

# **Federal Pre-Budget Consultations 2021**

## **Sample Survey Response – National Trust**

Link to Federal Survey/ Questionnaire – [here](#)

**1. *What investment do you think would best create jobs and grow the economy?***

- ***Other - Please specify***

- Providing stimulus funding (e.g. tax credits or grants) for the rehabilitation and reuse of Canada’s heritage places would: (1) help Canadian’s train for new green jobs in building reuse; (2) help build community resilience and contribute to affordable housing; and (3) build a Canada-wide industry that capitalizes on the embodied energy of existing buildings and thereby contributes to Canada’s green transformation.

**2. *Which of the following measures would you use to determine if Canada’s economy is recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic?***

- ***Other - Please specify***

- Providing stimulus funding (e.g. tax credits or grants) for the rehabilitation and reuse of Canada’s heritage places would: (1) would create over 21% more jobs than new construction, with less “leakage” out of the Canadian economy for foreign goods; and (2) “build back better” by contributing to environmentally sustainable GDP growth through maximizing sunk carbon and investment in heritage places.

**3. *Once the COVID-19 virus is under control, how do you think the government can help drive Canadian innovation to spur new jobs and growth in our economy?***

- ***Other - Please specify***

- Providing stimulus funding (e.g. tax credits or grants) for the rehabilitation and reuse of Canada’s heritage places would: (1) would help grow the building reuse industry and make low-carbon options more affordable to Canadians; and (2) provide incentives that encourage businesses to invest in clean building reuse jobs and projects, which capitalize on the embodied energy and avoided environmental impact and rapidly accelerate Canada’s green transformation.

**4. What are the most important ways the Government of Canada can help ensure an inclusive recovery that leaves no Canadian behind?**

- **Other - Please specify**

- Providing stimulus funding (e.g. tax credits or grants) for the rehabilitation and reuse of Canada's heritage places would: (1) help Canadians retrain for new green jobs; and (2) further heritage places projects that provide affordable housing.
- Providing funding for Indigenous heritage leadership to advance cultural heritage priorities, would contribute to Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

**5. What are your top priorities for Budget 2021?**

- Protect the environment and fighting climate change
- Help cities and communities thrive
- Create opportunities for Canadians who have lost their jobs or had work hours reduced during the pandemic.

**6. If you were designing the federal budget, what would you like to see in it to help create jobs and grow Canada's economy?**

- **Please add your comment here:**

- I recommend that the Government provide at least \$200 million in stimulus funding (e.g. tax credits or grants) to unlock billions of dollars in capital construction and other investments in heritage places across Canada. This funding would target the renewal, retrofitting and adaptive use of revenue-generating space, the creation of affordable housing and more; and would help nonprofits and charities renew cultural infrastructure and social purpose real estate. I also support providing funding for Indigenous heritage leadership to advance cultural heritage priorities that are of importance to Métis, Inuit, and First Nations Peoples in Canada.

Investments in heritage places are an ideal target for economic recovery and community infrastructure programs:

- Shovel-Ready Projects exist across Canada in urban, rural, and Indigenous heritage places;
- Projects at existing buildings create 21% more jobs than new construction, with less "leakage" out of the Canadian economy for foreign goods;
- Funding will leverage private sector investment and other financial instruments;

- Adaptive use and retrofits of existing buildings reduce GHG emissions and demolition waste, and capitalize on materials, energy, and sunk carbon already invested;
- Investments in their infrastructure will provide increased stability for the charitable, non-profit and tourism sectors; and
- Healthy and vibrant main streets and neighborhoods strengthen social cohesion and drive local economies.

**7. *When we are able to safely re-open the economy and COVID-19 is under control, what is one idea you have for how the federal government can help you or your community?***

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Providing federal stimulus to encourage the reuse of heritage buildings would play a key role in meeting Canada's 2030 GHG emission reduction targets. Investing in the rehabilitation of heritage buildings is a key component of the low carbon economy: building renewal and re-use capitalizes on materials and embedded carbon already invested, reduces construction and demolition waste, and avoids the environmental impact associated with new development. Studies demonstrate that it takes from 10 to 80 years for a new "green" building to make up for the negative climate change impacts of its construction.