

BONNIE CROMBIE MAYOR

A FAIR CHANCE IN MISSISSAUGA **Bonnie Crombie's Plan to Reduce Poverty**

Mississauga should be a city where people can build a good life. But too many residents are struggling to afford food, keep their housing and give their children the opportunities they deserve.

Some are working and still cannot make ends meet. Others are living with a disability, raising children on their own or trying to get by on a retirement income that no longer covers the bills.

They deserve a city that takes their circumstances seriously and takes action.

As mayor, I will work with Peel Region, community organizations, employers and other governments to prevent homelessness, improve access to food and services and help people find greater financial security.

1. Help people stay housed

Losing a job, becoming ill or facing an unexpected expense should not mean losing your home.

I will work with Peel Region to strengthen emergency rent and utility assistance for Mississauga residents at risk of eviction. My first budget will include a proposed City contribution, with additional support sought from the provincial and federal governments.

We will work with housing organizations and community legal clinics to connect residents with help early, before arrears grow and a crisis becomes an eviction.

Residents will have access to in-person assistance, with clear referrals between City services, Peel and community agencies. We will track response times and the number of households helped to remain in their homes.

2. Build and protect affordable rental housing

Mississauga needs more homes that people with low incomes can afford.

I will establish a dedicated partnership process for non-profit, co-operative and supportive housing providers, helping viable projects secure sites, navigate approvals and pursue funding.

Within my first year, the City will identify suitable City-owned land and publish the steps needed to advance housing partnerships on those sites. Where municipal land or funding is provided, agreements will require lasting affordability, accessible homes and delivery deadlines.

I will also work with Peel and non-profit partners to pursue opportunities to acquire existing rental buildings and preserve affordable homes.

For residents already experiencing homelessness, I will press for stable funding for outreach, appropriate shelter and supportive housing, with services that help people move into and maintain a permanent home.

3. Strengthen food programs and help children start the day ready to learn

Parents should not have to skip meals to feed their children. Seniors should not have to choose between groceries and other necessities.

I will pursue predictable, multi-year funding agreements with Food Banks Mississauga and community food organizations.

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