

### Brampton Priorities – Liberal Response

### 1. How will you ensure that Brampton Transit receives its fair share of provincial funding and support?

Since day one, Ontario Liberals have been fighting for Brampton Transit as we have worked to build Ontario up through public transit projects. This includes over \$107 million in gas tax funding to support local transit priorities. We are committed to continuing to provide the City of Brampton with more opportunities to boost transit for riders, including our \$95 million investment in the Züm BRT project and the \$1.4 billion investment in the Hurontario LRT.

We have also signed an agreement with the federal government to provide up to \$192M in federal funding and \$158M in provincial funding to build the next generation of public transit in Brampton. We'll work with the City to decide what project(s) to nominate for funding. As part of this agreement, we have decided to fund rapid transit along the Queen Street corridor if the City chooses to move forwards with that project.

In addition we have committed to double gas tax funding for Municipal Transit from 2 cents per litre to 4 by 2021, which will increase annual funding to Brampton from about \$10 million per year to about \$20 million per year to support locally identified priorities.

## 2. How will you support planning and investment in Brampton's four mobility hubs and expedite Regional Express Rail service into Brampton?

We are moving forward with GO RER, which will significantly increase service for the residents of Brampton. Before full implementation, we continue to add service wherever possible. By 2024 commuters will see electrified two-way, all-day service. We recently added 223 more parking spaces to Mount Pleasant Go Station and a new kiss and ride, bike shelter and heated shelter. This is part of our ongoing commitment to building Brampton up through access to well-connected regional hubs.

As a result of our total investment, RER service on the Kitchener line will increase by more than 10 times compared to 2014 service levels.



### 3. How will you advocate for provincial support and funding to make the transformative Riverwalk project a reality?

We are already working with the Federal government to provide new funding for municipal upgrades and flood protection measures. This will support projects such as Riverwalk and will ensure that city can begin plans to revitalize the flood protection. Ontario Liberals know how important this is to the City of Brampton and I will continue to work with the municipality to get this going.

As part of the federal-provincial agreement, we are investing \$2.3 billion in green infrastructure projects, which is leveraging \$2.8B in federal funding for the same purpose.

Through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account, our Cap and Trade program also supports investments in green infrastructure. We will explore options to provide additional support for the Riverwalk project through Cap and Trade funds.

# 4. How will you support the City and other partners in developing skilled workforce of tomorrow, growing the University, and promoting business innovation?

Ontario Liberals are so proud to have worked to bring a new postsecondary site in Brampton. The construction of this project will bring more jobs to the Brampton and the campus will focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). This will help maintain Brampton's role as a leader in business innovation.

We are proud that the initial enrolment plan for the campus will support 2,000 students and look forward to working with Ryerson University, Sheridan College, and Brampton to plan for continued growth beyond the 2022 slated opening of the campus.

# 5. How will you support and advocate for the proposed National Centre for Cybersecurity and the Centre of Innovation at the university campus?

We will continue to advocate for a Brampton that looks forward, not backwards. That's why we have worked so hard to invest \$90 M in the new post-secondary



site which in addition to course offerings, will offer innovation and collaboration facilities and a national centre for cybersecurity. We will continue to work with the municipality to see this project through. A re-elected Ontario Liberal Government will review capital funding proposals for the National Centre for Cybersecurity and the Centre for Innovation during the 2019 budget cycle to identify potential additional funds to support those two priorities.

#### 6. How will you address the funding shortage to meet the current patient volumes, reflect the cost of delivering high quality care, and keep pace with future growth?

We know that Brampton's booming population is creating challenges on our health care system, which is why we have increased funding to Brampton Civic hospital by \$10 million and have added 37 new beds. We know that rather than making false promises on healthcare, we need to enhance our current system which is why we are providing a \$524 million expansion to the Peel Memorial Centre. We will keep working to deliver high-quality care to Brampton residents.

#### 7. How will you ensure that Brampton is fairly and adequately represented at the Regional Council?

Our priority remains to make sure Brampton has adequate representation at the Regional Council. Starting in 2018 regional councils will have to review their composition after every second election. If there is no agreement, the Minister of Municipal Affairs may set council composition via regulation. We will continue to monitor the progress in getting more Brampton representation.