



Mississauga Matters

PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2022

FUNDING FOR CITIES

Mississauga's quality of life depends on services such as transit, winter maintenance and community programs. Keeping roads and other infrastructure in a state of good repair is also critical to our city's well-being.

We need a dedicated provincial partner to provide ongoing Safe Restart funding to help municipalities recover from the operating pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sustainable infrastructure funding is also required for municipalities to build modern communities.

THE PROBLEM

Mississauga must continue to provide services despite declining revenues due to COVID-19. Ontario has faced the most extensive public health measures in North America. These lockdowns have affected municipal revenues by decreasing transit ridership (fares), air travel (Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILTs) paid by the airport) and program enrollment (fees from Recreation and Culture programs).

After significant advocacy, the provincial and federal governments developed the Safe Restart Program. This provided funding to Ontario municipalities to offset revenue losses and ensure they could continue to provide critical services.

Under the Safe Restart Program, the City of Mississauga received \$141.5 million to offset operating shortfalls. We need a committed provincial partner who will continue to invest in cities, while we continue to recover from the pandemic and deliver vital community services.

THE SOLUTION

It is important that the next provincial government commits to continuing the Safe Restart Program.

This program is a good example of governments working together to support municipal service delivery. While the provincial and federal governments have traditionally focused on capital investments, COVID-19 has underscored the need for ongoing investments in municipal service delivery and operation. By extending the funding program, our city can continue to deliver the vital services residents rely on every day.

THE PROBLEM

In 2022, Mississauga has an estimated \$13.6 billion worth of infrastructure assets, including \$3.1 billion in roads, \$5.3 billion in stormwater systems and \$973 million in bridges.

Mississauga receives only nine cents of every tax dollar collected by governments in Canada. At the same time, we are responsible for 60 cents of every dollar spent on infrastructure. The math does not add up.

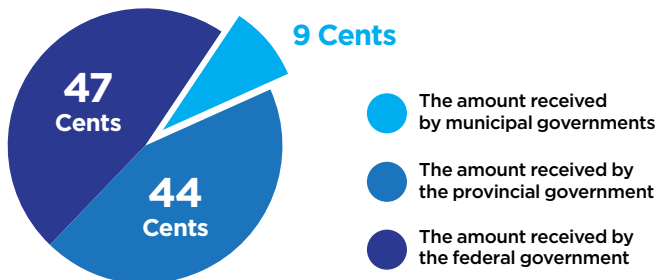
The City's current funding does not fully support all capital requirements, but balances the need to maintain our infrastructure, fund new projects as required and minimize debt. As a result, the condition of some of our assets is starting to decline and will require increased investment the longer they are allowed to deteriorate.

With an average annual infrastructure gap of approximately \$40-45 million, the City continues to struggle with funding shortfalls. Mississauga has managed well due to our financial strength and the policies and practices Council have adopted over the years, such as the implementation of an infrastructure levy.

While the two per cent infrastructure and debt repayment levy assists, we need additional funding from other levels of government.

THE SOLUTION

We cannot maintain or grow the city's infrastructure on the local tax bill alone. We ask the next provincial government to provide long-term, predictable and sustainable funding for infrastructure renewal projects, in order to continue to build Mississauga into a world-class city.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Get engaged and informed and vote on **June 2, 2022**. Vote for a candidate who will work with us to provide predictable, long-term funding for our cities.



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