

Connected, Seamless, Rapid Public Transit

Will you and your party commit to maintain and enhance the investments in transit in Mississauga? Will you provide direct funding on an allocation basis to Mississauga to build local and rapid transit in our City?

Our party recognizes the importance of investing in public transit. These investments lead to reduced travel times, reduced pollution and a growing economy. That's why we've made the largest transit investments in Canadian history in the last four years.

We want to give cities the predictable funding they need to plan for the future of public transit. That is why we will make permanent the federal commitment to fund transit projects. In addition, we will ensure that this funding follows the gradual increase in construction costs over time. This will result in a stable and predictable funding of an additional \$3 billion per year to meet our cities' transit needs, in addition to transfers from the federal Gas Tax Fund.

As our record shows, we have already helped to fund over \$58 million in Mississauga public transit projects – for new buses, among other upgrades – and we have committed to invest \$752 million to help build the GO Regional Express Kitchener corridor, which will serve many Mississaugans.

Sustainable 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?

Years of federal cuts to essential services like transit and social housing meant that your cities were ready for some much-needed upgrades. From helping to reduce traffic, keeping our families safe, and addressing the challenges of climate change, our investments in infrastructure are setting communities up for success. We invested in cleaner and safer water for Canadians and a healthier environment by funding more than 2,800 water and wastewater management projects, building or renovating more than 174,000 affordable housing units to call home.

Some provincial governments have been delaying vital local infrastructure projects that would make life better for Canadians. That is why, through Budget 2019, we're investing an additional \$2.2 billion to make sure that infrastructure funding gets into the hands of the people willing and able to get projects done—our local and municipal governments. Some politicians may try and stand in the way, but our Liberal government will continue to stand up for the communities that make Canada strong.

For Mississauga, this means an additional \$22.7 million this year, while the Peel region overall received an additional one-time contribution of \$42 million to support municipal infrastructure projects.

Will you commit to providing permanent, direct funding to municipalities, similar to the one-time doubling of the Federal Gas Tax?

Over the past four years, we have made concrete progress in advancing the infrastructure projects that communities across the country need. More than 48,000 projects have been approved under the Invest in Canada plan, the vast majority of which are already underway.

These projects create good jobs for the middle class and make our communities great places to live.

To ensure that the infrastructure that people and communities need is built, we will require all provinces and territories to define and approve all of their long-term priority projects in this area. Infrastructure over the next two years. Funds not allocated to specific projects by the end of 2021 will be reinvested directly in communities through a supplement to the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

Affordable, Middle-Class Housing

Do you and your party commit to a National Housing Strategy and to maintaining and enhancing the \$40 billion commitment to build affordable housing across Canada, including in Mississauga?

Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. Our government has been investing in housing that puts people first, helps build stronger communities, creates jobs, and supports the local economy. We launched Canada's very first National Housing Strategy – a once-in-a-generation \$55 billion investment to fight homelessness and improve access to housing across the country. While the Harper government cut funding and ignored affordable housing for years, our government has made the most investments in housing in Canadian history.

Thanks to the first-ever National Housing Strategy, our Government is providing more Canadians with a safe, accessible, affordable place to call home. Through Canada-Ontario bilateral agreements on housing, more than \$4.2 billion will be invested in protecting, renewing and expanding Ontario's affordable housing over the next decade. We've demonstrated our commitment to giving more Canadians a place to call home, and we expect the Ford Government to do the same.

Housing affordability isn't the only challenge for residents in Peel; the other issue is availability. In our 2019 budget, we committed to invest an additional \$10 billion over 9 years in the Rental Construction Initiative, which is predicted to build 42,500 new units across Canada, particularly in low rental supply areas such as Peel region. If re-elected we will also stand by our commitment to launch a new Housing Supply Challenge with municipalities and other partners to come up with new solutions to address housing shortages.

Strengthening the Federal-Municipal relationship

Do you and your party commit to working with the City of Mississauga and other municipalities on a new funding framework for municipalities that includes permanent and direct funding?

Across the country, we've seen how municipalities have been left out of conversations that directly affect them. We've seen provinces cut services without talking to you – services you

have to deliver. In some cases, politicians have gone out of their way to block federal funding that was promised to your communities – just to score political points.

With the effect of climate change on our communities, it becomes even more important for you to be able to rely on the federal government in times of crisis. Canadians expect all three levels of government to work together to improve their lives and meet the challenges facing their communities. We are the only ones with a real plan to combat climate change, with specific targets and concrete measures to achieve them.

Rather than relinquishing our responsibility to help our communities adapt to our changing climate, my government is proud to work with you to make your towns and villages greener and more resilient. Our latest budget includes a \$1 billion investment in FCM to help your communities increase the energy efficiency of residential buildings and businesses. In 2016, the \$2 billion Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund was also set up. These funds help you deal with things like disruption of essential services, disruptions to the local economy, and high restoration and replacement costs.