

# Provincial Election 2018

Party Platforms: What We Know So Far

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# Ontario Liberal Party



- Held open consultation process Nov – Dec 2017
- Results of public consultation survey to be released at OLP AGM on Feb. 3
- Election platform details to follow AGM
- Topics identified as part of public consultation:
  - Inclusive Growth
  - Lifelong Learning
  - A Culture of Health
  - Strong Sustainable Communities
  - Affordable Cost of Living
  - Inclusive and Just Society
  - Responsive Government



# Ontario Liberal Party



## Party Website:

[www.ontarioliberal.ca](http://www.ontarioliberal.ca)

## Public Consultation Website:

[commonground.ontarioliberal.ca](http://commonground.ontarioliberal.ca)



# PC Party of Ontario



- Party platform released in November
- In the process of choosing interim leader

## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform: *\*Note: Topic headings organized by TIAO\**

### Focus on Business

- Reduce small business tax rate by additional 28.5%
- Improve main grant vehicle (Jobs & Prosperity Fund) to create a more transparent grant awarding process, allow tax holidays, and allow to fund local infrastructure projects that create jobs

### Regulatory Burden

- Take action to reduce red tape by eliminating 2 regulations for every 1 new regulation introduced
- Deliver immediate hydro relief to Ontario businesses by reforming the system, and removing conservation funding, which will result in \$215M removed from the industrial rate base
- Commit to establishing a \$15/hr minimum wage over 4 years.



# PC Party of Ontario



## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform:

### Workforce Development

- Allow experimental learning to count for up to half of students' 40 hours of volunteer commitments
- Modernize programs such as the Ontario High Skills Major, and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, including better community and labour force integration to improve post-high school employment, and allow more employers to match jobs to skills
- Better coordination of labour market information sharing between the private sector, educational institutions, and government - linking students with in-demand careers, linking education to employment and people to jobs

### Tourism

- Develop integrated Ontario tourism strategy, including more promotion of Ontario as a tourism destination, and a focus on Northern Ontario tourism
- Unlock Crown lands for hunting, angling and tourism, and explore ways to increase public access to resource access roads (including forest roads)
- Create a horse racing scratch ticket, and review and fix the sharing agreements between Woodbine and community tracks for off-track betting



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## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform:

### Transportation

- Fulfill existing commitments to two-way, all day GO Train service, and complete major transit projects already under construction, including those in Ottawa, Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo
- Commit additional \$5B to build new subways in the GTA
- Fulfill existing commitment to complete environmental assessment for the Southwestern Ontario high speed rail project
- Reverse the 148% increase to the aviation fuel tax for all Northern airports (large and small), providing tax relief to northern outfitters and tourism companies, increasing competitive advantage
- Bring back Ontario Northlander passenger rail service (by end of mandate)

### Infrastructure

- Make broadband and cellular infrastructure projects eligible under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, and contribute \$100M to funding these projects directly



# PC Party of Ontario



## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform:

### Environment

- Support movement of goods, fishing and tourism by committing \$50M for initiatives that support cleaning up Great Lakes; take action against sewage dumping into Ontario's lakes and rivers
- Cancel Climate Change Action Plan, dismantle the cap-and-trade system, and withdraw from the Western Climate Initiative; opt into the federal carbon pricing benchmark
- Ensure all hunting and fishing license fees are spent on wildlife conservation

### Northern Ontario

- Reinstate spring bear hunt in full (subject to municipal consent), and respect economic, cultural and species management concerns with respect to moose tags and moose hunting
- Ensure Northern Ontario Heritage Fund is fully allocated, or rolled over to the next year; index the fund to inflation, so it continues to grow and support economic development and opportunity in the North



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## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform:

### Government Accountability

- Restore practice of publishing revenue and expense projections in the Budget, for four years at a time
- Commission and publish independent audit of government's fiscal reality
- Run a modest deficit in year one to front-load tax reductions, returning to balance in year two
- Run surpluses to pay down debt in the final two years of mandate



# PC Party of Ontario



## Party Website:

[www.ontariopc.com](http://www.ontariopc.com)

## Election Platform:

[www.ontariopc.ca/peoplesguarantee](http://www.ontariopc.ca/peoplesguarantee)



# Ontario New Democratic Party



- Released initial platform draft Spring 2017; updated Fall 2017

## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform: *\*Note: Topic headings organized by TIAO\**

### Focus on Business

- Allocate resources to proactive enforcement of health and safety standards
- Support small businesses by providing access to support programs
- Support Ontario jobs by engaging in strategic government procurement from SMEs using community benefit agreements

### Regulatory Burden

- Committed to raising minimum wage to \$15/hr
- Guarantee fair minimum number of paid hours per shift, and require schedules to be posted with enough notice
- Reduce hydro bills by 30%
- Take landmark steps to return Hydro One to public ownership and oversight
- Equalize rural and urban delivery charges, cap private profit margins, and end mandatory Time-of-Use rates



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## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform:

### Workforce Development

- Work with colleges and employers to ensure college graduates are ready for the workforce
- Help colleges and employers partner to provide ongoing training to ensure workers benefit from changes in technology

### Tourism

- Increase protection of Ontario parks; expand access and use of green spaces and parks across Ontario
- Pursue future for Ontario Place that embraces culture, recreation and entertainment, that's accessible for all Ontarians
- Ensure Ontario Place remains a publicly owned space



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## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform:

### Transportation

- Match municipal operations funding for public transit on a 50-50 basis
- Invest more than \$800M annually in transit, including more than \$300M in Toronto
- Continue to build GO rail and bus networks
- Extend GO Train service to Niagara
- Add capacity to GO network's highest used routes
- Commit to extending two-way all day GO Transit service

### Infrastructure

- Ensure everyone has access to broadband internet services, no matter where they live



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### Infrastructure

- Expand access and use of green spaces and parks, while protecting ecosystems and biodiversity
- Protect Greenbelt and the urban river system while encouraging sustainable, smart growth
- Support cap-and-trade
- Dedicate at least 25% of cap-and-trade revenues to support communities and individuals with disproportionate burdens, such as northern and rural Ontarians, and low-income families
- Update and implement more effective Environmental Bill of Rights



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## Commitments Outlined in Election Platform:

### Northern Ontario

- Increase access to broadband in rural and northern areas
- Restore service on the Ontario Northlander passenger rail line
- Stop gas price gouging, especially in Northern Ontario



# Ontario New Democratic Party



## Party Website:

[www.ontariondp.ca](http://www.ontariondp.ca)

## Election Platform:

[www.ontariondp.ca/vision](http://www.ontariondp.ca/vision)



# Other Registered Political Parties:

- [Alliance Party of Ontario](#)
- [Canadians' Choice Party](#)
- [Communist Party of Canada](#)
- [Cultural Action Party of Ontario](#)
- [Equal Parenting Party](#)
- [Freedom Party of Ontario](#)
- [Green Party of Ontario](#)
- [None of the Above Direct Democracy Party](#)
- [Northern Ontario Party](#)
- [Ontario Libertarian Party](#)
- [Ontario Moderate Party](#)
- [Ontario Provincial Confederation of Regions Party](#)
- [Party for People with Special Needs](#)
- [Pauper Party of Ontario](#)
- [Stop the New Sex-Ed Agenda Party](#)
- The People's Political Party (no website)
- [Trillium Party of Ontario](#) (currently holds 1 seat)
- [Vegan Environmental Party](#)