

August 19, 2011

Her Worship Hazel McCallion, CM  
Mayor  
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Dear Mayor McCallion:

Thank you very much for the City of Mississauga's 2011 provincial election questionnaire. I am pleased to provide you with the attached response, which outlines the Ontario Liberal Party's position on these issues of key importance.

Ontario Liberals are the only party with a positive plan to move Ontario forward. Together, we got through the recession the Ontario way: we protected education and health care, stood by workers in the hardest hit industries, and worked together to find new opportunities for our province and our families. Our strong leadership, experienced team and thoughtful long-term plan are getting results for Ontario families.

Eight years ago, during the dark days of cuts and chaos, Ontario was moving backwards. Today, our schools are rated among the world's best, our health care ranks first in Canada, and old jobs are coming back while new jobs are being created in emerging industries like advanced manufacturing and clean energy.

Our plan is getting results and Ontario is turning the corner out of recession. Ontario is back on track. The Hudak PCs would take us off track and put our fragile recovery at risk with their reckless schemes. We need to keep moving forward, together.

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Mayor McCallion, thank you for the opportunity to respond to the City of Mississauga's questionnaire — and please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dalton McGuinty  
Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party  
Premier

Enclosure

## City of Mississauga

### **Fund and Grow Public Transit**

#### **What actions will your party take to help fund and grow transit? Will your party commit to financial support of the Mississauga LRT?**

Ontario Liberals have invested \$10.8 billion in public transit since 2003. This includes more than \$4.7 billion in funding for GO Transit and \$1.9 billion in gas tax funding that goes directly to Ontario municipalities. This is the largest investment in transit in a generation.

The PC record on funding for transit is one of neglect. While the PCs were in power, they averaged less than \$450 million a year in funding provincewide: in 2000 and 2001 they contributed only \$40 million in transit for the entire province and, between 1999 and 2003, they downgraded GO Transit, contributing nothing and leaving it up to municipalities to carry the weight. The NDP record is no better. They consistently voted against funding for transit, including for the Air Rail Link that will connect Pearson Airport in Mississauga to Union Station in Toronto.

Ontario Liberals have invested more than \$235 million for transit in Mississauga. Through Metrolinx, the Province is investing more than \$110 million in the Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit project, which will create more than 2,500 jobs. Ontario Liberals also recognized the need to expand GO Transit services and that is why, in December 2005, our government opened the new GO Transit bus terminal at Square One and added over 1,000 parking spaces to GO stations across Mississauga. Finally, since 2004, Mississauga has received more than \$95 million in dedicated gas tax funding, including more than \$15 million in 2011.

The PCs and the NDP will do nothing to support the growth and funding of transit in the future. The PCs have said they will decrease funding for transit, allowing gas tax funding to be used for non-transit projects. The NDP have no long-term plan for infrastructure and have provided no details in their platform about any transit spending. Ontario Liberals have a strong record of investing in transit. We believe in it. It is good for the economy and good for Ontario families. Ontario Liberals are the only party you can trust to invest in public transit.

### **City Building – Infrastructure Funding**

#### **Will your party commit to developing a new, long-term, sustainable infrastructure investment plan for Ontario municipalities?**

Ontario Liberals are the only party in Ontario's history to provide predictable long-term funding for infrastructure. In 2005, we released the province's first-ever long-term plan. ReNew Ontario invested \$30 billion over five years and was completed a year ahead of

schedule. In response to the recent recession, we provided \$26 billion in stimulus infrastructure funding. And, this past June, we released Building Together, our second long-term plan, which will invest \$35 billion in the first three years. In total our investments in infrastructure since 2003 have amounted to \$62 billion and have created 600,000 jobs.

Ontario Liberals are committed to direct infrastructure funding to municipalities. Since 2003 we have invested \$12 billion directly in municipalities to help build and repair municipal infrastructure, including \$1.9 billion of dedicated long-term, ongoing gas tax funding for transit.

Ontario Liberals recognize that Ontario cannot solve municipalities' infrastructure challenges alone. That is why, in our recently released plan Building Together, Ontario Liberals commit to working with the federal Government and the municipal sector to develop a new municipal infrastructure investment strategy. Building Together will upgrade water systems, support efficient public transit, strengthen schools and post-secondary institutions, modernize hospitals and long-term care facilities, and improve our roads, highways, bridges. Additionally, we will continue to provide municipalities with ongoing stable funding for transit infrastructure through our dedicated gas tax.

Since 2003, our commitment to funding municipal infrastructure has included significant projects in the City of Mississauga. For example, the City received over \$104 million in federal and provincial funding during the recent recession through our infrastructure stimulus initiatives. Key projects included \$5.3 million to redevelop the Burnhamthorpe Branch Library and \$13.3 million for improvements to the Mississauga Civic Centre and Public Square.

In addition, Mississauga received \$132 million through other initiatives including the *Investing in Ontario Act*, Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative, Ontario Bus Replacement Program, Municipal Roads and Bridges Fund, Transit State of Good Repair Funding (MMAH) and Building Canada Fund — Municipal Infrastructure Component.

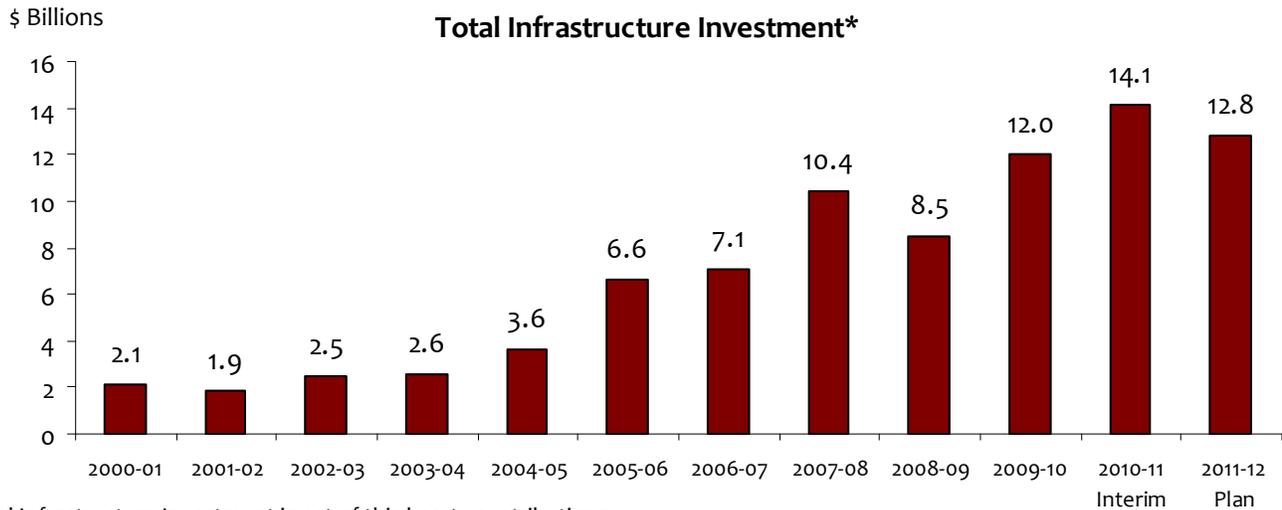
We have also made significant investments in non-municipal infrastructure in Mississauga — the brand-new Credit Valley Hospital, which opened earlier this year, GO Transit improvements, and new buildings at the University of Toronto (U of T) Mississauga and at Sheridan College's new Mississauga campus.

The PCs and the NDP have never released a long-term infrastructure plan. And the results speak for themselves. When they were last in power, the NDP spent an average of \$3.7 billion annually on Ontario's infrastructure and the PCs managed to spend even less — \$2.7 billion a year.

The NDP did not even mention infrastructure in their disappointing platform.

Ontario Liberals have made a generational commitment to public infrastructure. We have invested more in public infrastructure since the 1960s and more than both the previous PC and NDP governments combined. Our commitment to ongoing predictable and sustainable infrastructure is clear.

**Figure One: Infrastructure Investments 2000-01 to 2011-12**

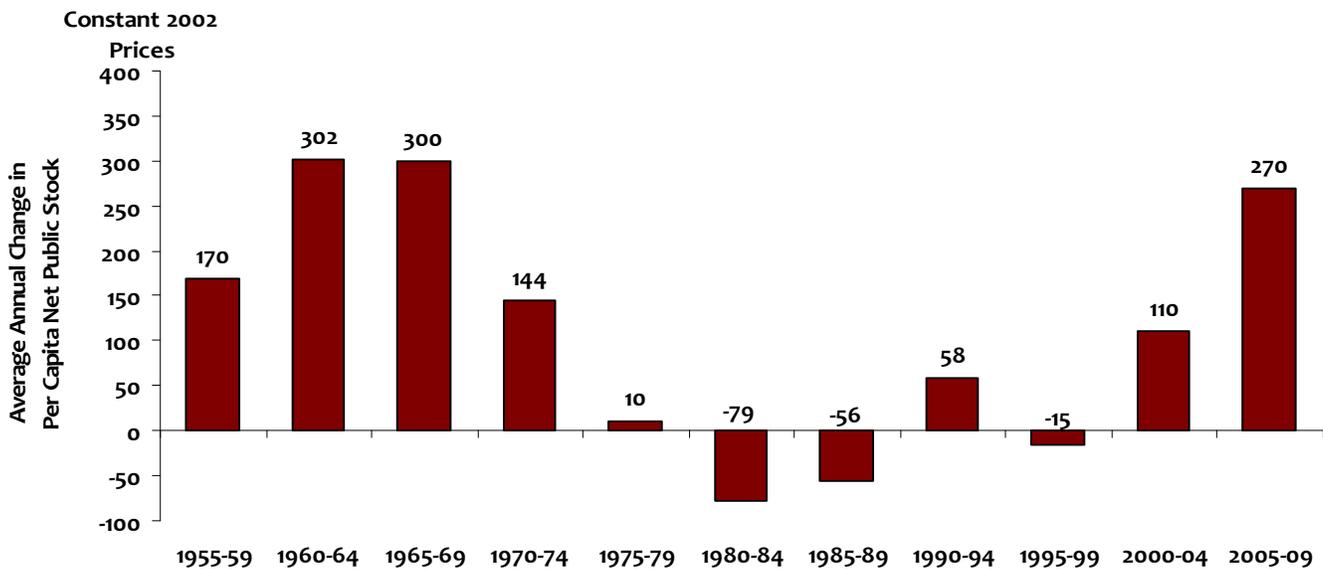


\* Total Infrastructure Investment is net of third-party contributions

Note: Starting in 2002-03, Infrastructure Investments include the cost of tangible capital assets acquired by consolidated government organizations. Starting in 2005-06, the provincial reporting entity was expanded to include colleges, school boards, and hospitals.

Source: Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure

**Figure Two: A Generational Commitment to Ontario's Infrastructure**



Sources: Statistics Canada and Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure

### **Interest Arbitration**

#### **Will your party agree to change the rules of arbitration and make arbitration settlements more affordable to communities?**

Ontario Liberals respect the collective bargaining process.

If arbitration is required, after negotiations come to an impasse, the process must be strong, independent and impartial.

Arbitrators are required by legislation to consider the employer's ability to pay and the economic situation. Legislation also provides for time lines to conclude the arbitration and issue a decision.

### **The Future Of The OPG Lands**

#### **Will your party honour the commitment by the province to develop a shared vision for the OPG site as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding and continue to work with the City of Mississauga to redevelop Lakeview as visualized by the parties to the MOU, the citizens of Mississauga, the landowners, and the rest of Ontario?**

Yes. Ontario Liberals helped to develop and then signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) earlier this year. We will continue to be supportive of the MOU and look forward to working with both the City of Mississauga and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) as we develop a shared vision for the future of the OPG lands.

#### **Will your party continue to honour the existing post-secondary education funding commitment?**

Yes, Ontario Liberals will honour our post-secondary education funding commitment. We have proudly supported improving postsecondary education in Mississauga, and that commitment will not waver. Together we have worked hard to bring the very best resources and supports to Mississauga, expanding opportunities for its students and enhancing its campuses. We believe that investing in a strong, high-quality, affordable postsecondary education system is one of the best ways to create jobs and grow our economy.

Mississauga is home to world-class postsecondary schools, and we are helping them get even better. This September, the first 54 new medical school students will begin their education at University of Toronto (U of T) Mississauga as a result of our \$15-million investment. These are just some of the 7,000 new student spaces we have created at Sheridan College Mississauga and U of T Mississauga. We invested \$90 million to

renovate and upgrade the U of T Mississauga campus, and \$75 million to create the Sheridan College Mississauga campus. Just this past June, we invested over \$50 million in U of T Mississauga to renovate labs and create new space for students in chemistry, biology and other sciences. Our choices mean better services, opportunities, and investment in Mississauga.

We are also helping students in Mississauga impacted by the global recession. Over 2,000 people have participated in our Second Career program, upgrading their skills and preparing for new jobs. We are supporting adult learning and literacy centres, giving more Mississauga workers the chance to earn high school credits, and upgrade their computer or language training, so they can find better jobs.

The PCs and NDP cut student assistance, raised tuition and starved our postsecondary schools. Their cuts made education more expensive and harder to access. Tim Hudak will be forced to make deep cuts to postsecondary education to fill the \$14-billion hole in the PC platform, while Andrea Horwath barely mentioned education in the disappointing NDP platform.

Ontario Liberals believe what Mississauga families know: postsecondary education is an investment in the future and the key to future success for Mississauga families. Together, we will honour our commitments, and continue to expand access and opportunities for all.

**Will your party agree to the implementation of an air-zone management program with a pilot project in the Oakville-Clarkson area, and take action to see that they are fulfilled in the next provincial government mandate?**

Ontario Liberals are committed to improving air quality and are working in partnership with municipalities who want to achieve our goal. A major step to improve the air we breathe is the creation of the Air Quality Management System, a national approach for reducing air pollution. Air zone management is a component of this initiative and we are pleased that we will be actively working with the City of Mississauga to develop a pilot project focused on air zone management in the Oakville-Clarkson area, as announced on Wednesday, August 17. We are pleased to have the City of Mississauga as a partner and, as this innovative work progresses, the pilot project will guide work both provincially and nationally.

**Will your party ensure a full Environmental Assessment is conducted on the Greenfield South Power plant proposal? Will you as a Provincial candidate oppose the construction of the Greenfield South power plant?**

Ontario Liberals are strongly committed to protecting the health of Ontarians and improving air quality through the introduction of clean energy projects. We have been

phasing out coal-fired generation across the province and, specific to Mississauga, the Lakeview Generating Station, the single-biggest source of air pollution in the Greater Toronto Area, was shut down in 2005. In addition to helping clean the air and protecting the health of Ontarians, phasing out coal-fired generation reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change. In addition, Ontario Liberals have introduced 68 new air standards since 2003 and strengthened the Drive Clean Program, helping reduce emissions from transportation.

We understand there are concerns in the community about the distance and height of buildings that have been constructed since the original approvals were given for the Greenfield South Power Plant. Ontario Liberals are committed to ensuring that Ontarians' health is protected: all facilities must meet our tough standards for air emissions.