

Ontario Liberal 2014 Platform: “Kathleen Wynne’s Plan for Ontario”

Quick Reference Guide

Fiscal Policy	
Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance the budget in 2017-18 • Develop a plan to return to pre recession debt-to-GDP ratios • Establish a committee of Ministers to find savings of \$2.25B over 3 years • Salary freeze for MPPs and hard cap on salaries for executives in public and broader public sector • Reduce number of government agencies by 30%
Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a Financial Accountability Officer to provide independent analysis of the state of the province’s finances
Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise income taxes on top 2% of income tax filers by lowering limit on top 13.16% rate to taxable income of \$220k and new tax bracket of 12.16% for taxable income between \$115k and \$220k • Remove small business tax deduction used by large businesses • Increase tax rate on aviation fuel • Increase research and development tax credits for those investing more in R&D and cut credits for those cutting those investments
Emerging Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25M over 3 years to promote aboriginal businesses • 10 year \$2.5B Jobs and Prosperity Fund, \$40M per year for agri-food and food processing • Continue to invest in regional economic development funds • \$25M over 5 years for Institute for Quantum Computing at University of Waterloo • \$30M to support early stage life sciences companies • 5 new Start Up Hubs and safe, regulated crowdfunding • \$75M Wine Strategy
Energy Policy	
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce electricity costs for large users making new investments by 15%, 20% for conservation-minded large users • Eliminate debt retirement charge for residential consumers by end of 2015 • Home Electricity Assistance Program to provide rate relief to low income families
Conventional Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of 10 nuclear reactors • \$230M in loans and grants to extend natural gas to underserved communities • Expand East-West Tie from Wawa to Thunder Bay; new lines to Pickle Lake, Red Lake and from Thunder Bay to Dryden
Green Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000MW of renewable energy online by 2025
Labour Policy	
Skilled Trades and Youth Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint a special advisor to review the College’s application process and scope of practice, including enforcement • Add \$38 million to the Youth Employment Fund in 2014-15 and extend the Youth Jobs Strategy to September 2015 • Launch Experience Ontario, a nine month paid community work and service program



Environment Policy	
Environment / Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the Greenbelt over next six years • Promote urban forests • Help landowners protect prime agricultural land close to major urban centres • New rules for clean bio-diesel • New alternative fuel rules to help energy intensive industries reduce their use of coal
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect Great Lakes • \$30M for Walkerton Clean Water Centre

Transportation and Infrastructure Policy	
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 year \$130B for transit, transportation, hospitals and schools
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15B for GTHA transit, \$14B for rest of Ontario for roads, bridges, transit and other critical infrastructure • \$1B for Ring of Fire infrastructure
Schools and Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11.4B for new or expanded hospitals • \$11B for new schools and school repairs • Funding for new campuses to create 15,000 more undergraduate spaces • \$700M for deferred maintenance for hospitals, \$300M for community health infrastructure • \$500M for deferred maintenance at colleges and universities

Education Policy	
Post-Secondary Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the 30% Off Tuition Grant • \$250M over 3 years for research infrastructure
Children and Youth Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$150M over three years in technology and learning tools • Guarantee that every Grade 7-12 student has access to their own online career planning tool • Support for guidance counsellors to better prepare students for future career success • Replace the current Grade 10 Careers curriculum to include a hands-on approach • Enhance outcomes for Aboriginal students • Focus on improving math scores • Close achievement gaps for students experiencing less success
Early Learning / Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete roll out of Full Day Kindergarten • Increase wages for child care workers by \$1 per hour 2015 and \$1 per hour in 2016 • Pass Child Care Modernization Act
Student Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive approach to wellness including support for accepting school climates, mental health, healthy eating and physical activity

Health Care Policy	
Primary and Specialty Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand scope of practice for nurses, pharmacists and other professionals • Expand support for infertility services
Managing the System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Patient Ombudsman • Review LHINs, CCACs and Public Health Units • Cap or cut hospital parking fees for frequent visitors • Advocate for national drug insurance program



Home Care and Long-Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750M over three years to provide better care in the home and reduce wait times • Increase wages for personal support workers by \$1.50 per hour in 2014 and 2015, \$1 in 2016 • Develop a palliative care and end of life care strategy
Community Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower communities to develop their own community wellness strategies • Invest in 25 new Memory Clinics
Wait times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a strategy to reduce wait times for referrals to specialists
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase funding by \$220M over three years in community supports, early intervention and helping families as they transition through the system

Other Policies

Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A publicly administered, arms length pension plan by 2017 that will be designed to be integrated with CPP should the federal government agree in the future
Rural Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain risk management programs • \$30M over three years to promote local food • Up to \$500M over next three years to support a sustainable horseracing industry • \$40M per year for Food Processing Investment program (part of Jobs and Prosperity Fund) • Support agricultural expansion in the North
Auto Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain plan to reduce rates by 15%
Anti-Poverty / Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release second five year Poverty Reduction Strategy in first 60 days • Increase Ontario Child Benefit to \$1310 per child in July 2014 • Increase support for homelessness and re-commit to Investment in Affordable Housing program • Increase Ontario Works and ODSP rates by 1% in 2014-15 • Increase minimum wage to \$11 per hour by June 1, 2014 and index to inflation • Expand Student Nutrition Program to be available at 340 more schools • Introduce health benefits for children in low income families starting with prescription drugs, vision care, mental health services and assistive devices • Invest in supportive housing through rent supplements and supportive services • Expand Healthy Smiles program for additional 70,000 low income children
Children / Youth Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate waiting list for Passport program; invest \$810 million over three years to provide better services for people with developmental disabilities, including support for front line workers • Permanently increase funding for Children's Treatment Centres by \$5M
Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand legal aid by doubling eligibility threshold over next seven years • Undertake a renewal of family law system
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change building code to allow six-storey wood frame buildings • Modernize Construction Lien Act and legislation to address payment risk within the construction sector • License condo managers and allow condo owners to resolve disputes faster outside the court system
Consumer Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Consumer Bill of Rights to enhance oversight of moving companies, home renovation services, sale of consumer debts to debt collection agencies • Professional designation for financial planners • New protections against identify theft, credit rating agency abuses
Aboriginal People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$2.5M over three years in an Urban Aboriginal Action Plan

