

# Toronto City Summit Alliance



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The Hon. Ernie Eves  
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Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

Over the last two years, a remarkable civic consensus has been building in Toronto. Business, labour, the voluntary sector, education, and local government have been working collaboratively to create new ways to ensure that the Toronto region remains prosperous and competitive. The Toronto City Summit Alliance released *Enough Talk, An Action Plan for the Toronto Region*, in April. We urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to endorse that action plan and set out a timetable for each of your government's contributions to implementing it.

*Enough Talk* is a roadmap for improving our city region that has already been endorsed by the Toronto City Council, the United Way of Greater Toronto, the Toronto Board of Trade, and many regional mayors and other leaders. The action plan sets out realistic ideas for expanding the Toronto region's affordable housing stock, re-invigorating public transit, and building community services infrastructure in our poorest neighbourhoods.

The plan emphasizes that great cities need adequate investment in people including a first-rate public education system, support for early childhood development, and high quality post-secondary education that is accessible to all qualified students. It also recognizes the enormous contributions immigrants make to our region, and an Immigration Council is being set up by community leaders to focus on how we can become a world centre of excellence in integrating immigrants into the workforce in our communities. Finally, the plan lays out actions to re-invigorate our tourism market, attract and sustain more research and development based industries, accelerate the waterfront development, and secure the renewal of public and private investments in arts and culture.

Investing in our cities is key to sustaining Canada's quality of life, its social cohesion and its competitiveness. *Enough Talk* notes that 20% of Canada's GDP is generated in the Greater Toronto Area, and that in 2000 it made a net contribution of \$3 billion to the province of Ontario and \$17 billion to the federal government. The Toronto region needs prompt action in order to address its challenges and capitalize on our enormous human and economic potential. The time to act is now.

We encourage you to match our shared energy with a commitment to act on the recommendations of *Enough Talk*. We, and all the people of the Toronto region, look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Concerned Citizens

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