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Why I Want to Be Your Mayor

I’ve had the privilege of getting to know people from all walks of life and all corners of this great city, first as a journalist and broadcaster and, now, as a candidate for Mayor.

We love our city, but everyone agrees it’s starting to slip. This is not the Toronto we once knew. We can’t let our home become any more like Seattle, San Francisco or downtown Vancouver. The time to act is now.

Families all across the city tell me they question whether they have a future in Toronto. Seniors no longer feel safe heading downtown. Investors have their doubts about whether Toronto will embrace local economic growth.

I want to turn that around. I want to ensure a safe and prosperous future for our families.

City Hall is broken. The political class is failing to serve the interests of residents.

As the father of three small kids, I know what it’s like to find needles in the park where my kids play. I know that the last thing regular folks dealing with inflation and affordability issues need are new taxes.

This is a city worth fighting for, and I’m determined to fix what’s wrong.
AS MAYOR, MY PLANS INCLUDE

Hiring 500 new uniformed police officers and make sure they are visible on our streets, public transit and communities

A program and spending review of City Hall to ensure value for taxpayers, and a winding down of pet projects that don’t serve residents

A pledge to not bring in any new taxes, such as the Municipal Sales Tax, commercial parking levy or road tolls – which other candidates support

A non-core services hiring freeze, to transition staffing counts from bureaucracy to core services like policing

Phasing out drug injection sites and replacing them with treatment centres

Clearing out tent encampments, cleaning up our parks and building capacity in our shelters.

No new bike lanes on major roads, and removing select bike lanes after consulting with affected communities

A firm commitment to not tearing down the Gardiner Expressway

A pro-business agenda that mandates applications submitted to City Hall that aren’t addressed in a timely fashion are auto-approved – such as a 6 month auto-approval on all housing and development applications

The other candidates running against me caused the problems we now face. I’m proud to bring an outside eye and fresh perspective to City Hall.

The issues we’re dealing with transcend partisan politics. I’m proud to be supported by people from across the political spectrum – and many non-partisan residents – because they all agree that we need to unite to get Toronto back on track.

I’m Anthony Furey, and I am running to be your Mayor. We can fix this.

But I need your support to get the job done.

The following pages in this platform bring together policy items I have announced over the course of the past three months that form the core of my bid to be the next Mayor of this great city.
SAFE STREETS AND TRANSIT 1:
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We Can Make the TTC The Better Way Again

Furey plan will boost police visibility, add mental health worker backup, better equip police and TTC Special Constables, restore rider confidence

The City we love can have a safe transit system again, but only if we create a visible police presence, give police and TTC Special Constables the tools they need and add mental health worker expertise, Mayoral Candidate Anthony Furey declared today.

“Back in January, the City and the TTC put overtime uniformed police on our transit system in response to a rash of random violence,” Furey said. “Then, in March, they pulled them off again, in favour of ‘regular patrols’ – as if nothing had changed.

“Yet the violence persists. This makes no sense when it comes to community and transit safety all across our City.”

Furey’s plan would re-establish a visible police presence on the TTC, while adding mental health workers to backstop enforcement measures.

His plan for restoring transit safety and rider confidence also includes:

• Authorizing and training TTC Special Constables to carry tasers instead of night sticks
• Upgrading police radios to ensure they work in all parts of our transit system (they often don’t)
• Increasing cooperation between Toronto Police Services and TTC Special Constables
• Recruiting more mental-health workers to augment police expertise when needed
• Working with the province to change rules to allow TTC Special Constables to use vehicle emergency lights (currently not allowed)
• Sending security and / or mental-health workers to the scene of non-violent crimes

“Advocates have long argued that police aren’t always equipped to handle incidents involving people in crisis, and I agree,” Furey said. “But we can’t send in mental health specialists undefended in cases involving the risk of violence. “So let’s combine those skills in units to patrol the TTC with the tools they need, and handle these incidents together. Only then can we ensure that Toronto’s transit system becomes safe once again for everyone across our City.”

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1 The Canadian Press, March 13, 2023
SAFE STREETS AND TRANSIT 2:
SAFE STREETS AND TRANSIT 2:
Phasing Out Drug Injection Sites, Replacing them with Treatment

The stabbing in May outside a drug injection site near Yonge and Dundas Square – which left one person dead – is a reminder that these sites are fuelling disorder in our streets.

“People see what’s happening in Seattle, San Francisco and downtown Vancouver – and they don’t want it to happen here,” Furey said. “If we want to make Toronto safe again, we’ve got to slam the brakes on this insane City Hall-sanctioned drug subculture by confronting this crisis head on.”

According to the CBC, opioid deaths in Toronto climbed to 591 in 2021. The more injection sites we have, the more tragic deaths and disorder on our streets. Police officers and health professionals attest to the fact that so many of the random attacks on transit and on our streets relate to the drug crisis.

Yet City Hall plans to open more formal drug injection sites as well as push many social service providers across the city - including in Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke - into hosting injection site services.

“It’s time to pursue the more compassionate and humane approach of treatment, which is done in places like New York City and Portugal,” Furey said.

Here is what Furey will do:

- Halt the plans for new injection sites
- Relocate injection site resources towards treatment centres
- Partner with the province to pursue more forms of involuntary treatment, so people roaming are streets who are an imminent threat to themselves and others can be placed into treatment
- Listen to social service providers, especially religious ones, that don’t wish to host addiction enabling services on their premises
SAFE STREETS AND TRANSIT 3:
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Encampments, Drugs and Violence in City Parks
Time to Reclaim Toronto Parks

Action plan would remove drug and violence-ridden tent encampments, step up police patrols

The arrival of summer weather during the course of this campaign has been a reminder that parks are for families and children – and that the encampments that have taken over too many of our parks must not be allowed to continue.

“Access to clean, safe parks is a cornerstone of a vibrant city,” Furey said, at a press conference held at Allan Gardens, a park littered with encampments. “Yet people tell me they’re now afraid to visit our parks and even trails.”

These encampments are cropping up in public parks all across Toronto, Furey noted. While residents have reclaimed Trinity Bellwoods Park, Allan Gardens remains a mess and other parks throughout the city are seeing tent encampments emerge. Nearby families deserve a place to play, he stressed.

“I know what it’s like to scan a playground for needles before letting my kids play,” said Furey, who previously lived a short walk from troubled Moss Park.

To end this blight, Furey has proposed the following tough-but-fair measures:

- Removing tent encampments in all parks, which are often scenes of violence, harassment, theft and serious drug abuse
- Increasing security patrols by Toronto Police Services and other security personnel as available at parks and trails, and
- Requiring drug injection site staff to do regular clean-up sweeps of parks close to their facilities

The recent troubling news of a man being arrested for sexual assault against a woman on a Scarborough trail is a reminder that our city will benefit from a more visible police presence in our public green spaces.

“We face a plain choice,” Furey stressed, “between the rights of people all across our City who follow the rules, and the “rights” of those who don’t.

“I will stand for the rights of our law-abiding citizens every time.”
SAFE STREETS AND TRANSIT 4:
MORE POLICE

Furey will hire 500 police officers, boost officer visibility on streets

The City we love can have safe streets again, but only if we ramp up the visible presence of police in our communities, Mayoral Candidate Anthony Furey declared today.

“Everyone tells me safety is one of their top concerns,” Furey said. “As Mayor, I will enhance public safety by hiring 500 more uniformed officers.”

Toronto currently has fewer police than we did over 10 years ago, Furey added, despite the fact our population has grown significantly and violent crime is spiking: “It’s all about cause and effect: We reduced the number of officers and now we’re reaping what we have sown.”

Furey stressed that the 500 number is meant to permanently increase the uniformed officer headcount. As Mayor, Furey won’t just be hiring police to replace those retiring, and he won’t let the numbers dwindle again. This new figure will be maintained.

“A lot of officers tell me that they support enhancing the visible presence of police on our streets and in our communities,” Furey said. “It’s time to bring back the beat cop. Both the bad guys and worried citizens need to see police walking the streets. My approach will make that happen.”

Furey’s plan for restoring public safety includes:

- Increasing the permanent headcount of uniformed officers by 500
- Investing resources to achieve NENA (National Emergency Number Association) standards for 911 calls.
- Ensuring 90 per cent of 911 calls are answered within 15 seconds and 95 per cent are answered within 20 seconds
- Appointing no councillor who has called to defund the police to the Executive Committee or as Deputy Mayor
- Working with the Police Services Board and Chief to enhance “beat cops” on the streets, and
- Allowing for more mental-health workers to augment police expertise when needed

“I’m proud to be the only candidate who didn’t at some point throw the police under the bus,” Furey concluded. “I have always supported our Toronto police – and now we need them more than ever.”
CREATING JOBS AND RENEWED PROSPERITY 1:
CREATING JOBS AND RENEWED PROSPERITY:

NO NEW TAXES

The following is the text of a guest column by Anthony Furey that was published in the Toronto Sun:

Right now there's a lot of talk at Toronto City Hall about creating new taxes to levy against Toronto residents and taxpayers. This is unacceptable. It’s got to stop.

It’s been a privilege for me to be a newspaper columnist for more than a decade in this city that I love so much, but I’m now switching gears and running to be mayor of Toronto because I want to tackle these sorts of problems head on.

It’s simply irresponsible and disrespectful to hardworking Toronto residents and taxpayers to talk about new taxes when we have an affordability crisis on our hands.

Doesn’t Council realize that the price of food has skyrocketed recently? Don’t they see how rents are soaring? And yet they have the nerve to casually float ideas for new “revenue tools” — the term they use for all of the taxes they’re just itching to introduce. Some of the most popular ideas include road tolls on the Gardiner and DVP and a new parking levy.

But a recent report shows the city has also looked into creating a municipal sales tax, which would also cover online purchases. This would be a gut punch to small businesses fighting to survive. These sorts of taxes would disproportionately harm lower income residents and seniors on fixed incomes.

While some of the other candidates are going along with these calls for new taxes, as mayor of Toronto I will put my foot down and say no. Regular people are being taxed too much already.

Instead of calling for new taxes from day one, I will do the opposite. One of my first acts as mayor will be to commence a 90-day review of City services and activities. If the City is up to something that isn’t laser-focused on providing services residents rely on and that taxpayers expect their money to go towards, then we may have to say bye-bye to that expense. Additionally, I will ensure the city is getting value for money on all contracts.

I’m not just talking about finding small efficiencies here and there that don’t add up to much. This is also about having an honest conversation about some of the things the City is doing that all reasonable people, regardless of their politics, would agree is not an
I have already found entire City spending projects that would shock the average Toronto resident. I look forward to bringing up some of these projects in the weeks ahead, to give Toronto voters a sense of how my review will unfold and to earn your trust that I am the person to do it.

It is simply disrespectful to talk about raising taxes on hardworking people without first doing the review. Every businessperson understands what I'm talking about. So does anyone who manages a family budget. It's unfortunate that so many people at City Hall, including some of my opponents in the campaign, don't see it this way.

It's called spring cleaning for a reason. We need to take a hard look at these things every year, not once a decade.

My promise to the people of Toronto is that I will be the strongest voice to step forward and say no to this push for new taxes.
CREATING JOBS AND RENEWED PROSPERITY:
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Helping First Time Home Buyers

Anthony Furey will help Toronto families afford their first home by eliminating the municipal land transfer tax for first-time home buyers as soon as he is elected.

“We need to do all we can to support young families struggling with housing affordability,” Furey said. “Removing the municipal land transfer tax is the most meaningful thing a Mayor can do to assist families in making their dreams of home ownership come true.”

Furey was joined by prominent Toronto realtor Frank Leo, who endorsed the plan. The two stood together in front of a 3 bedroom property listing represented by Leo in the Keelesdale-Eglinton West area that has a list price of $1,250,000.

A young family would save almost $20,000 on their purchase of this home after this policy is implemented.

“The purchase of a home should be the happiest time of a person’s life,” Furey says. “It shouldn’t be viewed as an opportunity to squeeze extra taxes out of people.”

Economists have noted that such a land transfer tax is an unreliable source of revenue due to how the sums received fluctuate wildly depending on housing market conditions.

The Toronto land transfer tax is a relatively new creation, which was controversial when it was first put in place in 2007 under former Mayor David Miller.
CREATING JOBS AND RENEWED PROSPERITY:
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Boosting Industry and Trade

Making Toronto a North American Trade Powerhouse
Package of measures would enhance our competitive edge against rival jurisdictions, increase industrial capacity and attract offshore industries back home

- Toronto has all the advantages of an industrial dynamo. But current City policies are forfeiting growth and job creation, Mayoral Candidate Anthony Furey said.

- “With our highly skilled workforce, proximity to US markets and tech and financial services clout, our City should be a North American leader by every economic measure,” Furey said.

- “But City Hall has failed to enact policies that would turbo-charge our potential. That’s why a Furey administration would take immediate steps to maximize our strengths as a leader in the North American economy and create jobs.”

- Furey proposed a suite of policies to do just that. These include:
  - Pushing the Ontario government to amend the City of Toronto Act allowing for investment-attracting tax incentives rivalling those of competing US jurisdictions
  - Implementing a plan to increase industrial activity and draw supply chains closer to the City
  - Enacting a strategy with Toronto Hydro for lower industrial energy prices
  - Developing incentives to bring offshore companies back to the City, and
  - Attracting new tech industries — like semi-conductor plants

“Toronto is blessed by geography, demographics, skilled immigrants and leading learning institutions,” Furey said. “But years of City Council neglect when it comes to strengthening those advantages have left us falling behind.

“It’s time for a fresh approach and new policies to take maximum economic and job-creating advantages in an increasingly competitive environment — so that we don’t squander all those blessings.”
Toronto has long coasted on its economic fundamentals: abundant energy and strong banking, manufacturing, financial services and tech sectors.

But according to the Business Council of Canada, much more needs to be done to ensure our competitiveness in an era of offshoring, constricted supply chains, shortages of key raw materials, international trade agreements and disruptions caused by COVID-19.

There are steps we can take at the municipal level to ensure Toronto regains its place as a North American – and international – manufacturing and trade powerhouse. It starts with creating a tax and regulatory climate that boosts our competitive edge. Things like: working with Queen’s Park to enable tax forgiveness, tax relief, land grants and so on, to enable local businesses and industries to compete on a level playing field; consulting on a strategy to increase area industrial activity and bring supply chains back closer to home; working with Toronto Hydro to lower industrial energy costs; lowering barriers to safely develop industrial lands; helping offshore companies find a home in our City; and attracting new technologies, such as a semi-conductor plant – an industry which right now is almost entirely concentrated in embattled Hong Kong.

It’s simple: More investment and a stronger industrial base equals more jobs and prosperity for all Torontonians. We can do this!

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2 Source: Advancing North American Competitiveness – the businesscouncil.ca, January 8, 2023
CREATING JOBS AND RENEWED PROSPERITY 2:
CREATING JOBS AND RENEWED PROSPERITY 2:

Building Our Homegrown Advantages

Furey Calls for “Buy-and-Hire Toronto” Procurement Policies

Measures would favour City businesses and workers, while connecting apprentices with industry

Mayoral Candidate Antony Furey has outlined a package of steps to boost local business and industry, while helping Toronto’s economy bounce back from COVID-19.

“Our economy has lost ground from the pandemic, inflation and economic uncertainty,” Furey said. “It’s time for Toronto procurement policies that actively support local businesses, suppliers and workers.”

Under a Furey administration, the City would enact procurement policies that:

• require municipal projects to favour Toronto suppliers and manufacturers
• favour Toronto workers and apprentices for all municipal projects, and
• sponsor an annual Jobs Fair to match apprentices with industry and Toronto suppliers with buyers

“We can look to other jurisdictions that have taken this approach and gained real local economic benefits – all within the rules of existing trade agreements;” Furey stressed. An example is Preston in the UK, which faced economic ruin before the adoption of more stringent local procurement policies.

The result: “Preston has experienced a large reduction in its unemployment rate… while it has also seen improvements above the national average for health, transport, the work-life balance of its residents and for skills both (in) the youth and adult populations,” according to accounting firm PwC.

Furey said a comparable model was also adopted by Cleveland Ohio after the 2008 financial crisis, with similar positive results. “We owe the people of Toronto fresh new thinking and innovative ideas like these when it comes to strengthening our local economy and quality of life,” Furey concluded.

Every year, according to the Cooperative Enterprise Council, governments in Canada procure approximately $200 billion in goods and services - $22 billion by federal agencies and another $180 billion at the provincial, regional, and municipal levels.

Problem is, too little of that money is targeted at businesses within their home jurisdictions. Atlantic Canada’s Centre for Local Prosperity, for example, has reported that “$4.50 out of every $10 spent in New Brunswick leaves the economy”. This is the highest “leakage rate” in Atlantic Canada.

By contrast, more than a dozen studies have shown that every dollar spent with local businesses creates between two and four times more jobs than it does if it goes to an outside business.

1 Source: Co-operative Enterprise Council (cenb.ca) – “While it is true that various trade agreements place some restrictions on government procurement, there are plenty of opportunities under their Exemptions, Exceptions and Exclusions…”

2 See previous source
CREATING JOBS AND RENEWED PROSPERITY 3:
Real-world Housing Incentives

Swapping Red Tape for Market Solutions and Building Housing Now Action plan would connect landlords, builders and investors to relieve Toronto’s housing crisis

Mayoral Our City needs both regulatory and market-driven reforms to get new housing shovels in the ground immediately – not five or ten years from now when it’s too late, Mayoral Candidate Anthony Furey said.

“Estimates are Ontario will need 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years, chiefly owing to Ottawa’s expanded immigration quotas,” Furey noted. “And most of those new arrivals will come to Toronto.

“That’s great for our labour shortage – but not if they have nowhere to live.

“City Hall is notorious for approving all sorts of things. And then, owing to red tape and tinkering, nothing happens for years. We don’t have that kind of time.”

To meet that need, Furey tabled a package of measures to re-incentivize all players in the industry to get that housing built now.

These include:

- A guarantee to have housing proposals dealt with within six months or they are auto-approved, while still having to comply with all rules and regulations
- Helping connect business and investors with landlords as venture partners
- Abolishing the widely-criticized “Rent Safe” program which relies on annual City audits based on arbitrary criteria, rather than current work orders, to judge a building’s safety and fitness for residents, leaving renter information hopelessly out-of-date, and
- An end to treating good landlords the same as bad ones, by creating a “Trusted Landlord” registry for faster approvals

“We don’t have enough housing for our existing citizens, let alone for the wave of newcomers heading our way,” Furey concluded. “It’s time to bring market forces back into the marketplace, if we’re going to confront this crisis.”

As Mayor, I will enact a package of market-based reforms to speed the construction of both purpose-built rental housing and homes for purchase by incentivizing the private sector.

The need for this approach is overwhelming: According to a joint February report by the Building Industry and Land Development Association and the Federation of Rental Housing Providers of Ontario⁵, new construction of purpose-built rentals⁶ in the GTA over the past decade fell to just nine percent of the total, versus 89 percent from condos (which can be rented out). The report argues that “the vast majority of rental demand can be absorbed through new purpose-built rentals.”

¹ Purpose-Built Rental Housing in the Greater Toronto Area – February 9, 2023
² Defined as housing built specifically for long-term rental accommodation
FIXING CITY HALL:
FIXING CITY HALL: Bringing Back Sanity to Bike Lanes

Anthony Furey said as Mayor he will halt Toronto’s “outrageous” pledge to create new dedicated bike lanes throughout the city and will remove the University Avenue dedicated lanes. He will also revisit controversial bike lanes on Yonge Street and other major thoroughfares.

“The current approach to bike lanes in Toronto is outrageous — it has just gone too far,” says Furey.

“Ambulance response times have slowed, the Taste of the Danforth was cancelled, traffic is worse — this is why, as Mayor, I will say no more bike lanes on major roads.”

The plans for new lanes on Bloor Street West, Eglinton Ave., Sheppard Ave. and Kingston Rd.

Furey will remove the dedicated lanes on University Avenue in the name of public safety, to better facilitate access to Hospital Row. Other lanes will be considered for removal in consultation with actual community stakeholders as opposed to the vocal minority bike lobby.

Furey says: “I often ride my bike to run errands or go out with my kids, but you can’t just see the world through one lens. You’ve got to respect everyone. Toronto’s most hardcore cycling advocates don’t care if they ruin small businesses or block ambulances. They’ve just gone too far.”

The City made a commitment last year to build 100kms of new bike lanes by 2024. Furey says this is because they can’t say no to fringe activists who don’t represent average Toronto residents.

As Mayor, Furey will be open to creating new bike lanes but will work with BIAs, community groups and cyclists to locate appropriate streets that are not main thoroughfares and do not burden local neighbourhoods.
FIXING CITY HALL:
FIXING CITY HALL: Holding Metrolinx to account

Anthony Furey will commence legal action against Metrolinx for their contractual breaches and persistent failures over the Eglinton Crosstown LRT. The current situation is just unacceptable.

“It’s been over a decade of this and the people of Toronto have politely accepted delay after delay, poor communication, gridlock and harm to businesses along a major street,” Furey said.

“City council has been quietly accepting this shoddy performance, but it’s now time to get noisy and show that we won’t take it anymore. Someone has to protect the taxpayers and stand up for the people of Toronto.”

Furey plans to sue Metrolinx for $1 billion and will distribute part of the proceeds received from legal action to affected businesses along Eglinton Ave.

Toronto residents recently learned that the Eglinton Crosstown project is plagued with over 250 quality control problems and there was no credible timeline to complete the more than decade long project that is now turning into a multibillion dollar boondoggle.

Mayor Furey will see that the City of Toronto pursues legal action against Metrolinx and the province in accordance with provisions in the various agreements executed between the parties over the years.

Furey points out that Metrolinx is careening towards what agreements between the province and the City describe as a “major default”. He is also calling for an independent reviewer to be immediately appointed to review the terms of the various contracts Metrolinx signed with its contractors, which is consistent with the signed contracts.

“Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney and Metrolinx boss Phil Verster want to blame the contractors, but that won’t cut it,” Furey said. “It’s their job to manage the contractors and they’re just not doing their job.”

Furey points out that the project was already supposed to be finished by now.

“Back in 2021, media and politicians went on a tour of the Eglinton Crosstown project and were told it was over 90% completed,” Furey said. “Yet now we’re told they have no clue when it will open and have to redo some of the concrete. These constant delays are unacceptable.”
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**FIXING CITY HALL:**
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Follow the Money

Furey Pledges Sweeping Program Review and Value-for-Money Audit at City Hall Top-to-bottom review of spending, other measures, would refocus funds on basics — not wasteful pet projects

Mayoral Candidate Anthony Furey today vowed a full program review and audit of City Hall finances to find out where hard-pressed taxpayers’ money is going — and where it could be better spent.

“With a $16.2 billion operating budget this year — which has grown by 50% over the past ten years — a re-think of our spending priorities would allow more room for the essentials, like public safety, fixing potholes, transit improvements and easing gridlock,” Furey said.

As residents face an affordability crisis rocked by recent soaring inflation, now is not the time to shake down residents and taxpayers for even more money. Furey will say no to the push for new taxes and pledge to only increase property taxes by reasonable levels below the rate of inflation.

“Before we even begin to talk about raising taxes, we have to review the books to ensure respect for taxpayers,” Furey said.

Furey’s strategy for re-prioritizing City spending, raising revenues and ending waste includes:

- A top-to-bottom, independent audit of City Hall’s books
- Revisiting costly closed tendering for municipal contracts
- A hiring freeze on non-core services personnel to allow attrition to occur
- Exploring revenue collection from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority
- Collecting a carbon tax rebate from the federal government for all City gas expenses
- Reviewing wage-inflating post-secondary education requirements for all City jobs where appropriate — such as gardening and janitorial positions
- Suing Metrolinx for breach of contract and damages over the disastrous Eglinton Crosstown project

“Tapped-out Toronto taxpayers have had enough, Furey said. “Yet we still see frivolous spending like re-naming Dundas Street (minimum $4 million)⁶ and disruptive bike lanes (est. $20 million annually).”

“It’s time to clean up the books and get our priorities straight, if we hope to help the City we love back on its feet.”

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⁷ Source: The Globe and Mail: Toronto’s projected budget shortfall is $1.4 billion — January 10, 2023
⁸ Source: City to take a second look at renaming Dundas St.? — The Toronto Sun, January 15, 2023
There are many such examples — big and small — of potential cost savings at City Hall. A complete, independent audit will find plenty more. A hiring freeze for non-core services staff would be another area for significant savings.

“Almost half of City Hall employees are currently on the six-figure Sunshine List,” Furey said. “But Toronto residents don’t want more middle-management bureaucrats, they tell me they want more police and the prioritization of core services like fixing potholes.” Furey pledges to find staffing savings via attrition and port that over to hire more police, among other core positions.

More money for the basics. A healthier, safer and more vibrant Toronto. And most important — Restored taxpayer trust in City Hall.
FIXING CITY HALL: Stop Enabling the Drug Crisis

Furey Reveals Toronto-branded Crack Pipes and Chaos in Front of Schools. This needs to stop immediately.

Thanks to the help of brave whistleblowers in the Toronto shelter system, mayoral candidate Anthony Furey highlighted the existence of crack pipe kits and crystal meth kits featuring City of Toronto logos that are now being handed out. It’s not just going on at drug sites, which has been occurring for awhile, but now at social service agencies all across the City.

“Most Toronto residents will be shocked to learn that their tax dollars are going to crack pipes and crystal meth kits,” Furey said. “This is not just going on at drug injection sites, though: Shelters across the City are now being told they must distribute these drug kits, and basically become injection sites.”

This isn’t just a downtown issue either, Furey added. “This is coming to Etobicoke, Scarborough and North York. Shelters - including non-profit sector family shelters - are being forced by the City to provide drug paraphernalia or risk losing their funding.”

At a media event at Nathan Phillips Square, Furey unwrapped the crack pipe and crystal meth kits that are “branded” with the Toronto Public Health official logo. Furey learned about the true extent of the problem from whistleblowers who work in the non-profit shelter system.

“Torontonians are looking on in horror at places like Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, and they don’t want to go one step further in that direction,” Furey said. “That’s why I will put an end to pushing taxpayer-funded crack pipes across the system. It’s unbelievable that this is even going on.”

Furey added that Torontonians tell him they support his plan to phase out injection sites and replace them with treatment centres. “I’m here to stop this decline – while we still can. We can fix this!”

Meanwhile, Furey has also drawn attention to how the chaos happening on our streets is even harming our school children. While standing in front of a Kensington Market school, Furey gave a press conference with a school director and parents who were upset over how a nearby tent encampment has seen addicts harassing school staff, parents and even small kids.

“Small children are being screamed at and sworn at, an open discarded needle box has been placed on the sidewalk near the school and human feces is regularly in the path of these kids,” Furey said. “It’s just not right. Our children deserve better. School administrators and parents tell me they are beyond frustrated at what’s happened to their community and the lack of action from city hall.”
Furey will phase out drug injection sites and replace them with treatment centres. He will also clear out tent encampments from parks and other inappropriate spots.

“We’re a compassionate society but we can’t let our children continue to be exposed to these scenes,” Furey said. “As Mayor of Toronto, and as the father of three small kids, I will halt this sad decline and turn this city around.”

Furey will oversee a change in attitude across all City Hall departments to transition away from the failed ideology that more drugs and more injection sites is the way forward. Instead, Furey will work to make Toronto a better place for our families.

We can’t become any more like other cities. The headlines make it clear the looming crisis Toronto faces if we don’t go in a different direction:

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“B.C. wilfully blind to the severity of the drug addiction crisis”
Ian Mulgrew, the Vancouver Sun, March 22, 2023

“Fentanyl crisis behind record homeless death toll in Seattle”
High Times, January 18, 2023

“Overdose deaths in San Francisco hit 200 in three months”
The Guardian, April 28, 2023

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FIXING CITY HALL 3:
FIXING CITY HALL 3: No More Divisive Political Agendas

Parents really don’t want political agendas within our schools.

Mayoral candidate Anthony Furey will ensure that City Hall steps away from being one driven by what’s often described as divisive “woke” political agendas and instead focuses on serving the needs of all residents as equals.

“Toronto is a wonderfully diverse City and bureaucrats and politicians have mistakenly taken this to mean they need to focus on peoples’ differences,” Furey said. “But as I meet with residents all across this great city, from all walks of life, what I find is that everyone believes our similarities matter more than our differences.”

Furey has committed to pivoting away from programs and attitudes that see a focus on what divides people as opposed to what unifies us.

What voters at the door tell him though is that this is playing out the most at the school board level. Parents of all backgrounds and orientations agree that it is inappropriate to be giving surveys to young elementary school children inquiring as to whether or not they’re “non-binary”.

“While the Mayor has no control over the school board, I will be relaying the concerns of Toronto parents to trustees, school board officials and the province,” Furey says. “Parents want to see a focus on academic excellence and school safety. Instead, the focus appears to be on divisive agendas that few residents, if any, actually support.”

Likewise, Furey pointed to the alarming decision by a Toronto District School Board to remove a sign supporting Mother’s Day as an indication that things have just gone too far. The sign, taken down Tuesday in response to what was initially a single complaint on social media, was meant as a Mother’s Day greeting. It read, ‘Life Does Not Come with a Manual. It Comes with a Mom.’

School administrators immediately apologized, saying the sign honouring mothers “does not reflect the inclusivity of our community.”

Furey will ensure that divisive ideologies do not take root at City Hall and that city priorities focus on respecting and including all voices.
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The Anthony Furey for Mayor Campaign Platform

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CITY, NATIONAL LEADERS LINING UP TO BACK FUREY FOR MAYOR

Anthony Furey has received many high-profile endorsements for his candidacy for Mayor.
“It’s an honour to be endorsed by so many prominent figures,” Furey said. “Although at the end of the day what matters most is the endorsement of regular voters on the street.”

Notable endorsements Furey has earned so far include:

Joe Oliver
Former federal finance minister and Conservative MP

John Baird
Former federal foreign affairs minister and Conservative MP

Pauline Browes
Former federal cabinet minister and Progressive Conservative MP

Vern White
Former federal Senator and former Ottawa Police Chief

Bob Runciman
Former Ontario PC cabinet minister and Senator

John Snobelen
Former Ontario PC cabinet minister

Gord Walker
Former Ontario PC cabinet minister

Gila Martow
Former Ontario PC MPP and Vaughan councillor

John Hastings
Former Ontario PC MPP and Etobicoke trustee

Roman Baber
Former Ontario PC MPP

Dennis Mills
former Liberal MP

Dan McTeague
former Liberal MP

Sarmite Bulte
former Liberal MP

Angela Kennedy
Toronto Catholic District School Board Chair and Trustee

Dr. Weidong Pei
Ward 12 Toronto District School Board Trustee

Dr. Jordan Peterson
Internationally renowned psychologist and author

Conrad Black
National Post columnist

Jerry Agar
Newstalk1010 host

Mike Weaver
former NHL defenceman

Mark McEwan
celebrity chef

Catherine Swift
former Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses President
“I have decided who I am voting for in the upcoming mayor’s race. All of the people who are showing up in the polls and debates are people who were there for the past number of years as councillors, MPPs, MPs and police chiefs. So who got us into — or did not solve — the problems that are of concern to voters? That leaves me with one person, and that is Anthony Furey. I think he has good ideas and he isn’t a part of the system. All of the others are the system.”

leading NEWSTALK 1010 commentator Jerry Agar
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“I have been very happy to see the entrance of Anthony Furey into the race for Mayor of Toronto, and would like to express my unqualified support for his campaign.”

international author and lecturer Dr. Jordan Peterson (to his over 4 million followers)
"I care passionately about Toronto. I'm strongly supporting Anthony Furey to our next Mayor. He'll clean up the city, he'll deal with congestion, and he'll bring common sense back to City Hall."

former federal Foreign Affairs Minister and Treasury Board President John
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Public office is about service to people, and I commend anyone who has the passion to run. But it takes a special, authentic talent and skill set to do the job. Anthony Furey is the candidate who is built for the job.

veteran Liberal MP Dennis Mills
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Toronto is facing a lot of challenges these days, I believe Anthony Furey is up to the job. He can clean up Toronto, make it the clean city we once knew. He can straighten Toronto out.

Toronto celebrity chef Mark McEwan