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PROVINCE MAKES \$450,000 INVESTMENT TO AID TOURISM

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The Province of Ontario has announced that Halton Region will receive \$450,000 to drive local tourism as it rebounds from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ontario's Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Lisa MacLeod discussed the funding and the impact COVID-19 has had on tourism during a press conference at the Bronte Harbour on Friday, July 3.

She was joined by Oakville MPP Stephen Crawford, Oakville North-Burlington MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos, Burlington MPP Jane McKenna and Maria Fortunato, executive director of the Hamilton Halton Brant Regional Tourism Association.

"With COVID-19 our sectors were hit



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Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries announces Halton Region will receive \$450,000 in tourism support

first, we were hit hardest and unfortunately we will take the longest to recover because we are facing a triple threat. First and foremost is the public health issues...the second is the economic crisis...and finally a social crisis," said MacLeod.

"Just because we flick the switch and we're open for business doesn't mean people will want to go back to their old con-

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