



Ontario Liberals 2018 Platform: “Care Over Cuts”

Quick Reference Guide

Economic Policy	
Jobs & Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Invest \$100 million in the Eastern Ontario Development Fund and the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund over the next 10 years, creating and retaining nearly 20,000 jobs and attracting more than \$800 million in investments- Invest \$30 million over two years to expand and enhance the Skills Advance Ontario program, which provides training for Indigenous peoples and other underrepresented groups
Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduce regulations to level the playing field in response to New York State’s Buy American legislation- Continue to support the forestry sector’s productivity, innovation and access to new markets through the Forestry Growth Fund
Universal Basic Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue to evaluate the impact of a basic income in Hamilton and the surrounding area, Thunder Bay and Lindsay
Emerging Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhance supports for innovative companies as they start up and scale up, including \$85 million over 10 years through the Venture Technologies Fund- Increase investment in the New Economy Fund by an additional \$500 million over 10 years- Create a \$50 million Transformative Technology Partnerships Fund to support innovation in AI, 5G wireless communications, advanced computing and autonomous vehicles- Renew a 10-year agreement with the University of Guelph that will see \$700 million invested in agri-food education, research and innovation

Healthcare Policy



Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase hospital funding by \$822 million in 2018-19 - Support 40 major hospital building projects - Create a Diabetes Centre of Excellence
Long-Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create 30,000 new long-term care beds over the next 10 years - Invest an additional \$650 million in home care over the next three years - Invest an additional \$15 million in 2018-19 to improve access to community-based palliative care
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$2.1 billion additional investment in mental health and addiction care over the next four years - Expand access to free psychotherapy for up to 350,000 more people with anxiety and depression
OHIP+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make more than 4,400 prescription drugs available free of charge to everyone 65 and over who is OHIP insured - Cover all medications on the Ontario Drug Benefit program, including drugs for cholesterol, hypertension, thyroid conditions, diabetes and asthma - Reimburse people for 80 per cent of prescription drug and dental costs, up to \$400 for single people, \$600 for couples and \$700 for a family of four with two children

Education Policy	
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest \$16 billion over 10 years in new and improved schools - Improve access to high-speed Internet at publicly funded schools, including connecting an additional 250,000 students at 850 schools by the end of 2018 and connecting all classrooms by 2021
Post-Secondary Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest \$500 million, starting in 2020-21, to help renew college and university campuses - Provide students from middle-income families with thousands of dollars more in aid from the Ontario Student Assistance Program by reducing the minimum parental contribution required



Primary Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redevelop Ontario’s primary curriculum with respect to math, arts, environmental sciences, and Indigenous history
Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide free preschool childcare to children ages two till they begin kindergarten - Create 100,000 new licensed child care spaces over five years - Create 4,500 new, 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
Experiential Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest \$132 million over the next three years in innovative college and university programming that strengthens partnerships with employers and gives students more experiential learning opportunities - Increase funding of the College Equipment and Renewal Fund over the next three years from \$8 million annually to \$20 million a year, to ensure college students have access to modern equipment and technologies

Infrastructure & Transit	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand access to supportive housing by funding 2,475 additional units - Prohibit-above guideline rent increases in buildings with outstanding work orders related to pest control
Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest more than \$11 billion to support the building of Canada’s first high-speed rail service in the Toronto-Windsor corridor - Reduce fares for GTHA transit users, saving regular cross-boundary transit users approximately \$720 a year - Support green transportation through a \$140 million investment to improve cycling infrastructure - Reduce all GO Transit trips within Toronto to \$3 per trip for PRESTO card users



Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help municipalities repair roads and bridges connecting provincial highways by increasing annual funding to the Connecting Links Program to \$30 million - Invest \$490 million over the next 10 years to repair and upgrade railway tracks, bridges and trains in Northern Ontario, through the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission - Increase NOHFC funding to a total of \$150 million in the next three years - Increase Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund investments to \$300 million by 2018-19 to build and renew road, bridge, water and wastewater infrastructure - Commit to permanent annual funding to four-lane the TransCanada highway from the Manitoba border to the Quebec border
Broadband	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest an additional \$500 million over three years to expand broadband connectivity in rural and northern communities

Natural Resources & Energy	
Hydro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cut hydro bills by 25 per cent for residential consumers - Cut hydro bills by as much as 40 per cent to 50 per cent for people with low incomes or who live in rural and Northern communities - Complete the Wataynikaneyap Power Grid Connection Project, which will be the largest Indigenous-led and -owned infrastructure project in Ontario history, connecting 16 remote northern First Nation communities to the electricity grid
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand access to natural gas to communities that are not currently served in Northern Ontario, which can save families up to \$1,100 per year
Mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of its \$1 billion commitment, build the year-round access road to the Ring of Fire. Road construction is set to begin in 2019



Environment	
Climate Adaptation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest \$20 million over three years to launch Ontario's Climate Change Resiliency Organization - Invests \$2.3 billion in green infrastructure projects to help communities mitigate and adapt to climate change
Environmental Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require online and on-label disclosure of toxic substances and chemicals in key consumer products, such as household cleaning products, baby products and cosmetics, starting in 2020 - Work with the federal government and key stakeholders to make progress towards achieving the Aichi biodiversity target of 17% of Ontario's lands and waters, including an initial investment of \$15 million to preserve our forests, wetlands and lakes - Reduce plastic pollution from single-use bottles by requiring that at least 85 per cent of all bottles be recycled

Labour Policy	
Wages & Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain planned wage increase to \$15/hour by January 1, 2019 - Expand personal emergency leave to 10 days per calendar year - Increase vacation time to 3 weeks per year after five years with the same employer
Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create portable retirement plans that stay with workers between employers - Piloting a three-year, \$65 million program to encourage Personal Support Workers who work in publicly funded home care to save for retirement through a group Tax-Free Savings Account - Giving the new Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario an explicit mandate to expand access to high-quality retirement plans