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If you want a strong Toronto, with a decent quality of life for all residents, we have to invest in the future. When candidates come to your door during this election, demand that they commit to a fair deal for our city. And then make your vote count — for Toronto!

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# The problem is real

Each year, billions in taxes go from Toronto to Queen's Park and Ottawa, yet the City gets only six cents of every tax dollar to deliver all of its services — police, fire and emergency medical services, transit, housing, recreation, parks, roads, water and sewage, garbage and recycling, social services, libraries, child care, public health, homes for the aged and more.

The provincial government still has not restored fair funding for public transit, and continues to download social service costs onto property taxpayers. In fact, Ontario is the only province in Canada where property taxes pay for social programs.

**It cost the City \$729 million this year to deliver provincial social programs. Since amalgamation, the cost to Toronto taxpayers has been more than \$4 billion.**

**TTC projected 2008 operating costs: Riders will pay \$835 million, Toronto property tax payers will pay \$285 million and the province will only contribute the provincial gas tax of \$91 million.**

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# A Fair Deal for our City

We all know what it takes to make a great city: decent jobs, affordable transit and housing, strong public services, quality childcare and education, a healthy environment, and a future that our young people can believe in.

For generations, people have come here from around the world with their skills and their dreams, helping to create wealth and a rich diversity, building communities and educating our children.

We want a city that plays a leadership role in sustainability, equity, and a decent quality of life for all residents. Toronto must have the financial resources to succeed — it cannot continue to carry the burden of hundreds of millions in unfairly downloaded costs.

# What you can do to help our city

**Between now and October 10, Torontonians should be demanding that every candidate for provincial election commit to immediately resolving this unjust situation.**

- **Send an e-mail to the candidates in your riding. You can connect directly through our website, [www.fairdealforourcity.ca](http://www.fairdealforourcity.ca)**
- **Go to an all-candidates meeting and demand a straight answer**
- **Phone the candidates' offices and tell them you want their party to fix the problem instead of stalling**

After October 10, our coalition will continue to pressure the newly elected provincial government to provide a fair deal for Toronto, and every city in Ontario.

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