



## 2021 Speech from the Throne “Building a Resilient Economy: A cleaner, healthier future for our kids” Summary of Points of Interest for the Real Property Institute of Canada

The Speech from the Throne (SFT) introduces the government’s direction and goals and outlines how it will work to achieve them. This is a summary of items of interest from the speech for the Board of Directors for the Real Property Institute of Canada. This information will be used to help inform future programming to meet the changing needs of the federal Real Property Community.

This document will be expanded to include Ministerial responsibilities for delivering on these priorities after the Prime Minister issues the Ministerial Mandate letters.

The SFT’s direction includes growing an economy; fighting climate change; moving forward on the path of reconciliation and making sure communities are safe, healthy, and inclusive.

The points of interest to this community are summarized by the categories in the speech.

1. Build a Healthier Today and Tomorrow (RP interest: our people)
  - Priority number one remains getting the pandemic under control. The best way to do that is vaccination. Already, the Government has mandated vaccination for federal and federally regulated workers, and for everyone travelling within Canada by plane, train, or ship.
2. Grow a More Resilient Economy (RP interest: Federal housing initiatives)
  - Housing:
    - Housing accelerator fund will help municipalities build more housing better and faster;
    - More flexible first-time home buyer incentive; and,
    - A new rent to own program and reduced closing costs for first-time buyers.
3. Bolder Climate Action (RP interests: Infrastructure investments, Greening Government Strategy, new Agency, and Strategy)
  - Climate action:
    - Focusing on innovation and good, green jobs, and by working with like-minded countries;
    - Moving to cap and cut oil and gas sector emissions, while accelerating the path to a 100 percent net-zero electricity future;
    - Investing in public transit and mandating the sale of zero emissions vehicles;
    - Increasing the price on pollution;
    - Protecting land and oceans to address biodiversity loss. Continue to strengthen the government’s partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis, to protect nature and respect their traditional knowledge;
    - Creating the **new Canada Water Agency** (announced earlier) will safeguard that vital resource; and,
    - Will also strengthen action to prevent and prepare for floods, wildfires, droughts, coastline erosion, and other extreme weather worsened by climate change. This will include the development of **Canada’s first-ever National Adaptation Strategy**.
4. Fight Harder for Safer Communities (RP interests: security agencies and our people)

The government:

  - Is investing in prevention and supporting the work of law enforcement;
  - Is committed to moving forward with a 10-year National Action Plan on gender-based violence, and will continue to support organizations providing critical services; and,
  - Will continue combatting hate and racism, including with a renewed Anti-Racism Strategy.

5. Stand Up for Diversity and Inclusion (RP interests: our people)

The government:

- Will continue to invest in the empowerment of Black and racialized Canadians, and Indigenous Peoples. It will also continue to fight harmful content online and stand up for LGBTQ2 communities;
- Will reintroduce the proposed **Act for the Substantive Equality of French and English and the Strengthening of the Official Languages Act**.

6. Move Faster on the Path to Reconciliation (RP interests: infrastructure on reserves, indigenous engagement/partnerships around federal real property decisions)

Reconciliation:

- Requires a whole-of-government approach, breaking down barriers, and rethinking how to accelerate the work. Whether it is eliminating all remaining long-term drinking water advisories or implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Government is committed to closing the gaps that far too many First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities still face today.

7. Fight for a Secure Just and Equitable World (RP interests: trade agreements/procurement)

The government:

- Will preserve and expand open, rules-based trade and ensuring our supply chains are strong and resilient.

As noted above, further details about the implementation of these priorities will be outlined in the forthcoming Ministerial Mandate letters. This document will be updated to include any details from mandate letters that would be of interest to the Community.

*Note: This summary of points of interests for the Real Property Community includes **direct excerpts** from the Speech from the Throne (November 23, 2021). The purpose is to provide the Real Property Institute of Canada Board of Directors with information about priorities related to the work of the real property profession in the federal government. It will help inform the development of future programming to respond to the changing needs of the Real Property Community.*