

Survey: Fall 2020 Budget consultations

As we prepare the Fall 2020 Budget, investing in health care and protecting Ontario families and workers remains the government's top priority. Tell us what you want to see in the next phase of Ontario's Action Plan.

Closing date: October 16, 2020

This survey has 8 questions and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Section 1: Economic recovery

1. Across Ontario and around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact how we live, work and do business. What should the top priority be for the Fall 2020 Budget as the province continues to fight the pandemic and work towards long-term recovery? (500-word limit)

2. The economic impacts of COVID-19 are being felt in communities across Ontario. As we plan for renewal, growth and long-term recovery, how would you like to see the government make our province a more attractive place for people to invest, work and grow a business? Please rank the following actions in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Eliminating unnecessary red tape for businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lowering taxes for businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creating new grants and financial support for businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making it easier for businesses to access the money they need to grow (for example, from banks, private equity, venture capitalists)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting Ontario-Made products and local businesses that make up Ontario's Mainstreet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expediting infrastructure initiatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Is there anything else the government can do to make our province a more attractive place for people to invest, work and grow a business? Please share your ideas below. (200-word limit)

4. Ontario has made important investments in job training and job creation. What more would you like to see the provincial government do to help people find a good job? Choose all that apply.

- ☐ Create incentives for employers to rehire employees laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- ☐ Extend financial supports to businesses and employees (for example, support for businesses through government grants and loans, interest and penalty-free periods to make payments for provincially administered taxes)
- ☐ Invest in the skilled trades and apprenticeship opportunities
- ☐ Work with the postsecondary sector to ensure programs are preparing students for the jobs of today and the future
- ☐ Other

Section 2: Supporting people

5. COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on the global economy. The government has been focused on providing support and relief to people and families struggling as a result. What should the government do to provide additional help to those who have been negatively affected by the global pandemic? Please tell us about your top idea. (500-word limit)

6. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us differently. How helpful do you think each of the actions below would be in your recovery from COVID-19?

	Not helpful at all	Not so helpful	Somewhat helpful	Very helpful
Lowering taxes for individuals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing direct financial support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing cash flow by offering deferrals for payments (for example, taxes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helping workers learn new skills for their careers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making it easier to manage personal finances (for example, through learning new skills or tools to save money)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expediting infrastructure initiatives (such as accelerating the construction of critical highway, transit and broadband infrastructure)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Do you have any other idea for how the government can support workers and families during the COVID-19 pandemic? (200-word limit)

8. The provincial budget needs to balance many priorities. Please rank the following in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important.

	1	2	3	4	5
Helping Ontario's economy recover	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting families and workers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outlining a plan to balance the budget	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making new investments in critical public services, like health care, education and long-term care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making additional investments in infrastructure (such as accelerating the construction of critical highway, transit and broadband infrastructure)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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