

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: April 15, 2026</p> <p>To: Mayor and Members of Council</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Geoff Wright, P.Eng, MBA, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer</p>	<p>Meeting date: April 29, 2026</p>

Subject

2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission

Recommendation

1. That the priority topics contained in the report dated April 15, 2026 from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer entitled, "2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission" be endorsed as the City of Mississauga's priority advocacy request to the Government of Canada's 2026 Federal Pre-budget Submission process.
2. That the final version of the federal pre-budget submission be submitted to the Standing Committee on Finance, local Mississauga Members of Parliament, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).
3. That the City hosts a meeting of Council and Mississauga MPs, following the tabling of the 2026 Federal Budget, to review implications for Mississauga and discuss next steps on the City's advocacy priorities.

Executive Summary

- For many years, the City of Mississauga has provided written submissions to the Government of Canada's pre-budget consultation process. These advocacy priorities form the foundation of the City's federal advocacy activities for the remainder of the year, subject to update and approval by Council.
- The federal and provincial governments are no longer on the same budget schedule, with the federal government moving theirs to final quarter of the year. The City's provincial pre-budget submission was submitted in January, 2026.
- On April 1, 2026, the Standing Committee on Finance at the House of Commons announced it would be accepting submissions as part of its pre-budget consultations until April 30, 2026. Unlike in previous years, the Committee has placed parameters on these submissions, including a maximum 2000 word count.

Council	2026/04/15	2
---------	------------	---

- The recommended priorities for the City's 2026 federal pre-budget submission are:
 - Prioritization of Mississauga for development charge reduction support;
 - Federal funding for a new MiWay transit operations, maintenance and storage facility;
 - Advancing all-day, two-way GO service on the Milton corridor through federal-provincial partnership as part of GO 2.0;
 - Federal funding for flood-resilient infrastructure;
 - Federal actions to accelerate housing delivery;
 - Federal Support for the 1 Port Street East Proposed Marina Project;
 - Adoption of the FCM-endorsed New Municipal Growth Framework; and
 - Federal action to address food insecurity as a national emergency.
- The advocacy priorities for the 2026 federal pre-budget submission will form the foundation of the City's federal advocacy efforts during the 2026 calendar year.

Background

For many years, the City of Mississauga has submitted its advocacy priorities in writing to the federal government as part of the federal pre-budget consultation process. The 2025 federal pre-budget submission, approved by Council in January 2025 and amended on April 3, 2025, can be found in Appendix 1.

Since the 2025 submission, the federal political and fiscal landscape has changed. A federal election in April 2026 returned a minority government under Prime Minister Carney, which has now become a majority; Budget 2025 introduced the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) as a \$51 billion, 10-year successor to the Canada Community-Building Fund, the details of which have recently been announced; and on March 30, 2026, the federal and Ontario provincial governments announced the Canada–Ontario Partnership to Build, an \$8.8 billion housing-enabling infrastructure agreement that includes development charge reduction support, HST relief on new homes, and a commitment to GO 2.0 expansion on freight-owned corridors.

This evolving federal context – and the fact that several of the City's 2025 provincial and federal asks have now been partially addressed through these announcements – warrants a refreshed, federal-specific pre-budget submission that both acknowledges recent progress and identifies the areas where further federal action is required. The 2026 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission was submitted separately on January 30, 2026. The federal government's budget cycle has changed from the Spring to the Fall. On April 1, 2026, the Standing Committee on Finance announced the intake for pre-budget submissions from interested parties with a deadline of April 30, 2026.

Council	2026/04/15	3
---------	------------	---

Comments

The City of Mississauga has several advocacy priorities with the federal government. The criteria from the Standing Committee on Finance allow for a maximum 2000-word submission. Given the tight timelines and truncated word count, staff are proposing that a letter from the Mayor (Appendix 2) act as the 2026 submission.

The following are the recommended advocacy priorities for 2026:

1. Development Charge reduction support and clarity;
2. Investment in a new MiWay transit operations, maintenance and storage facility;
3. Advancement of all-day, two-way GO service on the Milton Corridor;
4. Investment in flood-resilient infrastructure;
5. Taking actions to get affordable housing built quickly;
6. Federal support for the 1 Port Street East proposed marina project;
7. Support a new Municipal Growth Framework; and
8. Tackle food insecurity on a national scale.

Strategic Plan

This report addresses multiple pillars of the City's Strategic Plan, including Connect, Belong, Prosper and Green.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Conclusion

Through the federal pre-budget process, the City of Mississauga has an opportunity to showcase its top federal priorities for 2026 and to position the City as a ready partner for the implementation of recent federal commitments. The recommendations outlined in this report would have a positive impact on funding vital infrastructure, enabling housing supply, supporting climate resilience, addressing food insecurity, and helping Mississauga grow.

Attachments

Appendix 1: 2025 Federal Pre-Budget Submission (amended April 3, 2025)

Appendix 2: 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission (Mayor's Letter to the Standing Committee on Finance)



Geoff Wright, P.Eng, MBA, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: Dino Alic, Government Relations Advisor