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The budget presented by the Minister of Finance today

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The budget presented by the Minister of Finance today represents an unprecedented commitment to investments of critical importance to the people of Ontario, from public transit to public housing, to renewable energy.

“From the perspective of the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI), the minister has successfully balanced the obvious need to stimulate the economy with carefully selected investments in infrastructure that complement the government’s policy agenda while at the same time helping to move the province towards a greener future,” said CUI’s President and CEO, Glen Murray.

“The CUI believes that making strong connections between the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the plan now in progress for Northern Ontario, and the recently introduced Bill 150 – the Green Energy and Green Economy Act – represents sound public policy that is capable of making a lasting impression on environmental, economic and social priorities,” Murray said.

“The challenge facing Ontario, and indeed every jurisdiction in the Western world,” added Glenn Miller, Vice President, Education and Research with the CUI, “is to successfully manage the transition to reducing our reliance on fossil fuels while ensuring that the institutions that contribute so meaningfully to our quality of life receive the support they need.”

The CUI is Canada’s applied policy institute, based in Toronto. The CUI works on a variety of issues of importance to cities throughout Canada and internationally.

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