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Canada's cities deserve long-term, not band-aid, solutions

Since the Liberals came to power in the 1990s, Canada's cities and municipalities have borne the brunt of decreasing federal funding for infrastructure programs.

While Canada's cities burst at the seams, Paul Martin's Liberals have reduced funding for cities and hidden large surpluses.

Consider the following:

- In the 1990s, Paul Martin eliminated the federal deficit through tax increases and reduced transfer payments to the provincial governments. **In this period some 25 billion dollars were slashed from transfer programs.**
- The Liberal government has accumulated tens of billions of dollars of budgetary surpluses while telling provinces and cities that

there is no money to meet their needs. However, **there was always money to fund boondoggles and the sponsorship scandal.**

- Since 2002, Paul Martin and the Liberals have promised to share a portion of the gas taxes with the cities. However, **for three years when the rubber hit the road, he failed to implement the promise** until forced to do so because of pressure from the Conservative opposition.

The Conservative Party of Canada is committed to finding long-term solutions:

- **The fiscal imbalance:** We believe that in a fair and effective federation, there cannot be a rich federal government on one side and poor provinces and cities on the other. A Conservative government will bring

municipalities and provinces to the table to resolve this imbalance and find permanent solutions.

- **Infrastructure funding:** The Conservative Party of Canada, along with its predecessor parties, has long advocated stable long-term federal funding for infrastructure through a transfer of gas tax revenues. Any future Conservative government will match or exceed the promise of \$5 billion over five years with the gas tax transfer reaching

a level equivalent to 5 cents per litre by 2009-10.

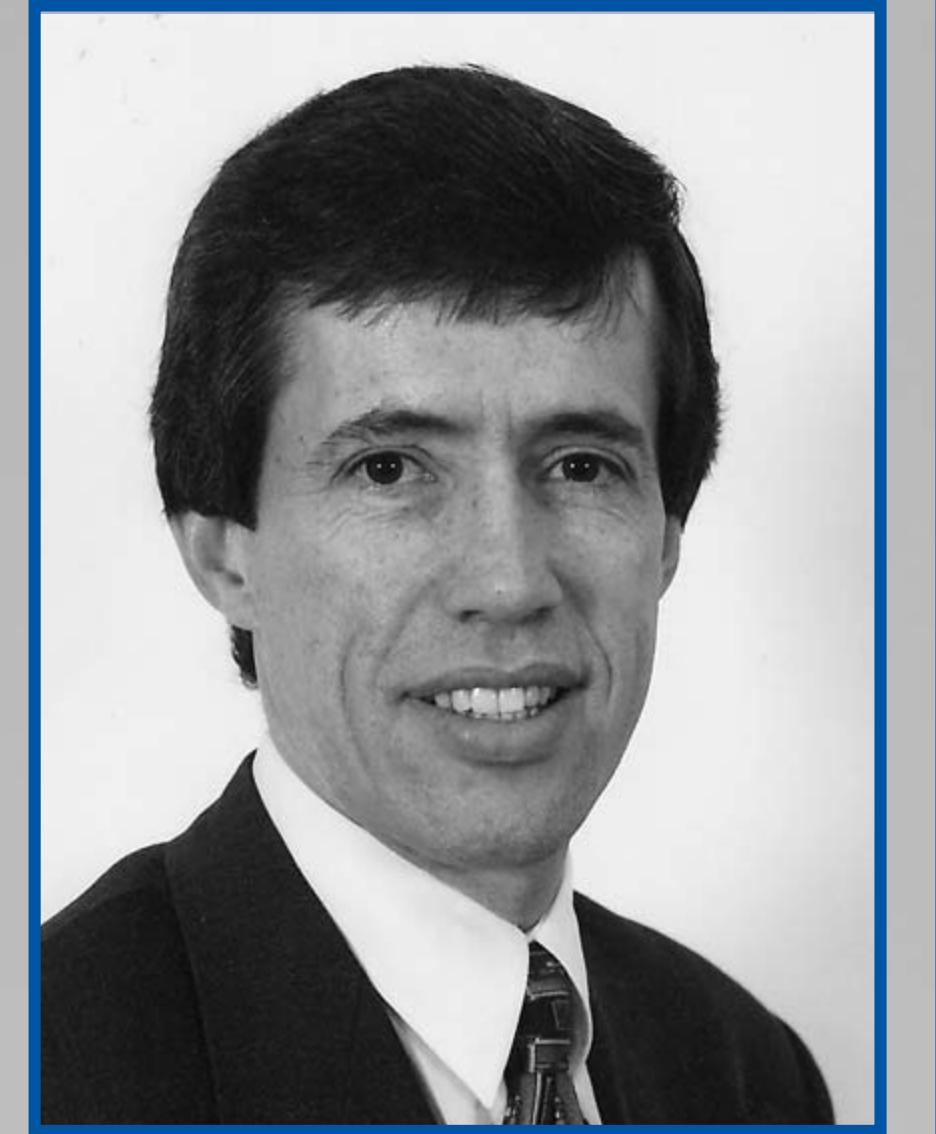
- **Housing:** The Conservative Party of Canada believes home ownership should be in reach of every Canadian who aspires to it. All Canadians, regardless of their personal circumstances, should have access to safe, affordable decent housing and we will work to address the challenges of housing and homelessness faced by many of our cities and communities.

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Vellacott cautiously optimistic about Klein's health care reforms

PRESS RELEASE

OTTAWA – Recently, Premier Ralph Klein unveiled proposals for health care reform. Called the “THIRD WAY,” the plan outlines solutions for improving access and streamlining services. The plan also lays out a timetable detailing when various initiatives will be implemented. Roy Romanow says it does not violate the Canada Health Act.

Saskatoon-Wanuskewin Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott remarked, “Compare Klein’s approach to the typical Liberal approach of vague generalities with no standards or deadlines.”

Vellacott said, “The Liberals have no credibility when it comes to health care. Paul Martin cut \$25 billion from health care spending in the 1990s. His cuts doubled wait times for essential medical procedures. Martin’s ‘fix for a generation’ was just another broken promise.”

Vellacott accuses the Liberals of having spent more than a decade fear-mongering about health care rather than instituting real reform.

Vellacott says, “I am cautiously optimistic about Premier Klein’s plan. I support his initiative to improve access, while maintaining universal standards and high quality care.”

Vellacott emphasized, “The Conservative Party supports the Canada Health Act. We support our universally accessible, publicly-funded health care system. Canadians should have reasonable access to timely and quality health care services no matter where they live or their income level.”

Vellacott concluded, “A Conservative government would take the necessary steps to repair the damage done by Paul Martin to Canada’s health care system. We respect provincial jurisdiction over health care. Our party would guarantee secure funding to the provinces.”

STANDING UP FOR CANADA

Seniors

The Conservative Party believes that seniors should enjoy an affordable retirement and a high quality of life. Our seniors should have accessible health care and home care and always feel safe in their homes and communities. This is the very least we can do for our senior citizens.

The Conservative Party will:

- implement tough measures to prevent elder abuse, with severe punishment for this crime;
- end the discriminatory policy of mandatory retirement, giving Canadians the choice of retirement or continuing to work without loss of federal retirement benefits;
- increase tax breaks for caregivers to enable them to help elderly relatives and dependents remain in their family home.

Rural Canada

Canada's resource-based industries have been the victims of international epidemics, trade disputes and natural disasters. The Liberal government has been far too slow in responding to these conditions.

The Conservative Party will:

- provide effective agricultural support programs that deliver money to farmers;
- consult with the resource sector and rural communities in the development of new policies;
- preserve and enhance the infrastructure of rural communities.

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Choice in Childcare

The Conservative Party of Canada believes in providing families with small children choice in childcare.

Instead of choice, Paul Martin and the Liberals are trying to fit all families into a one-size-fits-all, bureaucratic daycare program. The Liberal plan has no flexibility for parents who choose to stay at home, or for those who are making alternative care arrangements for their child.

The Conservative Party understands that parents--not governments--know what's best when it comes to raising and caring for their own children.

That's why we have proposed a per-child tax deduction plan to help parents make the best childcare decisions for their children.

We will put the interests of parents and families first and leave money in your pocket to spend as you see fit.

Liberal + NDP = Big losses for taxpayers

Paul Martin recently did a \$4.6 billion budget deal with the NDP. He may have saved his government from losing an embarrassing vote of confidence in the short-term, but at what cost to Canadians?

Experts are predicting that under the Liberal-NDP deal:

- 100,000 jobs could be lost in Ontario's auto sector alone.
- Inflation and interest rates will rise, driving up borrowing costs on mortgages.
- Canadians will pay more money in interest and taxes.

The Conservative Party of Canada believes taxpayers deserve freedom from burdensome taxes and government over-spending. A Conservative government would leave money in your pocket to spend on priorities for you and your family.

• What do YOU think? •

Please take a moment to share your views. When you are done, mail this section, postage free.

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Do you support the Conservative plan for a long-term solution for Canada's cities and municipalities?

Yes No

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Do you believe families should have the financial freedom to choose the childcare option that best suits their situation?

Yes No

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Are you concerned about the Liberal-NDP budget deal?

Yes No

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Is the Conservative Party of Canada on the right track?

Yes No

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