



Statement by Mayor Susan Fennell

Brampton Mayor Susan Fennell today issued the following statement regarding the 2010 provincial budget:

"I believe that Ontario municipalities can take some measure of assurance from today's budget.

As the provincial government set out to reduce its \$21.3 billion deficit, municipal leaders wanted confirmation that this budget would not impact the Province's recent investments in municipal infrastructure. I was pleased to see that the Province will maintain these funding commitments.

Brampton's 11 stimulus projects are on track to be completed by the March 31, 2011 deadline and are contributing to local economic recovery through job creation and infrastructure revitalization.

We are encouraged that the Budget did not shift the Provincial deficit onto our residents' property tax bills or paid for it with cuts to basic local services. In our 2010 budget, we effectively managed our limited resources, which are already stretched to provide essential services, by deferring major new spending to future years.

I am also interested in finding out more about the Open Ontario Plan mentioned in today's budget. We will be keeping a close eye on the Plan's initiatives that are of interest to us and the impact of new legislation to our operations as more information becomes available."

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