



RESOLUTION 0273-2007  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on November 7, 2007

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WHEREAS public ownership of infrastructure has shifted significantly over the past 50 years away from the Federal government and become an increasing responsibility for Cities

AND WHEREAS eighty percent of all Canadians now live in Cities

AND WHEREAS Cities are the economic engine of Canada and their long term sustainability is at risk without adequate infrastructure funding

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has reported that a growing infrastructure deficit of \$60 - \$100 billion exists across Canada

AND WHEREAS the Finance Minister of the Government of Canada disclosed in his Economic Statement of October 30, 2007 that there is a projected Federal surplus of \$11.6 billion for the current fiscal year and projected surpluses of \$65 billion cumulative to 2013

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada chose to ignore the growing infrastructure deficit of Cities by not providing any new funding to invest in the quality of life of citizens or the productivity of businesses

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government chose instead to cut GST and personal income taxes, with an average benefit of \$602 per household in Mississauga, and to reduce corporate income taxes

AND WHEREAS by reducing these taxes, the Federal Government has created tax room

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Mississauga is deeply disappointed and concerned at the Government of Canada's lack of attention to the national infrastructure deficit

AND WHEREAS, in view of the major surplus at the federal level, if the Government of Canada will not fulfill its obligations to Cities and their infrastructure needs, the Council has no option but to step in and take a portion of the tax room to partially fund Mississauga's infrastructure deficit



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agree in principle to a 5% Special Infrastructure Levy effective in the 2008 fiscal year to maintain Mississauga's infrastructure in a state of good repair and preserve the quality of life for our citizens

AND THAT staff prepare a public and media campaign to explain the consequences of federal inaction to our taxpayers

AND THAT copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Federal Ministers of Finance and Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, The Premier of Ontario, The Finance Minister, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal of the Province of Ontario, the Mississauga MPPS and MPs, the Region of Peel, the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Big Cities Mayors' Caucus of FCM.

Carried

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