the Local Food Infrastructure Fund (LFIF).

This investment will allow Woodstock First Nation to purchase a tractor, acquire greenhouse equipment, install an irrigation system, and implement cold storage and a cleaning station. As a result, Woodstock First Nation will be able to increase its food production, which will improve access to nutritious, locally-grown food for the community. Additionally, a previous investment of \$41,074 under the third phase of LFIF funded new garden space and 3 greenhouses to increase food availability for Woodstock First Nation.

LFIF is an important part of the first-ever Food Policy for Canada and is central to efforts to build a healthier and more sustainable food system in Canada. In Budget 2024, a commitment of \$62.9 million over 3 years, starting in 2024-2025, was included for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to renew and expand LFIF and invest in local food infrastructure.