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Building Trades Council Pleased with Infrastructure and Training Investments

(Toronto, ON) “Today’s \$16.9 billion announcement to fund infrastructure projects for 2021-22 is welcome news for Ontario’s construction workforce, and for those who aspire to start a career in the building trades,” said Patrick Dillon, Business Manager of the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario.

The provincial government plans to invest \$145.4 billion over 10 years to build roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and other critical infrastructure including long-term care homes, as the province seeks to recover from the economic shocks of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The 2021 Budget builds on a positive track record of cooperation between government, construction employers, and Building Trades unions jointly striving to keep Ontario’s construction industry safe and open as we all work to overcome the pandemic,” noted Dillon.

“The \$288.2 million in investments through the Skilled Trades Strategy will go a long way towards helping to attract and retain new construction workers across a wide spectrum of trades to meet the demand generated by today’s announcements. Women, youth, and racialized people who are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic will have greater access to meaningful employment in construction, thanks to the training and apprenticeship supports included in today’s announcements,” Dillon pointed out.

“Our Council salutes the new construction of Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton and the regional hospital in Windsor-Essex which will help improve wait times and health and wellness outcomes for people in those communities, in addition to spurring training opportunities for young construction workers,” concluded Dillon.

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