



An open letter to all federal party leaders from the Mayor of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie

Mississauga Matters!

As the 6th largest city in Canada with a population approaching 800,000, Mississauga is quickly becoming a city in demand. At the same time, we continue to face growing challenges and pressures to deliver services to our residents - the same people we all serve.

Mississauga needs a committed federal government partner to provide consistent, predictable, direct and long-term funding to allow us to continue building Mississauga into a world-class city.

Our City government in Mississauga delivers over 300 services, from snow removal and leaf pick-up; to libraries and community centre programming; to road maintenance and transit service; to fire and emergency services. As a City, we can only collect property taxes and user fees to deliver the services residents expect. We are the closest to the people and see firsthand the effects of funding decisions made by other levels of government. It's imperative we have a federal partner who is committed to investing in our City and our community. We cannot do it alone.

We cannot cut our way to prosperity.

We need the federal government to continue to make permanent, direct and allocation-based investments to help us build and maintain community centres, roads, bridges, parks, trails, bike lanes and everything else that makes Mississauga a great place to live. Mississauga requires predictable, long-term funding for critical infrastructure if we are going to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

City-building is nation building.

Mississauga needs a federal partner to make significant investments in our local and regional transit systems, such as all-day two-way service on Mississauga GO Transit corridors, restoring the Hurontario LRT downtown loop, and rapid transit projects along the Dundas and Lakeshore corridors – to allow us to break gridlock and congestion and get people and businesses moving.

We need a federal government to continue to make investments to support the businesses hardest hit throughout repeated shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the peak of the pandemic, 66,000 jobs were lost in Mississauga, and while the federal government provided support to keep businesses and workers afloat, ongoing investments and programs will be needed to ensure we recover quickly and build back better. This includes the hardest-hit sectors like our small businesses, aerospace industry, and tourism, arts, and culture.

Finally, we are building a City that everyone can call home; where everyone has an opportunity to live and work. As housing prices continue to skyrocket, we need a federal government who will work to address housing affordability and ensure people have safe, affordable homes to live, to start their families and their careers.

Do you share our priorities?

Attached is a questionnaire about Mississauga's priorities. I would appreciate you taking the time to provide responses about how you would work with Mississauga, should you and your party form government on September 20th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Crombie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bonnie Crombie
Mayor, City of Mississauga

The City of Mississauga seeks responses to the following questions that align with Mississauga's priority issues. Please answer the following three questions in no more than 250 words per question. Answers will be posted publicly at www.mississaugamatters.ca

I. Connected, Seamless, Rapid Public Transit

- Will you and your party commit to investing in Mississauga's priority transit projects such as all-day, two-way GO Transit service on the Milton corridor?
- Will you work with cities like Mississauga to develop long-term, sustainable funding streams for transit so Mississauga can afford to build a world-class, low-carbon city?
- Will you and your party commit to funding municipal transit systems directly, both from an operating and capital perspective?
- Will you commit to maintaining and enhancing the payments made to cities through the Building Canada Fund (formerly the Federal Gas Tax)?
- Will you and your party honour the commitment to invest \$14.9B in public transit infrastructure over the next eight years, including \$3 billion in permanent, annual municipal transit funding starting in 2026?

II. Sustainable and Green Infrastructure

- Do you and your party commit to developing long-term, predictable, and sustainable funding programs from the federal government to specifically fund the building and maintenance of municipal infrastructure such as storm water management systems, park development, and low impact developments?
- Will your party commit to addressing the growing concerns presented by climate change and investing in sustainable and green infrastructure? If so, what is your plan? If not, why do you not have a plan to address climate change?

III. Affordable, Middle-Class Housing

- Will you and your party take actions to make housing more affordable for all Canadians?

- Will your federal government commit to remaining in the affordable housing business and help communities build the housing stock necessary to remain affordable, competitive, and low carbon?

IV. Business and Community Support

- Do you and your party commit to investing in a pandemic recovery plan that provides ongoing investments and programs that lead to prosperity for all? If so, please elaborate on the details of these programs.
- Do you and your party commit to investing in social infrastructure so that our businesses and community can build back better than before the pandemic? If so, how?
- Will you and your party commit to investing in the recovery of small businesses that have been hit hardest throughout the pandemic?
- Do you and your party commit to taking immediate action to restore and re-activate the tourism, and arts and culture sectors in Canada, and if so, how?