

Science North Celebrates Completion of Transformational Window Renewal Project

(Sudbury, ON) – Science North celebrated the completion of a \$3.6-million window renewal project today, marking a major investment in the science centre’s iconic building and the visitor experience it supports.

Funded by the Ontario government’s capital infrastructure repair program, the project replaced the original custom glass curtainwall and skylight from 1983 – a total of 380 panes of glass. The technically complex work required scaffolding inside and outside the building, along with crane support. Covered walkways and other protective measures allowed visitors to continue accessing the science centre’s ramp and exhibit floors throughout construction.

“Science North is a vital part of the Northern Ontario community and one of Ontario’s great cultural tourism treasures, fostering a love of science and learning in visitors of all ages,” said Zee Hamid, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. “By supporting the modernization of Science North’s iconic facility, our government is protecting the future of Northern science education—preserving this unique space for innovative, hands-on learning experiences that will continue instilling a sense of wonder, pride and belonging.”

“The challenge was to renew a defining feature of Science North while respecting the architecture that makes this space so distinct and special to our community,” said Tyler MacDonald, Project Architect, Bélanger Salach Architecture. “Careful planning and collaboration allowed us to replace the curtainwall and skylight glass to increase thermal performance while respecting the original design intent and ensuring safe public access to an active science centre throughout construction.”

The renewal is part of Science North's ongoing work to modernize its facilities, improve energy efficiency, and enhance accessibility while delivering engaging, hands-on science experiences.

"Science North's connection to the landscape is part of what makes a visit here special. These windows bring Ramsey Lake and the surrounding rock and forest into the experience," said Ashley Larose, Chief Executive Officer of Science North. "We're grateful for the Province's generous investment that will help us care for a building that means so much to Northern Ontario and ensures it continues to inspire curiosity for generations to come."

Visitors are invited to take in the renewed views of Ramsey Lake during Science North's regular operating hours, daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

About Science North

Science North brings science to life by connecting people through stories, curiosity, and shared exploration. As Northern Ontario's premier science destination, it offers immersive, hands-on experiences at two dynamic science centres in Greater Sudbury: Science North and Dynamic Earth. At Science North, visitors explore world-class exhibits, an IMAX® theatre, a digital Planetarium, a butterfly gallery, and four floors of interactive STEM experiences. Dynamic Earth, home to the iconic Big Nickel, features earth sciences exhibits, a lapidary lab, and an underground mining tour. Beyond its walls, Science North sparks curiosity across Northern Ontario with dedicated satellite offices in Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. Through these hub locations, Science North provides innovative outreach programs, long-term exhibitions, school visits, festivals, and summer camps across the North. Science North also creates and tours award-winning exhibitions and immersive experiences worldwide. In partnership with Laurentian University, it also delivers North America's only comprehensive Science Communication graduate program. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

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