

BUDGET 2017

A PLAN TO HELP YOU PROSPER



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— BUILDING —
A STRONG
MIDDLE CLASS

Budget 2017 is the next step in our ambitious plan to make smart investments that will create jobs, grow our economy, and provide more opportunities for the middle class and those working hard to join it.

IT'S ALL ABOUT



Innovation



Skills



Partnerships



Fairness

Budget 2017 puts people first and delivers the help that Canadians need now, not a decade from now.

Investing in Canadian Infrastructure

Central to our plan for building a strong middle class is making smart investments in Canadian infrastructure.

Investing in infrastructure creates good, well-paying jobs that help the middle class grow and prosper today. Well-planned infrastructure also makes it easier to move people and products, delivering sustained economic growth for years to come.

We're making historic investments in **public transit projects** with \$20.1 billion over 11 years.

This will:

- shorten commutes;
- decrease air pollution;
- allow Canadians to spend more time with their families.



We know that a clean environment and a strong economy go hand in hand. That's why we're investing in **green infrastructure**.

Budget 2017 invests \$21.9 billion over 11 years in green infrastructure to:

- reduce our greenhouse emissions;
- help deliver clean air and safe water systems;
- promote renewable sources of power.

This means clean air and clean water for you, your children, and grandchildren.



Safe & Affordable Housing

All Canadians deserve safe and affordable housing. Without it, people feel less secure, making it harder to accomplish every other goal—from raising healthy children to pursuing education, jobs and opportunity.

Housing needs are also different from coast to coast to coast. That’s why our government is working with the provinces and territories

to find housing solutions that meet the unique needs of communities all across Canada.

Budget 2017 proposes a new **National Housing Strategy** that invests more than \$11 billion to build, renew and repair Canada’s affordable housing.

- As part of this strategy, we’re providing approximately \$3.2 billion to provinces and territories over the next 11 years to:
- construct new affordable housing units;
 - renovate and repair existing housing;
 - provide rent subsidies to make housing more affordable;
 - provide support for safe, independent living for Canada’s seniors and persons with disabilities.

Homelessness is a reality for too many Canadians and a challenge for every Canadian community.

Through the **Homelessness Partnering Strategy**, the Government provides direct support and funding to communities across Canada for projects to prevent and reduce homelessness.

Budget 2017 proposes a total investment of \$2.1 billion over the next 11 years to expand and extend funding for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy beyond 2018–19, when current funding is scheduled to end.

Working for Better Home Care



We know that many patients in Canadian hospitals — approximately 15% — could, and would, receive their care at home or a more community-based setting if given the choice.

At the same time, having to care for loved ones at home can be enormously stressful.

Our government believes in preserving the dignity of those who need care, and supporting those who are the caregivers.

We are investing \$6 billion in **home care** over 10 years for improved access to home, community, and palliative care services.

“This means more people will get the care they need in their homes, and families will be getting more support.”

Greater support for caregivers

Balancing work and family caregiving responsibilities can be a real challenge. Things can be especially difficult when a family member is suffering from a serious illness.

To help give eligible caregivers a well deserved break, Budget 2017 proposes to create a new Employment Insurance (EI) caregiving benefit, which will give eligible caregivers up to 15 weeks of EI benefits while they are temporarily away from work to support or care for a critically ill or injured family member. To support this new benefit, Budget 2017 provides \$691.3 million over five years.

Our government also recognizes that the current caregiver credit system is confusing and does not serve Canadians who are caring for their loved ones. That is why we are simplifying and improving the existing system by creating a single Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC).

This new CCC will provide better support to those who need it the most. It will:

- apply to caregivers whether or not they live with their family member;
- help families with caregiving responsibilities;
- raise the income threshold for eligibility.

Providing more support to our Veterans and their families

Canada’s veterans have dedicated their lives to the defence of our country. They deserve our unwavering support and gratitude.

Our Government is committed to ensuring that we deliver the programs and services our veterans – and their families – need for a seamless and successful transition from military to civilian life.

Budget 2017 takes further action to:

- ensure veterans receive the skills, training, and education they need to succeed;
- better support the families of ill and injured veterans;



- invest in mental health support for veterans at risk, including the creation of a Centre of Excellence for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and related mental health conditions that disproportionately affect veterans and their families.

Budget 2017 also announced that our government will move forward with its plan to fulfill its commitment to re-establish lifelong pensions as an option for injured veterans.

We have made considerable progress in our work to develop the pension for life option, and our government will announce further details this year.

To better help our veterans and their families, Budget 2017 proposes to create a new Education and Training Benefit.

In short, this benefit will provide more money for veterans to go to college, university or a technical school after they complete their service.

The new program will begin in April 2018 for veterans honourably released on or after April 1, 2006. Veterans with 6 years of eligible service will be entitled to up to \$40,000 of benefits, while veterans with 12 years of eligible service will be entitled to up to \$80,000 of benefits.



“As a government, it is incumbent on us to give our Veterans and their families the respect and support they deserve by making sure they have the programs and services they need, and that is what we are doing with Budget 2017.”

Sherry Romanado,
MP for Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne and
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs
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We want to hear from you!

Got questions about a federal program or service or about the measures we are taking as a government? Want to share your ideas or comments? Don’t hesitate to call on us. My team and I are here to serve you!

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What investments should our government be prioritizing to improve quality of life in Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne?
(rank by order of priority)

- ☐ Access to affordable housing
- ☐ Infrastructure, including public transportation
- ☐ Skills and workforce training
- ☐ Innovation and business development

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Investing in Skills and Innovation

Canada’s greatest strength has always been our skilled, hard-working, creative, and diverse people.



Innovation is changing how we live and work, and bringing with it new challenges and new opportunities for good middle class jobs in our communities.

In Budget 2017, our government introduced our **Innovation and Skills Plan**. This plan addresses the changing nature of the economy to make sure it works for all Canadians.

The **Innovation and Skills Plan** will:

- Position Canada as a world leader in the global economy in areas like:
 - Advanced manufacturing
 - Agri-food
 - Clean technology
 - Digital industries
 - Health and bio-sciences
 - Clean resources
- Support up to 10,000 new work-integrated learning and co-op opportunities per year.

- Significantly boost federal support to provinces and territories by \$2.7 billion over six years to help more unemployed and underemployed Canadians access training and support.
- Ensure Canadians receiving EI are able to get the training they need without fear of losing the essential benefits they depend on to support themselves and their families.



Budget 2017 moves us towards a more innovative future economy – one that will **create middle class jobs today** and **prepare for the jobs of tomorrow**.



Budget 2017 takes the next step in our government’s long-term economic plan, understanding that in the face of unprecedented change, a confident Canadian middle class will always be the beating heart of our country and the engine of our economy. I am proud of what we have

succeeded in accomplishing so far together, and I am committed to redoubling my efforts to ensure the citizens and organizations of Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne reap maximum benefits from our government’s programs and investments so that our families may enjoy a better quality of life.

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Gender statement

We’ve taken an important step towards gender equality with Canada’s first ever Gender Statement. This will help us ensure that all budget measures—not just those aimed specifically at women—will advance our government’s goals of fairness, stronger workforce participation, and gender equality. We are committed to address existing inequalities and making more inclusive decisions in the future.