

Backgrounder

Lighthouses provides funding that helps support schools, friendship centres and other community facilities in offering a variety of recreational, educational or social after-hour activities organized by and for youth.

Lighthouses sites are supported with \$1,000 in monthly provincial funding, covering up to 50 per cent of the cost of running a program. Programs must have other partners to provide funding or in-kind contributions such as the use of a facility or equipment. Since 2000, more than \$2.6 million has been invested to establish 50 Lighthouses across the province.

The four sites being added are:

- Gilbert Park – The Gilbert Park Lighthouse will be run by the Nor'West Community Health Centre and offer activities including a dance and music program Monday to Friday from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Norquay School – The Norquay School Lighthouse will be managed by the Boys and Girls Club and provide after-school activities three nights a week.
- Black River – The Black River site will be managed by the Black River First Nation Educational Authority and provide after school activities until 8 p.m. each weekday evening and be open from 4 to 9 p.m. on weekends.
- Wapanohk School, Thompson – The Wapanohk Lighthouse will be managed by the Wapanohk Community School and provide activities every Tuesday and Wednesday night for youth aged 10 to 16.