

## Mississauga Survey – Liberal Response

### **Connected, Seamless, Rapid Public Transit**

- Will you and your party fully commit to maintaining the \$1.4 billion that has already been committed to build the Hurontario LRT?

Yes, Ontario Liberals are fully committed to building the Hurontario LRT. We look forward to seeing the transformative project through to completion.

- Will you commit to increasing train service on the Milton GO corridor, including all-day, two-way service?

As part of our GO Regional Express Rail project, we are transforming the entire system to help people move around the GTHA even faster. As a result of our investment, the number of trips on the Milton line is projected to increase by up to 30 per cent over the next 5 years, giving the residents of Mississauga more flexibility in their commutes.

- The doubling of the Provincial Gas Tax by 2022 has been committed to by the current government. Does your party support this commitment and to developing other revenue sharing programs like the Gas Tax to provide municipalities with the funding and tools to build transit?

Yes, Ontario Liberals are fully committed to the doubling of the Gas Tax. We will work with municipalities to ensure that we continue to build vital infrastructure.

### **Sustainable Infrastructure**

- Do you commit to developing long-term, predictable, and sustainable funding programs from the provincial government to specifically fund the building and maintenance of municipal infrastructure?

Yes, we are committed to ensuring that our unprecedented infrastructure investments deliver for everyone in Ontario. We have a responsibility to build the critical public infrastructure our province needs to maintain a strong economy and high standard of living.

Our track record speaks for itself - we are already making the largest infrastructure investment in Ontario's history: \$230 billion over 14 years.

In March, Ontario and Canada signed an agreement that will bring \$11.8 billion in federal funding to Ontario over the next ten years.

Our commitment to match that amount with \$10 billion of our own includes significant investments in public transit, green, rural and northern, and recreational infrastructure. This joint funding will support faster commute times, cleaner air and water, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, roads and bridges, and enhanced recreational facilities.

We look forward to working closely with the federal government and our municipal partners on the design details of this next phase of funding.

Further, we are continuing our investment in the Clean Water and Waste Water Fund which helps accelerate short-term community investments, while supporting the rehabilitation and modernization of drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure, and the planning and design of future facilities and upgrades to existing systems. This investment, coupled with our gas tax increase, are two of the additional ways that Ontario Liberals are helping build more municipal infrastructure across the province.

- Will you commit to working with municipalities like Mississauga to develop new revenue tools to help us fund our capital infrastructure needs and provide us with greater autonomy to make our own decisions?

Yes, we can commit to working with municipalities such as Mississauga to ensure that long-term, predictable, and sustainable funding options exist for capital infrastructure projects.

### **Affordable, Middle-Class Housing**

- Does your party commit to working with the City of Mississauga to provide us with the tools and funding we need to incentivize the building of affordable, middle-class housing?

Yes, Ontario Liberals are committed to working with municipalities to help increase the stock of affordable, middle-class housing.

One of the core objectives of our Fair Housing Plan was increasing housing supply. To do this, we:

- unlocked provincial land to create over 2,000 new purpose-built rental housing units, including affordable and family-sized rental housing;

- created a housing delivery group to work with municipalities, developers, and other interested parties to bring specific new housing developments to market faster;
- established a development approval roundtable to look at ways to improve the approval process and bring more housing to market; and
- committed to encouraging the construction of new purpose-built rental housing through a development charges rebate program and ensuring that property tax for new multi-residential apartment buildings is charged at a similar rate as other residential properties

We will continue to work with our partners to find ways to build more affordable,

### **Legislative Changes**

- Legislation passed by the provincial government often has an impact on municipal budgets. In particular, does your party commit to reviewing legislation related to interest arbitration and joint and several liability, as well as to reviewing the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILTs) formula, along with other legislation that places an undue financial burden on municipalities?

We are committed to working with municipalities on all relevant pieces of legislation to ensure that the interests of municipalities are well represented.