



## 2019-20 FEDERAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- Overview

- \$19.8 billion deficit, projected to decline to \$9.8 billion in 2023-24

- ↳ Priority on reducing Federal Debt-to-GDP ratio

- New spending: \$22.8 billion over the next five years

- Major focus areas:

- ↳ Housing affordability

- ↳ Skills training

- ↳ Pharmacare

- ↳ Seniors' issues

- ↳ Climate change

- ↳ High-speed internet

- ↳ Supply management for farmers

- ↳ Reconciliation

# INVESTING IN CANADA FUND

- Steps to streamline prioritization and financial reporting processes to support funding disbursement
- \$2.2 billion one-time transfer through federal Gas Tax Fund for short-term priorities in municipalities and First Nations communities
- Eligible categories include:
  - Productivity and economic growth
  - Clean environment
  - Strong cities and communities

# ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES

- \$130 million over five years to Natural Resources Canada
- Investing in new recharging and refueling stations
- Locations:
  - Workplaces
  - Public parking spots
  - Commercial and multi-unit residential buildings
  - Remote locations

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- \$1.01 billion in 2018-19 to increase energy efficiency in residential, commercial, and multi-unit buildings
- Delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) via three initiatives through the Green Municipal Fund
  - Collaboration on Community Climate Action - \$350 million
  - Community EcoEfficiency Acceleration - \$300 million
  - Sustainable Affordable Housing Innovation - \$300 million
- Additional \$60 million in 2018-19 to FCM's Municipal Asset Management Capacity Fund

# A JUST AND FAIR TRANSITION

## FOR CANADIAN COAL POWER WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES

- Task force put forward ten recommendations, budget addresses three:
  - \$35 million over five years for worker transition centres via Western Economic Diversification Canada and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
  - Work with those affected to explore new ways to protect wages and pensions
  - \$150 million, starting in 2020–21, to support priority infrastructure projects and economic diversification in impacted communities via Western Economic Diversification Canada and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

# ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET

- By 2021, 90% of Canadians to have reliable access to internet speeds of 50 Mbps (download) and 10 Mbps (upload)
- \$5-6 billion through a coordinated plan over the next ten years
  - Accelerated Investment Incentive for private sector investment
  - Coordinate with provinces, territories, and arms-length institutions such as CRTC (which has a \$750 rural/remote broadband fund)
  - New investment by Canada Infrastructure Band to leverage private sector investment
  - New investment in the Connect to Innovate program and introduction of the Universal Broadband Fund

# CONNECT TO INNOVATE & UNIVERSAL BROADBAND FUND

- Up to \$1.7 billion over 13 years to establish Universal Broadband Fund
  - Focus on extending the “backbone” infrastructure to underserved communities
  - May also support “last mile” connections to homes & businesses
  - Securing advanced Low Earth Orbit satellite capacity to bring reliable highspeed internet to remote communities
- Up to \$11.5 million over five years for two Statistics Canada surveys to measure internet access and use

# PROTECTING WATER AND SOIL

- \$1 million in 2019-20, via Western Economic Diversification Canada
  - Sustainably manage water and land in the prairies
  - Partner with province, Indigenous partners, academics, private sector
  - Take stock of existing federal and provincial actions that address climate change impacts to support greater resilience

# EMERGENCIES AND NATURAL DISASTERS

- \$151.23 million over the next five years, \$9.28 million per year ongoing
  - Improve emergency management
  - Enhance understanding of risks posed by floods, wildfires, and earthquakes
  - Assess condition and resilience of critical infrastructure
    - ↳Energy grids
    - ↳Water and food supplies
    - ↳Health services

# QUESTIONS