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Dear Mayor Crombie,

Yes, Mississauga matters!

Thank you for writing to me and the other federal party leaders on behalf of the residents of Mississauga about the City's priorities in the federal election.

With Canada's Recovery Plan, Canada's Conservative's have a plan to secure the future for Mississauga and communities across the country.

A Conservative government will:

- Secure jobs by recovering the one million jobs lost during the pandemic in one year.
- Secure accountability by enacting a new anti-corruption law to clean up the mess in Ottawa.
- Secure mental health by delivering our Canada Mental Health Action Plan.
- Secure the country by building capacity here at home to handle any future pandemics or crises.
- Secure our economy by balancing the budget over the next decade.

As the Conservative candidate for Durham, I know the unique challenges facing communities in southwestern Ontario.

Canada's Conservatives understand the significant role that large urban municipalities like Mississauga play in the lives of millions of Canadians. As Prime Minister, I will pursue mutually beneficial partnerships, where the voices of municipalities are highly respected and heard.

We will also help small businesses bounce back after the pandemic and make sure main streets from coast to coast to coast thrive once again.

And we have a detailed plan to address the affordable housing crisis by building one million homes in the next three years.

We will secure the future for all Canadians.

Enclosed, you will find my responses to your questionnaire. Thank you for considering our plan and sharing it with your residents.



Hon. Erin O'Toole  
Leader of Canada's Conservatives

## **Response the Questionnaire from the City of Mississauga**

### Connected, Seamless, Rapid Public Transit

Canada's Conservatives are committed to improving public transit in cities across the country, including Mississauga.

With Canada's Recovery Plan, we will make investments in public transit projects that will put Canadians to work, cut commute times, and clean up the environment.

We will deliver the projects that have been committed to by the current government, including the Ontario GO expansion and the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension as part of Ontario's GTA transit plan. We will also go further by returning to the successful model of working in partnership with provinces, municipalities, and First Nations to encourage the use of public-private partnerships.

We are also committed to the Canada Community-Building Fund, which helps communities across the country build the infrastructure they need, from public transit to recreation centres to highways. It was the previous Conservative government that made this program permanent and doubled its annual funding allotment.

We believe the current government spent too much time announcing and re-announcing the money it planned to spend but has failed to get money out the door and shovels in the ground quickly enough.

A Conservative government will reduce bureaucratic red tape in the application process for municipalities, so money can get out the door faster to where it's needed.

It's time to put Canadians to work and start delivering important public transit projects for the residents of Mississauga and for communities across the country.

### Sustainable and Green Infrastructure

Canada's Conservatives have a detailed plan to build infrastructure, get our economy moving, and tackle climate change.

Canada's Recovery Plan will help municipalities like Mississauga move forward with greener transit options and will invest in projects that will reduce commute times and lower emissions.

Our comprehensive plan to tackle climate change includes introducing a zero-emission vehicle mandate based on British Columbia's, requiring 30 per cent of light duty vehicles sold to be zero emissions by 2030. We will also invest in transmission infrastructure to bring clean energy to where it's needed and ensure the electricity grid can support the necessary growth in electric vehicles (EV), as well as work with provinces, territories, and municipalities to encourage the inclusion of a minimum number of EV charging spaces for new developments.

Our plan further includes a Clean Buildings Plan, investments in green technologies like Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage, initiatives to lower industrial emissions, and a Personal Low Carbon Savings Account to help individual Canadians reduce their carbon footprint, and much more.

Navius Research independently reviewed the Conservative climate plan and found that it would be expected to achieve substantially the same emissions reductions by 2030 as the current government's plan to meet Canada's Paris commitment, while resulting in a boost to jobs and the economy.

The Conservative plan will get Canada's economy back on track, while building the green infrastructure we need to secure the future.

### Affordable Middle Class Housing

Affording a home - to rent, let alone to buy - is slipping out of reach for Canadians across our country, and this is particularly true in Mississauga.

The primary cause is that supply simply isn't keeping up with demand. Governments have not let Canadians build enough housing to keep up with our growing population. We need action - from all levels of government.

Canada's Conservatives have a plan to make housing more affordable. We will treat this like the crisis it is. We will get shovels in the ground and build enough housing to get ahead of population growth.

With Canada's Recovery Plan, we will swiftly address housing supply by building one million homes in the next three years. We will accomplish this by working with provinces and municipalities to build more housing near transit and releasing 15 per cent of the federal government's real estate portfolio for housing.

We will also ensure that Canadians can afford the housing that we do have by keeping out foreign speculators, corruption, and laundered money that force up prices. Instead, we will redirect foreign investment towards purpose-built rental housing to help more Canadians find affordable housing.

To make mortgages more affordable, we will encourage a new market in seven- to ten-year mortgages to provide stability both for first-time home buyers and lenders and fix the mortgage stress test.

Our plan will ensure more Canadians can afford a home.

## Business and Community Support

Canada's Conservatives will secure jobs and help businesses get back on their feet. .

Our detailed plan to get Canadians back to work includes four major initiatives to create jobs:

- Canada Job Surge Plan: paying up to 50 per cent of the salary of new hires for six months following the end of the federal wage subsidy.
- Canada Investment Accelerator: getting companies spending money and creating jobs by providing a five per cent investment tax credit for any capital investment made in 2022 and 2023, with the first \$25,000 to be refundable for small businesses.
- Rebuild Main Street Tax Credit: providing a 25 per cent tax credit on amounts of up to \$100,000 that Canadians personally invest in a small business over the next two years, to get money flowing into main street businesses and create jobs.
- Main Street Business Loan: providing loans of up to \$200,000 to help small and medium businesses in hospitality, retail, and tourism get back on their feet, with up to 25% forgiven

To support the hard-hit tourism and hospitality sectors, we will:

- Introduce a Dine and Discover Program that will pump \$1 billion into this sector and will encourage residents to support local restaurants.
- Launch the Explore and Support Canada initiative, which provide a 15 per cent tax credit to incentivize Canadians to vacation in Canada in 2022.

Canada's Conservatives have a comprehensive plan to get the economy firing on all cylinders, in every sector, and every region of the country, including in Mississauga.