

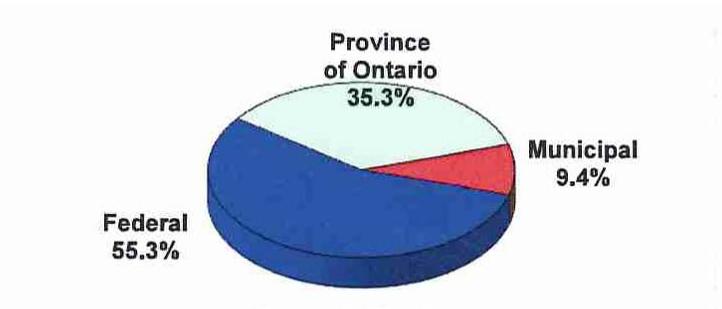


IMPORTANT FACTS...

On May 2nd, 2011 voters will cast their ballots for the next Government of Canada. Here are a few facts to help you understand the needs in the City of Mississauga.

Local Taxes:

- 80% of Canadians live in cities and towns
- for every local tax dollar collected, cities get only 9 cents; the federal government gets 55 cents



Source: The Fraser Institute's Canadian Tax Simulator, 2010

- total property taxes in the City of Mississauga are very competitive and at the low end of the GTA communities
- the federal and provincial levels of government are allowed to carry deficits. In contrast, municipalities, by legislation, must balance their budgets each year

Municipal Infrastructure:

- 40% of core federal funding in municipalities are set to expire in the next 36 months
- the national infrastructure deficit is estimated at \$124 billion; Mississauga's infrastructure deficit is \$1.5 billion...and growing
- the City's 10-year capital forecast shows \$432 million in capital projects and lifecycle replacement costs as unfunded

- the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) included \$104 million provided from the provincial and federal governments, plus an additional \$65 million of City funds, to support 138 construction projects. This program was one-time funding only, supported by the Building Canada Fund which will expire in 2014
- Question for candidates:
Will your party commit to developing a new, long-term, sustainable infrastructure investment plan to replace the Building Canada Plan when it expires in 2014?

Public Transit:

- Canada is the only G8 and OECD nation without a national transit strategy
- public transit capital investments are not keeping pace with the need and traffic congestion costs the Canadian economy billions annually in lost productivity
- 11% of workers in Canada commute to work on public transit
- the City of Mississauga's goal is to double ridership from 11% to 22% over the next four decades
- between 2004 and 2009, national transit ridership has had an average annual growth rate of over 3% - nearly triple the rate of population growth
- the City's 2011 capital budget shows transit as 42% of the total capital budget (\$98.8 m) but with many transit projects unfunded, including Light Rail Transit (LRT) on Hurontario Street
- Question for candidates:
Will your party commit to the creation of a comprehensive national transit policy framework and investment strategy including the indexation of the gas tax for municipalities?

**PLEASE ASK YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATES ABOUT THESE
IMPORTANT ISSUES!**

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