



RESOLUTION 0054-2014  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on April 2, 2014

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0054-2014 Moved by: Chris Fonseca Seconded by: Pat Mullin

WHEREAS, Canadian municipalities are taking action to attract investment, talent and jobs to protect and improve the quality of life of Canadians;

AND WHEREAS, two key impediments to maintaining a good quality of life are the shortage of affordable housing and aging transportation systems;

AND WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Big City Mayors Caucus issued a call to provincial, territorial and federal governments on February 26, 2014 to take decisive active to build strong municipalities by partnering with cities to fix the affordable housing shortage and improve aging transportation systems;

AND WHEREAS, the high cost of housing is an urgent financial issue with mortgage debt in Canada over \$1.1 trillion, forcing Canadians deeper in debt and pushing the most vulnerable onto the street;

AND WHEREAS, unlike other provinces and territories Ontario's municipalities have been downloaded the responsibility for affordable housing which is not sustainable on the property tax base;

AND WHEREAS, existing federal social housing investments worth \$1.7 billion annually are being withdrawn and will expire;

AND WHEREAS, our community has housing needs that can only be met through long-term planning and investment made possible by strong government leadership of all orders of government;

AND WHEREAS, the transportation infrastructure deficit in Canada continues to grow and there is a severe lack of sustainable, predictable funding to build transportation infrastructure and maintain it in good repair;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Mississauga does not support the use of property tax and transit fares as revenue sources for the investment strategy proposed by Metrolinx;

AND WHEREAS, across Canada traffic congestion costs the economy \$10 billion in lost productivity each year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call for the federal and provincial governments to guarantee a majority of the Building Canada Fund be directed to local transportation municipal projects;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada develop a long-term housing plan for the 2015 federal budget;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, federal Minister of Finance, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister of Employment and Social Development (responsible for CMHC), Premier of Ontario, provincial Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Transportation, local MPs and MPPs, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried