



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

Mississauga Matters!

As the third largest city in Ontario 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.

Like all 444 municipalities in Ontario, Mississauga needs a committed and cooperative partner at Queen's Park to provide consistent, predictable, direct and long-term funding, and the legislative authority to allow us to continue building Mississauga into a world-class city.

In Mississauga, we deliver 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 first-hand the effects of funding decisions made by other levels of government.

We must work together to build an affordable and prosperous Ontario.

That is why Mississauga needs the next provincial government to partner with us to tackle the housing affordability crisis. We need the province to make the necessary investments and changes to legislation that will have the biggest impact. We need a provincial government that respects public consultation and local input so that we can preserve our neighbourhoods and build the right supply of housing. This way we can ensure that Mississauga remains affordable so that all people can live and work here.

We need the provincial government to continue to make permanent, direct and allocation based investments in our infrastructure 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. Cities own sixty per cent of all infrastructure and require predictable, long-term funding to maintain those assets in a state of good repair and deliver the services residents depend on.

Mississauga needs a provincial partner to make significant investments in our local and regional transit systems, such as building the downtown loop and implementing all-day, two-way service on the Milton corridor- to allow us to break gridlock, relieve congestion, and get people and businesses moving.

In addition, we need an active and engaged provincial partner to make investments that support the businesses hardest hit throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to work together to build back better; and adopt an inclusive, whole community approach that leaves no one behind.

Do you share our priorities?

Attached is a questionnaire. I would appreciate you taking the time to answer questions about how you would work with Mississauga, should you and your party form government

on June 2nd. Responses can be submitted to mayor@mississauga.ca I look forward to hearing from you and discussing how we can work together to move Mississauga forward should your party form government.

Sincerely,



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. Housing Affordability

- Will you and your party commit to build complete communities as well as respect the importance of local input and municipal decision-making? If so, please elaborate on your plan.
- Will you commit to permitting Inclusionary Zoning everywhere the market can support it (e.g. large greyfield sites) and permit cash-in-lieu of inclusionary zoning?
- Will your party commit to leveraging provincially-owned land by requiring a **minimum of 20 per cent** affordable units be built when selling surplus land to developers?
- Will you actively discourage investor-owned residential real estate by implementing a capital gains tax (excluding principal residences) and improve the Provincial Non-resident Speculation Tax?

II. Invest in Public Transit

- Will you and your party commit to investing in priority transit projects such as restoring the Downtown Loop to the Hurontario LRT?
- The Milton GO line is the second busiest in the GTA. We need all-day, two-way service immediately. The federal government has already committed up to \$50 million. Will your party commit to investing the remaining project costs to make all-day, two way service on the Milton corridor a reality?

III. Funding for Cities

- Will you and your party commit to help municipalities recover from the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing the Safe Restart funding to ensure the operation and delivery of critical municipal services?
- Do you and your party commit to developing long-term, predictable, and sustainable funding programs from the provincial government to specifically fund the building and maintenance of municipal infrastructure?

IV. Targeted Supports for the Local Economy

- Will you and your party invest in local business innovation and competitiveness by extending the funding for the Digital Main Street program recipients (up to 3 years) to support service continuity and retain skilled business advisors?
- Will your party expand existing programs to support small and medium sized businesses in assessing and adopting advanced and sustainable technologies? Please explain.
- Will you and your party invest in talent development and access by expanding and funding programs that foster collaboration between education and training institutions and industry stakeholders to develop flexible, demand-driven education and training programs for small and medium sized businesses?
- Will your party commit to developing dedicated funding streams that address the gaps experienced by small and medium sized businesses in accessing workforce development supports and resources?
- Will you and your party build upon existing provincial incentives for businesses to provide work opportunities for persons facing challenges to employment, including new graduates, long-term unemployed, newcomers and persons with disabilities?

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