

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
April 5, 2023



### **Regional Committee**

**Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee | Thursday, 6 April 2023 @ 9:30 AM**

*The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM.*



### March 31, 2023: Funding for Long-Term Care in Brampton

- Announced \$1,031,899 through the *Local Priorities Fund* for six projects in Brampton to help seniors with complex medical needs like dementia and bariatric care connect to specialized care and supports in their long-term care home.
- The projects in Brampton long-term homes that are receiving funding are:
  - \$580,124 to *Peel Manor* for a new, 26-bed Behavioural Specialized Unit, to support people with more complex responsive behaviours associated with conditions like dementia;
  - \$110,784 to *Peel Manor* for bariatric, diagnostic and other specialized equipment;
  - \$170,466 to *The Village of Sandalwood Park* for bariatric and diagnostic equipment;
  - \$109,884 to *Tall Pines* for bariatric, diagnostic and other specialized equipment;
  - \$39,167 to *William Osler Health System* and long-term care homes in the community for the expansion of nurse-led outreach teams;
  - \$21,474 to *Burton Manor* long-term care home for bariatric and diagnostic equipment.

### Housing: National Housing Co-Investment Fund

Intention to support the reallocation of funding from the *National Housing Co-Investment Fund's* repair stream to its new construction stream, as needed, to boost the construction of new affordable homes for the Canadians who need them most.

*\*Not a new funding – amount to be re-allocated is not specified.*

### Regional Development Agencies

\$108 million over 3 years, on a cash basis, starting in 2023-24, to the Regional Development Agencies to support communities, small businesses, and non-profit organizations in developing local projects and events.

### Tourism: *Destination Canada*

\$50 million over 3 years, on a cash basis, starting in 2023-24, to Destination Canada to attract major international conventions, conferences, and events to Canada.

### Lowering Credit Card Transaction Fees for Small Businesses

Secured commitments from Visa and MasterCard to lower fees for small businesses resulting in most cases in interchange fees reduced by up to 27% from the existing weighted average rate, with expected savings for eligible small businesses of approximately \$1 billion/ 5 years.





### **Budget 2023: A Made-in-Canada Plan: Strong Middle Class, Affordable Economy, Healthy Future.**

- Projected deficits of \$43 billion for fiscal 2022–23, \$40.1 billion for fiscal 2023–24, with reduced deficits for each of the next four years.
- The real GDP growth is projected to decelerate from 3.4% in 2022 to 0.3% in 2023, to rebound to 1.5% in 2024.
- The overall public debt as a percentage of GDP is projected to be 43.5% of GDP in 2023-24 before declining gradually to 38.6% by 2027-28.





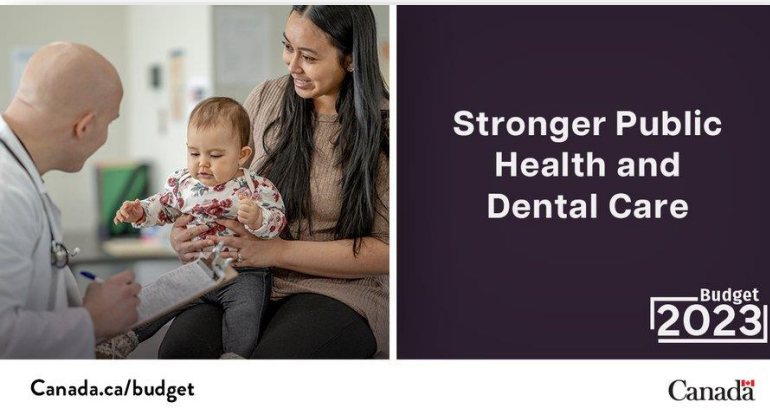
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### Making Life More Affordable

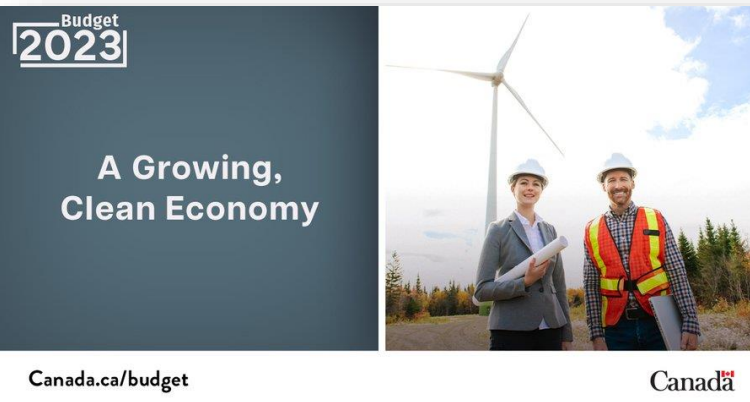
- **New Grocery Rebate** for a targeted inflation relief for 11 million low and modest income Canadians and families, with up to an extra \$467 for eligible couples with two children; an extra \$234 for single Canadians without children; and an extra \$225 for seniors, on average.
- Increasing the Canada Student Grants and raising the interest-free Canada Student Loan limit for the school year starting August 1, 2023.
- Launching the new **Tax-Free First Home Savings Account** on April 1, 2023 (announced in Budget 2022).
- Cracking down on predatory lending by lowering the criminal rate of interest.
- Lowering credit card transaction fees for small businesses, while also protecting reward points for Canadians offered by Canada's large banks.
- Automatic tax filing for more low-income Canadians, to ensure they can easily file their tax returns in order to receive the benefits they are entitled to.



### Stronger Public Health & Dental Care

- \$198.3 billion to reduce backlogs, expand access to family health services and ensure provinces and territories provide the high quality and timely health care.
  - Includes \$46.2 billion in new funding to provinces and territories through new *Canada Health Transfer* measures, tailored bilateral agreements with each province and territory, and personal support worker wage support.
- \$13 billion/ 5 years, starting in 2023-24, and \$4.4 billion ongoing, to implement the **new Canadian Dental Care Plan** that will provide dental coverage for uninsured Canadians with annual family income of less than \$90,000, with no co-pays for families making under \$70,000, with coverage begin providing by the end of 2023.
- \$250 million/ 3 years, starting in 2025-26, and \$75 million ongoing, to establish an **Oral Health Access Fund** that will complement the Canadian Dental Care Plan by investing in targeted measures to address oral health gaps among vulnerable populations.
- \$359.2 million/ 5 years, starting in 2023-24, with \$5.7 million ongoing to support a renewed *Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy*.

### A Growing, Clean Economy



- **Clean Technology Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit:** a new refundable tax credit equal to 30% of the cost of investments in machinery and equipment used to manufacture or process key clean technologies, and extract, process, or recycle certain critical minerals essential to clean technology supply chains.
- **Clean Electricity Investment Tax Credit:** a new 15% refundable tax credit.
- **Clean Hydrogen Investment Tax Credit:** announced in the 2022 Fall Economic Statement, with the levels of support varying between 15 and 40% of eligible project costs.
- Expanding Eligibility for the **Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit.**
- \$10+ billion through Canada Infrastructure Bank's the Clean Power priority area, and at least \$10+ billion through its Green Infrastructure priority area.
- \$500 million/ 10 years to the *Strategic Innovation Fund* to attract and spur high-quality business investments to support the development and application of clean technologies in Canada.
- New labour requirements to ensure fair pay for workers at companies applying for the Clean Technology and Clean Hydrogen Investment Tax Credits.



## Homelessness


### Ending Homelessness Symposium

- When: May 3-4, 2023.
- Where: Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre
- **Deadline to register April 26, 2023**
- **Registration fee: \$550 + HST**

Open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations.

#### Conference Program (selective):

- What Ending Homelessness Means
- Housing Solutions for Homelessness
- Health Solutions for Homelessness
- Social Services Solutions for Homelessness
- What Municipalities Can Do to End Homelessness




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### Ending Homelessness

Provincial action on:



- deeply affordable housing
- income assistance
- mental health services
- Homelessness Prevention Program



We are experiencing a made-in-Ontario homelessness crisis

Today's crisis is due to decades of provincial indifference and underinvestment:

- income assistance programs
- deeply affordable housing supply
- mental health and addictions services



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### Update on the Presidency of FCM

On March 31, 2023, **FCM President Taneen Rudyk announced her intention to step back from her role** as president to seek the nomination for a seat in the Alberta provincial legislature.

- President Rudyk will take a leave of absence effective immediately while she seeks the nomination, and beyond through the provincial election if successful in securing the nomination.
- The FCM 1st Vice President, **Mayor of the Township of Gore, Scott Pearce will become *Acting President*.**
- If not elected an MLA in the Alberta general election, Ms. Rudyk can return from her leave of absence and would automatically return from her leave in the role of *Immediate Past President*.



THANK YOU!

