

Mayors want cash from Ottawa

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Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly (Staff / File)

Many of Atlantic Canada's mayors were in Halifax on Friday and they urged Ottawa to remember municipalities in the next federal budget.

More than 20 members of the Atlantic Mayors' Congress who met at Halifax city hall want the Harper government to satisfy their need for continued infrastructure funding.

"Most Canadians believe investments in local infrastructure are among the most important we can make," said a release issued after the meeting.

"Canadians want these investments to continue, and we agree, because they are effective and important."

The release said the mayors are "calling on the federal government to stay the course on its local

infrastructure funding. We say this knowing that the government has a deficit to fight and some hard choices to make."

Members of the group are urging Atlantic Canada's members of Parliament "of all parties to show their support for their cities and communities and commit publicly to sustaining federal infrastructure investments."

Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly said he and his mayoral colleagues would like Ottawa to honour its pledge to financially support municipal public works projects. He said they don't want their concerns to be victims of the government's spring budget.

"For us, there is an infrastructure deficit nationally — in excess of \$123 billion — and that must be managed, because if not, it will be to the detriment of all the collective taxpayers," Mr. Kelly told The Chronicle Herald.

The Conservatives' budget is due in March. The government has been hosting pre-budget consultations.

Ottawa is facing a \$56-billion deficit this fiscal year.

The congress was established in 2001. Mayors from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador meet two times a year to discuss municipal issues.

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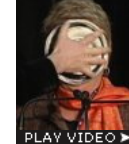
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