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Press Release

MP Sahota: More Investment for Brampton’s Riverwalk

04/12/2018 – Brampton, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is proud to announce that our Government is further funding the Environmental Assessment for the Downtown Brampton Riverwalk Flood Protection Project.

Flooding is Canada’s costliest and most frequent natural disaster. Recognizing this, Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness has committed \$1.5 million to Brampton under Public Safety Canada’s National Disaster Mitigation Program to better plan for and protect against the effects of flooding of the Etobicoke Creek in Downtown Brampton. This is in addition to an earlier \$300,000 committed through Infrastructure Canada’s Clean Water Wastewater Fund. Together, this funding will allow Brampton to complete an Environmental Assessment that will propose a preferred alternative to eliminate the risk of flooding.

“Weather-related natural disasters are getting more severe, more frequent, more damaging and more expensive. This is a threat not only to the safety of our city, but to our economic stability. Through this funding, the Government of Canada is determined to reduce the impacts of flooding from the Etobicoke Creek and build a safer and more resilient Brampton,” said MP Sahota.

The Government of Canada is committed to a disaster relief approach that will allow us to better identify, plan for and reduce the impact of weather-related emergencies and natural disasters on Canadians.

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Quick Facts

- The total project cost is valued at \$3 million - \$1.5 million from the Federal Government, \$1.2 million from the City of Brampton and \$300,000 from the Region of Peel.
 - This project is one of eight in Ontario to receive funding under the National Disaster Mitigation Program, totalling \$2.36 million.
 - The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is leading delivery on these eight projects in partnership with the Region of Peel, Region of York, City of Brampton and the City of Toronto.
 - Combined, these projects will help protect 43,774 residents in surrounding communities from the dangers of flooding.
 - According to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, insured damage in 2016 topped \$4.9 billion – passing the previous annual record of \$3.2 billion set in 2013—and that the annual economic cost of disasters around the world has increased five-fold since the 1980s. Flooding damage has accounted for 80 per cent federal disaster assistance payments over the past 20 years.
 - Studies have demonstrated that for every dollar invested in mitigation, six dollars are saved in future disaster costs
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