**A more prosperous Canada, building stronger infrastructure**

Canadians are facing a crucial moment this federal election. As a country, we have a critical window to strengthen our economic resilience. Geopolitical vulnerabilities, interprovincial trade barriers, and deficits in housing and trade-enabling infrastructure highlight the urgent need for a stronger, more strategic national approach.

Reliable infrastructure is essential for Canadians and businesses alike. It enables commerce, unlocks trade opportunities, allows for the construction of new housing units, drives local job creation, boosts productivity, and ensures long-term prosperity. It is the backbone of our communities, supporting our economies, transportation, and housing.

While municipalities own more than 60 percent of Canada’s core public infrastructure, they only collect between eight and ten cents of every tax dollar to construct, rehabilitate and operate critical infrastructure. This is unsustainable.

Poor infrastructure reduces Canadians' quality of life by causing longer commutes, limited access to services, and higher costs. As a nation, we need to ensure that all communities receive a fair and more equitable share of existing tax dollars to strengthen our communities and ensure Canada’s competitiveness. We need a National Prosperity Partnership where all orders of government collaborate to advance municipal fiscal reform, invest in local resilience, and make our nation more economically robust.

In *[Municipality Name],* we see these gaps very clearly in *[insert individual municipality’s issues here].*

Investing in infrastructure means more than just repairing roads or upgrading water systems; it will enable businesses to thrive, unlock trade potential, create local jobs, boost productivity, and lay the groundwork for increased housing supply. With so many factors at hand, there are a few priorities we can focus on to make better use of existing taxpayer dollars and strengthen every aspect of our community.

*(optional for rural members)* Equally important to our national resilience is infrastructure in rural Canada. Rural communities are home to only 15 percent of our population yet manage about 35 percent of core infrastructure. By investing in rural, northern, and remote infrastructure, we can maximize Canada’s economic potential.

*(optional for urban members)* Equally important to our national resilience is robust public transit infrastructure in urban communities. While urban areas house a significant portion of our population, they face immense challenges with traffic congestion and commute times. By investing in frequent and reliable public transit, we can enhance the flow of goods and people, boost economic activity, and improve the quality of life in our cities and metro regions. This investment is crucial for supporting the overall infrastructure that underpins our national prosperity.

At a time when Canada must navigate economic uncertainty and global volatility, renewing infrastructure is essential. A modern fiscal framework will ensure sustainable funding for these critical projects, thereby supporting the nation's long-term prosperity.

We are stronger together.