BUILDING A STRONG MIDDLE CLASS
Skills, Innovation and Middle Class Jobs
- Equip workers with the skills they need for the jobs of tomorrow, and secure Canada’s place as a world-leading centre for innovation

Communities Built for Change
- Invest in our communities, and create jobs and growth

A Strong Canada at Home and in the World
- Invest in health and wellness, inclusion and opportunity, and the safety and security of Canadians

Tax Fairness for the Middle Class
- Ensure that everyone pays their fair share, while making the tax system more effective and efficient

Equal Opportunity
- Budget 2017 includes Canada’s first ever Budget Gender Statement

“...balancing the need to make investments while preserving Canada’s fiscal strength...”
SKILLS, INNOVATION AND MIDDLE CLASS JOBS

Helping Young Canadians Succeed

- **$221 million** to target 10,000 work-integrated placements for post-secondary students
- **$396 million** to expand employment opportunities for young Canadians

Making Employment Insurance More Flexible for Families and Workers

- **$1 billion** to make parental benefits more flexible, create a new caregiving benefit and support training

Lifelong Learning: Supporting Working Canadians

- **$454 million** to help working adults upgrade their skills
- Over **$2.7 billion** invested in skills training and support through the Labour Market Transfer Agreements
## THE INNOVATION AND SKILLS PLAN

### Skills
- **Make training opportunities more accessible** to working Canadians
- Increase the number of Canadians participating in **work-integrated learning**
- **Help young Canadians get the experience and skills** they need to get a good job

### Research, Technology & Commercialization
- Making big bets and increasing investment in 6 key areas - **advanced manufacturing**, **agri-food**, **clean technology**, **digital industries**, **health/bio-sciences** and **clean resources**
- Business-led innovation **“supercusters”**
- **World class research**: quantum computing, stem cells, artificial intelligence

### Investment and Scale
- **Double the number of high-growth companies** from 14,000 to 28,000 by 2025
- Increase the availability of **late-stage venture capital** for growing firms
- **Grow Canada’s exports** by 30% by 2025

### Program Simplification
- **Innovation Canada** - single toolbox of support for all innovation-related programs
- Review **innovation programs** across departments to consider how they might be consolidated & simplified
COMMUNITIES BUILT FOR CHANGE

$81 billion in funding over the next 11 years – including:

• $20 billion for better public transit systems
• $7 billion for stronger, more efficient trade corridors
• Over $11 billion for a National Housing Strategy
• $7 billion to invest in early learning and child care
• $9 billion for bilateral agreements with provinces and territories to support green infrastructure

Innovative Delivery

• Launch the Smart Cities Challenge Fund
• Create the Canada Infrastructure Bank
A STRONG CANADA AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD

Stronger Health Care

• $11 billion in new funding to support home care and mental health
• $828 million to improve health outcomes for Indigenous Peoples

Further Partnerships With Indigenous Peoples

• A further $2.6 billion over five years for Indigenous Peoples, including infrastructure, post-secondary education and training, and support for language and culture

Upholding Canada’s Place in the World

• $250 million for multilateral engagement in Asia through the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
• Innovative solutions to development through $300 million capitalization of the Development Finance Institution

Greater Support for Veterans and Their Families
Tax Fairness for the Middle Class

- **Ensuring the Tax System Is Fair**
  - Closing tax loopholes
  - Reviewing tax planning strategies involving private corporations
  - Combatting tax evasion and tax avoidance by providing additional resources to the Canada Revenue Agency, and implementing international recommendations

- **Building a Better, More Efficient Tax System**
  - Improving tax relief for individuals and families through a new Canada Caregiver Credit
  - Improving existing tax measures for persons with disabilities and students
  - Eliminating measures that are no longer relevant or efficient, and making other measures more consistent
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:
BUDGET 2017’S GENDER STATEMENT

Enhancing the Profile of Gender Issues in Public Policy to Promote Greater Gender Equality

Budget 2017 highlights:

• Major investments in early learning and child care – supporting women’s labour market participation

• Targeted programs to help remove barriers to success where gender imbalances persist – including by promoting interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics

• Over $100 million for a National Strategy to Address Gender-Based Violence