

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?

The Green Party of Canada is strongly committed to our municipalities as they are the backbone of our communities. More than any other party, the Green Party puts communities and families first. Greens focus on planning for the long-term because we realize the need for future generations, rather than just our own.

We are committed to implementing six municipal superfunds over the next three years totaling \$2.4 billion in the first year alone, which will go a long way to helping reduce municipal deficits. These funds will be focused on: brownfield remediation, water and waste treatment facilities, sports, cultural and recreation facilities, mass transit promotion, cycling and pedestrian promotion, and community housing. All of these superfunds over and above our base funding commitments to municipalities.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) applauds the Green Party's strong support of Canadian cities and communities. As stated by Hans Cunningham, President of FCM "Their commitment to providing longer term infrastructure funding would help municipalities address the \$123 billion infrastructure deficit and build a greener economy".

The Green Party of Canada is committed to building stronger and greener communities for the long-term.

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?

The Green Party of Canada deplores that we are the only country in the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that does not have a national transportation strategy. This must change.

Greens will double existing funding to stimulate a massive re-investment in public transportation infrastructure in all Canadian towns and cities to make it convenient, safe, comfortable and affordable. Additionally, we will increase federal funding for pedestrian, cycle and car-sharing infrastructure in towns and cities. Finally, we will invest in a complete overhaul of our rail system for both passenger and freight. Cargo containers must be shifted off highways and onto freight trains, driving the development of freight distribution hubs and taking the pressure off highways.

We will increase the Gas Tax Transfer to municipalities to 5 cents/litre to be used in funding sustainable transportation initiatives such as public transit, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure and rural roads.

By shifting our current transportation methods and developing our mass transportation, we will reduce gridlock and carbon emissions.

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