

**1. Stage 2 LRT Provincial Funding Commitment**

The City of Ottawa, in partnership with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada, is currently procuring Stage2 of Light Rapid Transit, scheduled to begin construction in 2019. Stage 2 will bring LRT farther East, West and South. It will reduce commuting times for Ottawa residents and families, contribute to a long-term reduction in GHGs and support the City's economic diversification. Stage 2 procurement also includes the extension of the Trillium Line from South Keys to the Riverside South Town Center.

**1.a Does your party support the Province of Ontario honouring its \$1.2 Billion funding commitment to the City of Ottawa for the full build-out of Stage2?**

Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2.b Does your party support the Province of Ontario honouring its \$50 million funding commitment to the City of Ottawa for the extension of the Trillium Line from Bowesville to Riverside South Town Center.**

Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_we want to invest MASSIVELY in public transit, but make all highways in cities toll\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Province of Ontario Commitment to increase City's share of gas tax

In 2017, the Province of Ontario announced an increase in the Provincial share of gas tax to be shared with Ontario Cities. For every litre of gasoline sold, Ontario currently provides two cents to municipalities to help fund local public transit improvements. Beginning in 2019, Ontario will gradually increase the municipal share of gas tax funds up to a total of four cents per litre in 2021-22, as follows:

- 2.5 cents per litre in 2019-20
- 3.0 cents per litre in 2020-21
- 4.0 cents per litre in 2021-22

In 2021, the City of Ottawa's contribution is estimated to increase to \$73 million from \$36.5 million in 2018, an average funding increase of approx. \$12.2 million annually, over three years. The planned increase will allow the City to continue to invest in and fund much needed public transit needs.

**Does your party support honouring the Province of Ontario's commitment to increasing the municipal share of Provincial gas tax revenue, as outlined above?**

Yes \_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ I would move to have large cities have their tax base to fund their own projects. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Affordable Housing Funding Commitment

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario announced they have reached a bilateral agreement under the National Housing Strategy. The 10-year agreement will invest more than \$4.2 billion to protect, renew and expand social and community housing, and support Ontario's priorities related to housing repair, construction, and affordability. The governments of Canada and Ontario will also work together on the design and implementation of a new Canada Housing Benefit in Ontario. This new bilateral agreement will support long-term and predictable funding starting April 1, 2019.

**Does your party support honouring the Province of Ontario's commitment to the National Housing Strategy with a commitment to the successor program to the Investing in Affordable Housing Ontario Program?**

Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Does your party also support the continuation of the following two provincial programs recently announced:**

**(1) The Development Charges Rebate Program, where \$18.5M was committed over a 5 year period to support the development of new purpose-built rental housing in the private and not for profit sectors; and,**

Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) The provincial Home for Good Program, where, Ottawa was allocated a total of \$11.3M in operating funding and \$19M in capital funding for new supportive housing for people struggling with physical and mental health challenges.**

Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

we would go further and have a law that 20% of all new housing stock must be affordable housing.

#### 4. Supporting Long-Term Care

The Province of Ontario committed \$300 million over three years in new funding for long-term care, starting with \$50 million in 2018–19 to hire a registered nurse for every home, and setting a goal of increasing the provincial average to four hours of daily care per resident by 2022.

**Does your party support honouring the Province of Ontario’s commitment to fund more direct, one-on-one patient care for long-term care residents?**

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ **X** I do not know if this is the best way to improve this kind of care, so will have to wait until I learn more \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_we would add to that as focus on home care and be sure that the retirement home system is not dominated by for profit businesses but are community based so that they are also part of the long term care solution.

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## 5. Maintaining Uploading Agreements

The Province of Ontario began “uploading” approximately \$1.5 billion in social service costs in 2008. This program has been implemented and saved the City of Ottawa approximately \$25 million a year. I am sure you would agree that it makes more sense to fund provincially mandated social services for the larger and more diverse provincial revenue base than from the municipal property taxes.

Do you personally agree that the Province of Ontario should maintain the uploading program?

Yes  No

Does your political party commit to maintaining the uploading program?

Yes  No

Additional Comments:  we think in reverse, programs that are local should have the local government have the ability to tax and raise funds to pay for them, as most cities in Europe do.

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## 6. Traditional Infrastructure

Residents understand that the last seven years have seen the Province focus more heavily on transit infrastructure – which required a massive catch-up effort. Today, residents are asking us to shift some of that focus to our other built infrastructure needs. What we are hearing – at public meetings or in informal conversations - is the need to continue to do more about the state of our roads, infrastructure, buildings and parks.

The infrastructure gap is a significant challenge for municipalities nation-wide. For every \$1 billion dollar invested in new infrastructure, 10,000 person years of employment will be generated in Ottawa, including 5,500 new jobs in the construction sector.

**Will your party consult with Ontario municipalities on the need to establish a traditional infrastructure program for roads, bridges, highways, pedestrian and cycling facilities?**

Yes  No  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_our focus will be on public transport and in cities have highways as toll highways. I personally, as an engineer, think there should be a mandated % of funds set aside every year to avoid infrastructure gaps so we are always up do date on the required investments. This does mean urban sprawl has to stop – it is not affordable in terms of infrastructure costs. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your responses, either by mail, email or fax to my office by May 31, 2018:

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