**Green Party’s Plan for Cities: “It's Time To Close the Infrastructure Gap”**

**(CITY) October 14, 2015 –** [Candidate], Green Party candidate (Riding), echoed comments made by Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada (Saanich—Gulf Islands), and the Greens’ [plan](https://www.greenparty.ca/en/platform%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) for municipalities.

Recognizing that municipal and local governments need funding and financing to tackle infrastructure debt, the Green plan provides municipalities with an additional $6.4 billion annually. Enhanced low-interest financing will come from the Infrastructure Bank.

[Candidate quote]

 “The Harper Conservatives continue to ignore calls from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for stable, long-term infrastructure funding,” said Ms. May. “The Green Party’s plan to commit 1% of the GST – or an additional $6.4 billion annually – towards this need will help municipalities deal with an infrastructure deficit estimated to be upwards of $350 billion. It’s time to close the infrastructure gap and build 21st century cities and towns. ”

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