



Regional Economy and Approach to U.S. Tariff Threats

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Continue to ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated approach and leverage local expertise and relationships
- ✓ Invest in infrastructure and housing to stimulate and stabilize Canada's economy
- ✓ Eliminate trade and legislative barriers to ensure municipalities can buy local
- ✓ Remove any impediments to ensure municipalities can give preference to Canadian companies in capital projects and for other supplies



Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Increase funding to fill the municipal infrastructure deficit gap, prevent critical infrastructure failures, and support new infrastructure that will attract residents and grow revenue
- ✓ Provide predictable investments that support small-urban and rural municipalities to complete and implement their Asset Management Plans given the July 2025 provincially-mandated deadline
- ✓ Under any Municipal Service Corporations (MSC) model to support water and wastewater infrastructure, capital and operating responsibilities should remain together and not be separated



Housing

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Support municipalities to prepare publicly owned land for new housing development by:
 - Providing capital funding to build housing across the spectrum
 - Expanding the process of dispossession for provincial lands for housing development
- ✓ Consider the small-urban and rural contexts in housing policy and program development to spur innovation that supports rural environments, rather than bring urban-city programs to small rural communities
- ✓ Modernize provincial systems and coordinate across ministries using a 'housing first' approach to address homelessness and mental health issues
- ✓ Invest in social housing, mental health and addiction services, and basic income supports. Municipalities cannot subsidize underfunded provincial programs and we need to work together to solve the crisis of homelessness and mental health
- ✓ Increase funding to the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit together with the Federal Government



Health Care

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Continue the provincial funding for the community paramedic program. The scalability and sustainability of these programs are hindered by challenges such as unstable funding, administrative complexity and health human resource challenges