


# STRONGER TOGETHER: Local Strength, National Prosperity



Canada's strength has always come from within—from our people, our natural resources, our industries, and the communities that make up this country. But right now, Canadians are navigating deep uncertainty. A trade war with our closest neighbour and largest trading partner means it is time to have long overdue conversations about the future ahead.

**We have a vital choice. Do we keep reacting to crisis situations, or do we invest in what makes Canada strong and more resilient in the long-term?**

The answer starts in our communities - the engines of Canada's prosperity. It's time for a smarter, long-term approach, a **National Prosperity Partnership**, in which all orders of government work together to build a stronger Canada.

Now is the time to **strengthen the foundations of our nation by investing in local communities**. A new municipal fiscal framework would enable municipalities to contribute to national prosperity from coast to coast to coast.

With a National Prosperity Partnership that invests in local strength, we can:

- ▶ Support local economic growth and resilience.
- ▶ Invest in infrastructure renewal.
- ▶ Achieve housing affordability.
- ▶ End homelessness with local solutions.
- ▶ Keep communities safe.
- ▶ Reduce economic disruption through climate-resilient infrastructure.
- ▶ Support thriving rural, remote and northern communities.

We must strengthen our resilience by **reducing interprovincial trade barriers, investing in trade-enabling infrastructure like roads, highways, rail, airports and deep-sea ports, expanding broadband access and establishing national utilities corridors** so we can quickly build the infrastructure we need for a stronger Canada.

A modern National Prosperity Partnership will ensure municipalities—who create the conditions for economic growth—can build a stronger, more resilient Canada.

