

**2022 Provincial Budget Submission  
Regional Municipality of York**

**YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION (YNSE)**

**1. Provide the Region with new revenue tools to help fund its share of the capital costs for the YNSE**

- York Region Rapid Transit Corporation Board [requested changes](#) to the *Development Charges Act* to exempt the YNSE from the freezing of development charges at application for site plan or zoning bylaw amendment
- Regional Council, in a June 2020 report, [Fiscal Sustainability: 2020 Update](#), requested new revenue tools to help fund the YNSE's non-growth costs, such as a municipal land transfer tax

**COVID-19 PRESSURES**

**2. Partner with the federal government to provide funding to address municipal operating and capital pressures for 2022 and beyond**

- Continued financial support through the Safe Restart Agreement and Social Services Relief Funding would continue to help manage the Region's COVID-19 cost pressures
- Additional funding would also assist with continued impacts to transit ridership and the implementation of fare and service integration across the GTHA, supporting the Greater Golden Horseshoe transportation plan

**3. Maintain provincial gas tax funding**

- Going forward, COVID-19 will continue to impact gasoline consumption and transit ridership
- Gas tax funding should continue to be kept at historical levels for the foreseeable future so municipalities can maintain services levels

**4. Provide sustainable, reliable funding for long-term care (LTC)**

- In its [submission to the Ontario LTC Commission](#), the Region requested changes to the funding model for LTC, such that delivery of programs and services does not rely on property taxes to supplement provincial funding

**5. Support Housing Providers for increased COVID-19-related operating costs, rent arrears, and rent freezes**

- Delivering subsidies to Housing Providers ensures the most vulnerable members of society, in need of shelter, continue to be accommodated, despite COVID-19

## **OTHERS**

### **6. Cancel or defer funding reductions to Public Health and Children's Services**

- By cancelling or deferring these reductions municipalities can deliver critical programs without creating tax levy pressures

### **7. Remove funding caps over the next three years, or have the Province assume responsibility for mandated Regional programs**

- Allows the Region to maintain service levels and meet provincial standards for Public Health, Paramedics, Ontario Works and the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, without requiring a significant additional municipal top-up, creating tax-levy pressures

### **8. Confirm sustainable funding for Home for Good, Community Paramedicine and Offload Nurse Program**

- This will help address chronic homelessness and long waitlists for long-term-care program, and accommodate the opening of the Cortellucci Vaughan hospital and increase hours off coverage needed at existing hospitals

### **9. Allocate funds from the Non-Resident Speculation Tax, collected in York Region, to support affordable housing**

- Reinvesting these monies into affordable housing helps address challenges in providing this product

### **10. Reform joint and several liability**

- York supports reforming joint and several liability in favour of some form of proportionate liability which considers heavy insurance burdens/disproportionate Court awards municipalities face

### **11. Proclaim into force *Expropriations Act* s. 33 amendments**

- This ameliorates municipal costs associated with the interest rate applicable on the market value of an owner's expropriated lands and any allowance for injurious affection