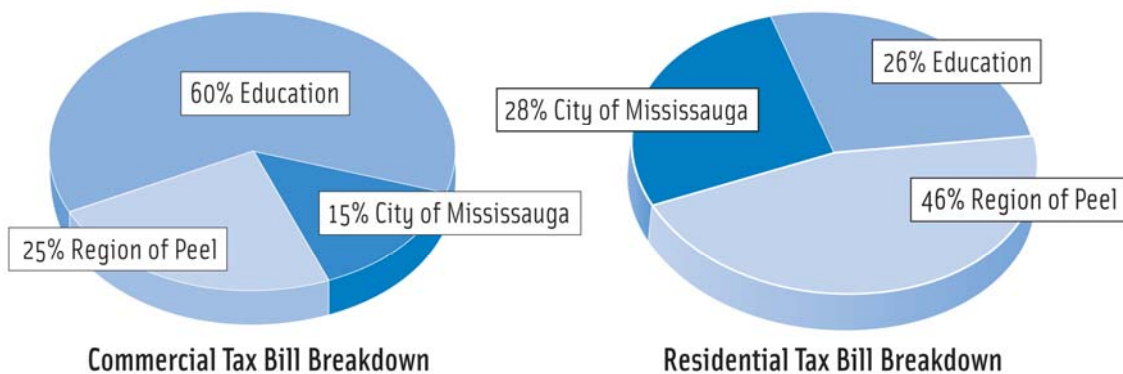




Mississauga Infrastructure Fact Sheet

- Canadian municipalities' share of infrastructure costs has doubled over the last 50 years, while the federal government's has shrunk to less than half.
- More than 80 per cent of the Canadian population lives in urban areas. Mississauga, a city of more than 700,000 residents, has experienced a doubling of its population in each of the past two decades and had the highest population growth in Canada between 1986 and 1991.
- The City of Mississauga is facing a \$1.5 billion infrastructure deficit over the next 20 years.
- The City of Mississauga has estimated (2008) infrastructure assets of \$7.7 billion. Our City's infrastructure breaks down as follows:
 - Road Networks: 68%
 - Buildings: 13%
 - Parks and Outdoor: 7%
 - Storm Ponds and Non Road Storm Sewers: 7%
 - Vehicles and Equipment: 4%
 - Information Technology: 1%
- The City of Mississauga with other Canadian cities is asking the federal government to use its \$11.6 billion surplus and projected \$65 billion surplus cumulative to 2013 to help fund municipal infrastructure.
- The federal government chose to use the surplus to reduce Canadians' taxes through reductions to the GST, income tax, and corporate tax.
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has recently reported that the current municipal infrastructure deficit has reached \$123 billion nationally and continues to grow.

- Our citizens and businesses wish their services and quality of life to be maintained.
- The City of Mississauga has approved **in principle** a five per cent infrastructure levy in response to the federal government's failure to provide permanent infrastructure funding.
- The proposed infrastructure levy would only apply to the **City portion** of the property tax. Property taxes are levied by the City, the Region of Peel and for Provincial Education.



- On average:
 - a Mississauga homeowner would pay an additional \$50 a year as a result of the infrastructure levy (average assessment on a home valued at \$365,000)
 - a small business would pay an additional \$97 a year (average assessment of \$500,000)
 - a corporate business would pay an additional \$974 a year (average assessment of \$5 million)
- This represents less than 10 per cent of the savings Mississauga homeowners are set to receive as a result of the federal government's tax relief program, which will save the average household approximately \$600.
- Through the **Cities NOW!** campaign, the City of Mississauga is calling on citizens and businesses to take action and demand Ottawa provide long-term sustainable infrastructure funding.

For more information:

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