

Government of Canada supports Chippewas of Rama First Nation Powwow

Chippewas of Rama First Nation grows its annual Powwow to attract more visitors with Government of Canada investment

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Every year, Chippewas of Rama First Nation attracts thousands of visitors to its Annual Powwow to experience a vibrant celebration of community, music and dance.

Miigwech/Thank you to the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario ([FedDev Ontario](#)) for helping support the expansion of the John Snake Memorial Multi-Purpose Grounds, located at 6030 Rama Rd, Rama ON L3V 6H6, where the Powwow is held.

With FedDev Ontario funding, Rama added three additional permanent bleachers to support the growing number of annual visitors to its Powwow. The funding also supported operations for the 2024 and 2025 Powwows, including the 40th anniversary event that attracted nearly 8000 visitors, 500 dancers/singers and 100+ vendors. Through this annual event, Rama First Nation has been able to bring additional tourism to the Orillia Area for the last 40 years.

“The investment in Chippewas of Rama First Nation has allowed us to build a better experience for us to share our culture, traditions, and love of music and dance with both local and international visitors,” said Lise Kwekkeboom, Director of Education, Chippewas of Rama First Nation. “Sharing our community with others helps to create awareness of Indigenous history and cultures and develops new positive relationships with our fellow Canadians. We are grateful for the support we received from FedDev Ontario that allowed us to grow our event.”