

Ontario Election 2018: Summary of Public Health and SDOH Related Party Platforms

	Progressive Conservative Party	New Democratic Party	Liberal Party	Green Party
Climate Change and Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower hydro bills by 12% for families, farmers and small businesses Fire Hydro One president and entire board Stop the carbon tax Challenge, in the Supreme Court of Canada, any attempt by the federal government to impose a carbon tax on Ontario families End Green Energy Act Reduce gas prices by 10 cents/litre Protect the Greenbelt in its entirety Implement resource revenue sharing from mining, forestry and aggregates to help Northern towns and Indigenous communities share in resource development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut hydro bills by 30% Put Hydro One back in public hands Double support of Ontario Electricity Support Program to assist low income families who heat with electricity Direct \$50 million from cap-and-trade programs for retrofitting of power-saving technologies in homes Develop a Provincial Food and Water Strategy Clean up the mercury in the English– Wabigoon River system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut hydro bills by 25% for residential consumers – up to 50% for low income, rural, and northern residents Cut electricity rates in half for small businesses and farms Provide rebates to homeowners for energy efficient improvements Invest \$20 million over three years to launch Ontario’s Climate Change Resiliency Organization, which will work with communities, private businesses and governments to help them make climate-informed decisions Invest \$2.3 billion in green infrastructure projects Expand the Greenbelt Dedicate \$85 million to clean up mercury contamination in the English-Wabigoon River system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the Greenbelt Invest \$200 million over 4 years to pay farmers to protect water and store carbon Develop long term energy plan with the goal of being powered by 100% renewable energy Call for an independent public review of energy costs
Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a child care tax rebate for parents with children under 15 which would pay up to 75% of family’s childcare expenses (based on income) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide free child care for families with income less than \$40,000/year Make average child care cost \$12/day for families with income greater than \$40,000/year Increase not-for-profit, licensed, affordable child care spaces in Ontario by 202,000 spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide free universal preschool care (over 2 ½ until start of school) Create 100,000 new licensed child care spaces over 5 years Create 4,500 culturally relevant child care spaces in First Nations communities Invest \$1 billion over three years to increase access to licensed child care for infants and toddlers, reduce fees and reduce or eliminate fee-subsidy wait lists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in platform
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide \$38 million in funding for all children with autism Ban cell phones in all primary and secondary school classrooms Restore Ontario’s previous sex-ed curriculum after consultation with parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hire 400 mental health works to provide mental health supports in every high school End EQAO testing Invest \$16 billion to repair schools Ensure history curriculums include Indigenous peoples, the lasting impacts of colonialism and residential schools, and the need for reconciliation, the history of Black Ontarians, the Underground Railroad, and Caribbean and African experiences Provide grants instead of loans for all new post-secondary students qualifying for OSAP Forgive interest for all provincial student loans retroactively Open the first Franco-Ontarian University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all high schools have access to mental health workers by hiring 400 more mental health workers Expand Ontario Autism Program Add 2,000 new teachers to eliminate waitlists for special education Add 450 guidance teachers to elementary schools to help transition to high school and start career planning Invest \$132 million over three years to give students experiential learning opportunities Create new post-secondary campuses in Markham, Brampton and Milton Invest \$500 million starting in 2020-2021 to renew college and university campuses Increase College Equipment and Renewal Fund to \$20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in platform

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Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and dental coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduce free dental care for low-income seniors • Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not included platform • Mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invest \$3.8 billion in mental health, addictions, and housing • Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invest in 15,000 new long-term care beds over 5 years and 30,000 over 10 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and dental coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dental Care for Everyone - every worker and their families, every senior without benefits, and every person receiving social assistance will have minimum standard dental benefits ○ Pharmacare for Everyone – universal drug coverage for essential medicines (including medications to treat high blood pressure, high cholesterol, asthma, diabetes, allergies, migraines, mental health conditions, HIV, as well as drugs for birth control and reproductive health) ○ Create 70 new public dental clinics and 7 mobile dental buses • Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase base funding by 5.3% immediately and each year to 2021-2022 ○ Add 2,000 new hospital beds now ○ Remove surgery caps ○ Invest \$19 billion over 10 years to hospital capital expansion ○ End layoffs, prevent violence in the workplace, ensure PTSD coverage for front line health care staff ○ Increase funding for community not-profit health centres by \$30 million ○ Create 35 new community health centres ○ Increase home care funding by \$300 million ○ Eliminate OHIP waiting periods for palliative care of patients moving between provinces/territories ○ Invest \$75 million for palliative care over 3 years ○ Continue \$15 million investment in 2018-2019 to improve access to community-based palliative care ○ Protect medical assistance in dying • Mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create new Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions ○ Hire 2,200 new mental health workers ○ Build 30,000 new supportive housing units ○ Invest \$590 million to cut children’s mental health wait times to a 30 day maximum ○ Invest \$100 million in Ontario’s Dementia Strategy • Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum 4 hours/day of hands-on care in for residents in long-term care by 2022 ○ Fund 15,000 more long-term care beds over 5 years ○ Fund 40,000 more long-term cares beds by 2028 ○ Expanding municipal and not for profit long-term care ○ Increase home care funding immediately by \$300 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and Dental Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand OHIP+ to include people over 65 ○ Ontario Drug and Dental program - reimburse 80% of prescription drug and dental costs • Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase hospital funding by \$822 million in 2018-2019 ○ Add 3,500 nurses to hospital system in 2018 • Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invest \$2.1 billion in mental health and addiction care/four years ○ Create a 24/7 provincial help line to provide fast access to help and crisis counselling ○ Fund 2,475 additional supportive housing units ○ Add 100 new acute mental health and addictions beds in hospitals ○ Increase funding by 3% for community-based providers of adult mental health and addictions care • Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum four hours/day of hands-on care in long-term care by 2022 ○ 30,000 new long-term care beds over 10 years ○ Invest \$650 million in home care over three years ○ Expand OHIP+ to those over 65 years of age in 2019 ○ Increase access to home and community care and up to \$750/year for home maintenance costs through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and dental coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not included in platform • Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not included in platform • Mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invest \$4.1 billion over 4 years to include mental health services in OHIP+ ○ Create new umbrella organization, Mental Health and Addictions Ontario, to consolidate and prioritize mental health services • Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not included in platform

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women’s health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women’s health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add 360 new midwives over the next four years Promote pay equity for women Create a New Moms Guarantee – protecting newborn and maternal care services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Seniors Healthy Home Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$15 million in community-based palliative care Women’s Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and maintain abortion programs Implement It’s Never Okay: Ontario’s Gender-Based Violence Strategy Develop a post-partum care strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women’s health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in platform
Taxes and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate income tax for minimum wage earners Cut income tax by 20% for the middle class Cut corporate income tax from 11.5% to 10.5% Conduct a value-for-money audit of every government program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Basic Income Guarantee pilot and evaluate outcomes Increase of Ontario Works by 10%, 7%, and 5% Increase ODSP by 5% annually Increase minimum wage to \$15 before indexing to inflation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to evaluate the Basic Income Guarantee pilot Increase Ontario Works and ODSP by 3%/year for the next three years Increase minimum wage to \$15/hour in 2019 Increase Jobs and Prosperity Fund by \$900 million over 10 years Invest \$63 million to create the first Ontario Training Bank to provide new short term training options for workers to upgrade their skills Create \$85 million Venture Technologies Fund to help high-growth firms scale up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Income Guarantee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Basic Income Guarantee for all Ontarians \$3.4 billion in 2018-2019 to increase social assistance rates \$6.4 billion per year by 2021-2022 to phase in Basic Income Guarantee at the low income cut off level
Other Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload responsibility for subway infrastructure from City of Toronto to the Province Add \$5 billion in new subway funding to the \$9 billion already available to build the Sheppard Loop with Scarborough, the Relief Line, and the Yonge Extension Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the supply of affordable housing across the GTA while protecting the Greenbelt in its entirety Beer and wine sales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow corner stores, grocery stores, and big-box stores to sell beer and wine Lower minimum retail price for beer to \$1/bottle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility/Disability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$67 million annually in increasing support for agencies that provide services to adults with developmental disabilities Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$800 million across the province including covering 50% of municipal operating costs Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build 65,000 new affordable homes Provide \$3 million to co-op housing sector to encourage development Apply the Non-Resident Speculation Tax and Housing Speculation Tax to rising housing markets Direct 25% of cap-and-trade revenue to rural, northern and low income homes LGBTQIA2S+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully cover cost of transition drugs Increase access to HIV related drugs (including PrEP) through Pharmacare for All plan Ensure long-term care spaces are inclusive and supportive for LGBTQIA2S+ individuals Opioids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declare state of emergency for opioid crisis Support harm reduction through safe injection sites and increased access to naloxone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility/Disability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand Passport program – providing each individual transitioning from youth to adult services with minimum \$5,000/year direct funding Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$230 billion in infrastructure over 14 years Invest \$140 million to improve cycling infrastructure Reduce all GO Transit trip within Toronto and/or under 10km to \$3/trip for PRESTO card users Beer and wine sales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with wine, cider, spirits, and beer producers to develop a new strategy to grow the beverage alcohol sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase funding for public transit infrastructure by \$1-1.5 billion per year over 2018 projections Fund 50% of operating costs of municipal transit systems Establish a dedicated long term fund for walking and cycling infrastructure Invest \$2.17 billion in 4 years on safe streets and roads Dedicate 5% of the transportation budget for walking and cycling Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require new developments to have minimum 20% affordable housing Explore innovative housing solutions(e.g. “tiny houses”, laneway housing, co-housing, and secondary suites) Invest \$200 million for shelters, social, co-op and supportive housing
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