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Ontario is investing in local projects that will help to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution by launching a new program for municipalities across the province. Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, made the announcement today at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa. Ontario's new Municipal GHG Challenge Fund will support projects, such as renewable energy and energy efficiency retrofits to municipal facilities and making energy-efficiency upgrades to drinking water or wastewater treatment plants. Fighting climate change while supporting growth, efficiency and productivity is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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Also today:

- Ontario athletes topped the medal standings at the 2017 Canada Summer Games, bringing home 212 medals. Team Ontario's athletes are returning home with 87 gold, 65 silver and 60 bronze medals, including many record breaking performances. A complete list of medalists is available [here](#). Amateur sport plays an important role in strengthening communities and inspiring people in Ontario to live an active lifestyle. Ontario provides year-round support to high performance athletes to help with the costs of living, training, equipment, coaching and travel to competitions. Investing in the development of amateur athletes is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes historic new **investments in health care, including free medications for everyone 24 and under** who has OHIP coverage through the OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare Program, **providing free average tuition** to over 210,000 students starting fall 2017 and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 more kids aged 0–4 access quality, licensed child care, **making everyday life more affordable by reducing electricity costs** by 25 per cent on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and **taking action to make housing more affordable** for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.