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# HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN TORONTO

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Davenport friends and neighbours: amis et voisins de Davenport:

I am a born and bred downtown Torontonian. I love this city. I grew up a block away from Honest Ed's, attended elementary school near Symington and Dupont, went to high school near Bay and Wellesley. I've lived in the city for most of my life. I care about it, and I'm proud to call Toronto my home.

So when I was elected in late 2015, with 24 other MPs, supporting the City of Toronto was a key priority. **In just over 8 years, our federal government has provided Toronto with \$5.59 billion in DIRECT federal funding not including the significant investments in public transit and housing—a total that is more than any other government in Canadian history.** The vast majority of the money continues to go to housing and transit, including investing in major bike infrastructure. We have also provided funding for asylum seekers and to support our most vulnerable. To contrast this to the last fiscal year of the Harper government, Toronto received just \$203 million in federal funding whereas in 2023-24 our government delivered \$1.86 billion in support. We are on track to invest \$2.3 billion in the upcoming fiscal year.

Many of you have written to me about ensuring **asylum seekers** arriving in our cities are supported by our federal government. **We indeed have stepped up.** There has been a

**tripling** of asylum seekers arriving in Toronto over the last year. While in the past all three levels of government shared the responsibility to support asylum seekers, in early February we announced a major investment of \$162 million to top up the \$97 million provided in July to support the City of Toronto to shelter those seeking asylum. Over the last 4 years we have provided \$386 million in supports for asylum seekers. At the press conference in early February with Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow, Deputy Prime Minister Freeland and Toronto MPs, including myself, **the Mayor thanked us for our partnership, for working together, and clearly stated that the federal government has "fully delivered for Toronto".**

As much as I'm proud of our federal government's investments in Toronto, I don't believe cities have the right funding model for sustainable long-term growth and planning. It's long past due to have a serious discussion about how to modernize the way cities are funded. One of the last things I told the Mayor in our most recent conversation was that I was ready to be a champion for the city at the federal level to find ways to start those discussions.

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DPM Freeland, Mayor Chow, Toronto MPs (including me) announcing even more funding to the City of Toronto



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# FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN TORONTO

The federal government has delivered for Toronto over the past 8 years providing more investments than any other federal government in Canadian history. Most funding has gone towards transit and housing along with supports for asylum seekers and other social programs. Some of the program funding is listed below, for a more complete list kindly visit my website under "Issues >> City of Toronto".

## STRENGTHENING TORONTO'S PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM

Effective, efficient and safe public transit gives Torontonians the freedom to pursue their goals, and take care of themselves.

That's why the federal government continues to be a reliable partner in many of Toronto's biggest transit and infrastructure projects. From electrifying TTC buses, to building new subway lines, to improving public transit infrastructure.

Through the infrastructure-focused Canada Community-Building Fund, we've also provided the City of Toronto with

\$166.6 million for 2021-22 and \$174.1 million for 2022-23. This funding can help Toronto support its infrastructure needs, from maintaining roads and highways to supporting recreation and tourism.

Since 2016, the federal government has invested **\$12.6 billion dollars across 89 different public transit projects** in the City of Toronto. We're working hard to ensure Torontonians have access to a strong, reliable transit system.

Here are some of the investments we've made in Toronto's public transit:

**\$1.9 BILLION**  
to build the **Eglinton Crosstown West Extension**  
Federal contribution is 40% of \$4.7 B total cost

**\$1.89 BILLION**  
to build the **GO Transit Expansion**  
Federal contribution is 50% of \$3.79 B total eligible cost

**\$2.24 BILLION**  
to build the **Yonge North Subway Extension**  
Federal contribution is 40% of \$5.6 B total cost

**\$442 MILLION**  
to purchase electric and refurbish **TTC Buses**  
Federal contribution is 44% of \$1 B total cost

**\$500 MILLION**  
to build the **Bloor-Yonge Station Capacity Expansion**  
Federal contribution is 30% of \$1.5 B total cost

**\$4.0 BILLION**  
to build the **Ontario Line**  
Federal contribution is 40% of \$10.1 B total eligible cost

**\$2.3 BILLION**  
to build the **Scarborough Subway Extension**  
Federal contribution is 40% of \$5.6 B total cost

**\$180 MILLION**  
to purchase more **TTC Streetcars**  
Federal contribution is 36% of estimated \$500 M total cost

Electric Bus: Can Pac Swire at flickr.com/photos/18378305@N00/49576134007

## SUPPORTING THE MOST VULNERABLE

Support for asylum seekers has typically been managed by all three levels of government. However, over the last few years there has been a threefold increase in the number of asylum seekers and because of this surge the federal government has taken the lead in support.

In the last year, we provided \$4.2 billion to support refugees and asylum seekers across the country. While some of this funding has been provided directly to the City of Toronto, we're also taking pressure off of Toronto's shelter system by helping other cities support refugees and asylum seekers.

To support asylum seekers, we provided Toronto with \$215.4 million in funding since 2017 through the Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP), to help temporarily house asylum claimants. And more support is coming. By extending IHAP into 2024, we're providing Toronto with \$259 million (\$162M + \$97M) to make those seeking refuge in Canada get the support they deserve.

Any instance of asylum seekers sleeping out in the cold is unacceptable. We will continue to work with all levels of government to develop long-term solutions and ensure asylum claimants are housed.

## BUILD MORE HOMES, FASTER IN TORONTO

Canada faces a housing crisis that has grown over more than 20 years, across several federal administrations. We know this puts a lot of pressure on people in Toronto. That's why housing is our number one priority.

Everyone deserves an affordable place to call home. With the \$82+ billion National Housing Strategy, we're building affordable homes and addressing homelessness in municipalities across Canada, including Toronto.

Through the Apartment Construction Loan Program, we invested \$2.3 billion to create 6041 apartment units, and through the Rapid Housing Initiative, we've provided \$403 million to Toronto—creating 1005 new homes.

For generations, housing co-operatives have offered quality, affordable housing to Canadians. In 2022, we made the largest investment in co-ops in 30 years and last year added another \$309 M in funding for more co-ops, along with removing the GST from new co-op rental housing.

In December, we reached an agreement with the City of Toronto that will provide \$471 million through the Housing Accelerator Fund. By cutting red tape and unlocking homes in high density areas, this agreement will fast-track nearly 12,000 new housing units over the next three years—and 53,000 homes over the next decade.