

Ontario PC 2014 Platform: “Million Jobs Plan” Quick Reference Guide

Fiscal Policy	
Corporate Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace \$2 billion in corporate subsidies with a 30% cut in Ontario's corporate income tax
Income Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower the personal income tax burden by 10% once the budget is balanced in 2016-17
Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent government spending from growing beyond a fixed percentage of the economy (Spending Within Our Means Act)
Red Tape Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review all government programs; eliminate, alter or retain programs based on results Reduce government regulations for Ontario businesses by 1/3 over three years Allow businesses to provide workplace insurance to employees Eliminate unnecessary rules in social assistance system
Energy Policy	
Conventional Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in natural gas, nuclear energy and hydroelectricity Import hydro from Quebec and other jurisdictions as required Reduce hydro bureaucracy
Green Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate future subsidies for wind and solar power
Labour Policy	
Union Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce “paycheque protection” for workers Enforce financial transparency for unions Guarantee the right to a secret ballot in union certification votes
Skilled Trades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate the College of Trades Streamline apprenticeship rules Eliminate rules prohibiting competitive bids on government construction projects Implement initiatives to match new Canadians with Ontario employers Connect young workers with skilled trades employers
Public Assets and Alternative Delivery of Services Policy	
Pension Plan Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow Canadian pension plans to invest in public assets (LCBO, Hydro One, OPG), and use proceeds to fund major transportation projects Reduce government's operational role in lotteries and gambling
Land Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sell off surplus government-owned land and buildings Move some government departments and agencies out of downtown Toronto
Public Service & Broader Public Service Policy	
Public Sector Pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement two-year pay freeze on all public servants In arbitration, compare public sector jobs to similar ones in private sector, base decisions on affordability
Government Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide defined contribution pensions for future government employees, grandfather in current employees with defined benefit pensions
Payroll Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce number of government employees (including BPS) by 100,000. Exempt vital front-line service jobs
Competition for Government Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open contracts for government services to competition (e.g., building maintenance, IT support) Make new or vacant government jobs open to external competition Redefine scope of government and transfer jobs outside of government scope to Ontario companies
Smaller Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce number of ministries and cabinet ministers from 27 to 16 Link ministers' salaries with specific performance goals Reduce number of government employees (including BPS) by 100,000; vital front-line service jobs are exempt
Environmental Policy	
Conservation Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance mandate of conservation authorities with needs of the economy
Transportation and Infrastructure Policy	
Uploading Rail and Major Highways in GTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload to the province control of all rail-based transit and major highways in GTA Establish Ontario Transportation Trust using funds raised through sale of surplus government land and buildings, and dedicate \$2 billion a year after balancing budget to transit trust Make transit top priority in province's existing annual capital budget Increase role of private sector in delivery of transportation

East-West Express Subways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize building of East-West Express Subway which will connect people from from Etobicoke and Scarborough to downtown Toronto
GO Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand GO Transit through increased rush hour service and express trains
Targeted Highway Expansions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand highways by “fixing bottlenecks throughout the region”

Education Policy

Community Colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make trades training a community college course • Offer more college courses that also count as high school credits • Simplify transfer process for students transferring from college to university and vice versa • Enable credit transfer between colleges and universities
Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline student subjects to economic growth • Provide more spaces for students focused on science, technology, engineering, business and math • “We will also make sure that no Ontario student is denied because of lack of money”
Children and Youth Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise competency targets for reading, writing and math • Upgrade math curriculum; make grade 8 science subject to a mandatory province-wide standardized test; increase use of specialized math teachers in grades 4 to 6 • Provide financial incentives for graduates with math and science backgrounds to teach elementary • Introduce financial literacy curriculum • Reduce spending in non-core education • Protect special education and full day kindergarten in schools

Health Care Policy

Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to grow health care spending
Health Hubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate responsibility for coordinating community health-care to local health care organizations • Make front-line local health care providers key decision-makers for community health care delivery
Chronic Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign high needs patients “care navigators” (front line caregivers) to coordinate sources of care
Home Care and Long-Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand home and long-term care availability for patients
Increased Scope of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and expand scope of practice for pharmacists, nurse practitioners and other professionals to improve availability of care close to home • Expand role of specialty clinics to provide routine government services (dialysis, routine surgeries)
Competition in Health and Home Care Service Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow patients to choose between home care services provided by government or private sector • Encourage competitive contracts for hospital cafeteria and MRI services
Patient Databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve patient databases for doctors and researchers to study treatment and prevention programs
Mental Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop comprehensive approach to mental health care
Physical Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate 45 minutes of physical activity each weekday through school activities and after-school sports

Other Policies

Northern Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop comprehensive approach to mental health care • Repeal Far North Act • Distribute gas tax revenue “more fairly” • Restore local control over wind and solar energy projects • Expand agriculture, tourism, mining and forestry industries
Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect employers to people with disabilities • Expand post-secondary education for people with disabilities • Invest education budget savings in support of education for special needs students
Free Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue free trade deals with other provinces • Pursue new international trade deals in partnership with federal government

