

2018 Ontario Election
Platform Summary



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Full Party Platforms

- **New Democratic Party** – *Change for the Better*, <https://bit.ly/2J63KuD>
- **Ontario Liberal Party** – *The Ontario Liberal Plan for Care and Opportunity*, <https://bit.ly/2kujFZC>
 - NOTE: Ontario Liberal Party also reference promises made in the 2018 Ontario Budget, [2018 Ontario Budget: A Plan for Care and Opportunity](#)
- **Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario**– *For the People: A Plan for Ontario*, <https://bit.ly/2IZeX0E>

Agriculture

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Risk Management Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Risk Management Program to a total of \$675 million over 5 years <p>Cost: \$50 million in year 1, \$100 million in year 2, and \$175 million in year 3 – 5 Source: NDP Platform, p. 95</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to find ways to improve the Risk Management Program <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 47</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Risk Management Program (RMP) cap by \$50 million/year <p>Cost: \$50 million/year Source: https://bit.ly/2J0knMP Source: PC Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario</p>
Supply Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NDP will defend supply management for Ontario's farmers <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterate the Liberals full support for the supply management system, its producers, and its processors <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 47</p>	
Agri-Food Education, Research, and Innovation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renew the 10-year agreement with the University of Guelph that invests \$700 million in agri-food education, research, and innovation <p>Cost: \$700 million over 10 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 47</p>	
Food and Beverage Sector		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$120 million in the food and beverage sector, the largest purchaser of farm products <p>Cost: \$120 million over 3 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 48</p>	
Production Insurance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with farmers to keep the Production Insurance Program fully funded and simple to access <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p>		

Arts, Culture, and Libraries

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stabilize annual funding for the Ontario Arts Council <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest an additional \$50 million in the Ontario Arts Council <p>Cost: \$50 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 38</p>	
Culture		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade the Variety Village, Shaw Festival theatres, and build new community hub in Elliot Lake <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch Route Champlain, a 1,500km tourist route that showcases Ontario's francophone history, culture, and heritage <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 57</p>	
Museums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$3 million/year so that libraries can give out free passes so local museums and galleries <p>Cost: \$3 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 69</p>		
Digital Public Library		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$28 million over 3 years to create a provincial Digital Public Library <p>Cost: \$28 million over 3 years Source: 2018 Ontario Budget, p. 143</p>	
Local Public Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfreeze library budgets with \$1 million annual investment <p>Cost: \$1 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 69</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the Ontario Public Library by \$51 million over 3 years <p>Cost: \$51 million over 3 years Source: 2018 Ontario Budget, p. 143</p>	
Digital Media and Film	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stabilize funding for the Ontario Media Development Corporation <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a new \$6 million multicultural media fund <p>Cost: \$6 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 40</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a new \$50 million fund over 5 years out of the Jobs and Prosperity Fund to match TV and Film industry investment in new studio space <p>Cost: \$50 million over 5 years Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with municipalities to streamline zoning for new and expanded TV and film production facilities <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 76</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with film and television partners to design a program to support the construction of new studio space <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue our commitment to stable film, television, and interactive digital media tax credits and work to further improve the sector <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 23</p>	
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Childcare

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free childcare for those earning under \$40,000/year, with support for other households based on their ability to pay at an average of \$12/day <p>Cost: \$375 million in year 1, increasing to \$3.791 billion in year 4 Source: NDP Platform, p. 12-13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the number of not-for-profit, licensed, affordable child care spaces in Ontario by 202,000 spaces <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free preschool child care to children aged two-and-a-half to kindergarten age, beginning in 2020 <p>Cost: Not listed (part of \$2.2 billion for daycare system) Source: Liberal Platform, p. 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 100,000 new licensed child care spaces over 5 years <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$1 billion over 3 years to increase access to licensed child care for infants and toddlers, reduce fees and reduce or eliminate fee-subsidy wait lists <p>Cost: \$1 billion over 3 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 4,500 new, culturally relevant child care spaces in First Nations communities <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase professional development and wages for child care professionals <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a 75% tax credit of up to \$6,750 per child for families with child care expenses (for children aged 0-15) <p>Cost: \$389 million/year Source: PC Platform, s. Respect for Taxpayers</p>

Developmental Disabilities

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
<p>Autism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a comprehensive autism-support strategy, built in collaboration with parents, caregivers, experts and people with autism <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 65</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the Ontario Autism Program by creating more services, regulating the therapy sector and working to improve access to autism services in schools <p>Cost: \$62 million (for 2018-19) Source: 2018 Ontario Budget, p. 37</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an additional \$38 million in funding for all children with autism (above funding already in government's plan) <p>Cost: \$100 million over mandate Source: PC Platform, s. Education</p>
<p>Developmental Disabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$67 million/year in increasing support for agencies that provide services to adults with developmental disabilities <p>Cost: \$67 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 64</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in 30,000 units of supportive housing for adults living with developmental disabilities <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 64</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge to fully implement the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 63</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide \$1.8 billion over 3 years to expand services for people living with developmental disabilities (see below for specific promises) <p>Cost: \$1.8 billion over 3 years Source: 2018 Budget, p. 36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support new and innovative community-based housing and housing options and create new residential spots for people and families • Expand the Passport Program to provide \$5000/year funding to eligible individuals • Provide \$200 million in base funding to agencies that provide care to people with developmental disabilities • Supporting over 800 people with disabilities who are housed in hospitals, long-term care homes or correctional facilities to move into suitable housing • Provide resources for case management and planning supports for transitioning youth • Implement a 24/7 emergency hotline for emergency situations • Strengthening police/justice personnel training to divert people with disabilities from the justice system <p>Cost: Part of \$1.8 billion investment Source: 2018 Ontario Budget, p. 36</p>	

Education

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End EQAO standardized testing <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2IKqmVg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the curriculum update that is currently underway <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place new classroom emphasis on problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance student access to education in dance, drama, music and the visual arts, including a \$3 million investment to refurbish musical instruments <p>Cost: \$3 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap Ontario's 'Discovery Math' and 'inquiry-based learning' curriculum <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2IFJzY6;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhaul Ontario's sex education program and reinstate the previous curriculum until a new one is established <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2IFJzY6</p>
School Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix public schools with a 10-year \$16 billion capital plan <p>Cost: \$16 billion over 10 years Source: NDP Platform, p. 38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place a moratorium on school closings <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$16 billion over 10 years in new and improved schools <p>Cost: \$16 billion over 10 years Source: Liberal Platform, p.17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to high speed Internet at publicly funded schools <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place a moratorium on school closings <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Party Platform, s. Education</p>
Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire more teachers and educational assistants <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 37</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire 400 more mental health care workers in high schools (also see mental health service in Health Care section) <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 450 guidance teachers in elementary schools to help students transition to high school and start career planning <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire 2,000 new teachers and education workers <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2KwFGBR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make mathematics mandatory in teachers' college programs <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Party Platform, s. Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire thousands of new teachers, doctors and nurses, when the economy is booming <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://goo.gl/JtkAYt</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place mental health workers in all high schools <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicate one professional development day per year to math teaching and learning <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 17</p>	
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap kindergarten classrooms at 26 children, and end kindergarten/Grade 1 split classes <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 40</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban cell phones in all primary and secondary school classrooms <p>Cost: N/A Source: PC Party Platform, s. Education</p>
School Boards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double funding to school boards for locally determined well-being programs, such as breakfast and bullying prevention programs <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 17</p>	
Funding Structure Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-formulate the special education funding so that it is based on actual needs not overall population <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 39</p>		

Energy

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Green Energy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the clean energy sector through the Ontario Cleantech Strategy <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Ontario's Green Energy Act <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2GB3E0M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel energy projects that are in the pre-construction phase; re-negotiate other energy contracts; and declare a moratorium on new energy contracts <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2GYqY4C</p>
Nuclear Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated explicitly but implied that the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station will shut down in August 2018, at expiration of their license <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2LBidRH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pickering Nuclear Generating Station will remain open until 2024 <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2LBidRH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pickering Nuclear Generating Station will remain open until 2024 <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://goo.gl/pQP86s</p>
Home/Office Retrofitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$50 million from the cap-and-trade program for new no-interest and on-bill home retrofitting to pay for new power-saving technology on homes <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 57</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend \$1.7 billion over 3 years to support energy-savings programs under the Green Ontario Fund <p>Cost: \$1.7 billion over 3 years Source: https://bit.ly/2GYxW9M</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the building code with long-term energy efficiency targets for new net zero buildings by 2030 <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 33</p>	

Environment

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Climate Change (Carbon Pricing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with the cap-and-trade system. At least 25% of the revenues will support low-income individuals and people in rural and northern regions. \$50 million of revenues will create a new home-retrofit program, targeted to low-income individuals <p>Cost: N/A (for 25% revenue-support to individuals), \$50 million for home retrofit Source: NDP Platform, p. 57</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with the current cap-and-trade system as outlined in previous budget and policy announcements. All revenue will continue to be spent on lowering carbon emissions <p>Cost: N/A Source: Liberal Platform, p. 33/34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeal Ontario's existing cap-and-trade system and oppose the federally mandated carbon pricing scheme. Set up an emissions-reduction fund to invest in new technologies <p>Cost: \$10 billion in year 1 Source: https://tgam.ca/2G8IMh8</p>
Greenbelt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Greenbelt policies that protect natural heritage while encouraging affordable, transit-friendly 'complete communities.' Strengthen Ontario's Greenbelt to expand economic opportunities for family farmers and local producers. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2J22zwF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand and continue to grow the Greenbelt <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PC Party will protect the Greenbelt in its entirety, while increasing the supply of affordable housing across the GTA (reversing earlier indications that they would open up significant portions for development) <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2JasdTz</p>
Grassy Narrows/ English-Wabigoon River System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up the mercury in the English-Wabigoon River system, ensuring that the \$85 million promised by the Liberals is implemented <p>Cost: \$85 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 58</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the commitment to index the Mercury Disability Fund, and commit an additional \$12 million to make retroactive payments to people suffering <p>Cost: \$12 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 58</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a treatment centre on the Grassy Narrows reserve <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://tgam.ca/2IWCdfw</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediate the English-Wabigoon River system <p>Cost: \$85 million Source: https://bit.ly/2LHBn8u</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work as quickly as possible to clean up the contamination of the English-Wabigoon River system <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://tgam.ca/2IWCdfw</p>

Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the loss of provincially significant wetlands <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 57</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2025 halt the net loss of wetland areas where loss has been the greatest and by 2030 achieve a net gain in wetland areas where loss has been the greatest <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 36</p>	
Nature Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing parks and create new ones in consultation with First Nations <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 57</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 forests, wetlands, and lakes <p>Cost: \$15 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and Preserve waterways and enforce air quality programs • Improve enforcement, including hiring more conservation officers and increasing the policing of major polluters <p>Cost: \$500 million over the PC's mandate (presumably 4 years) Source: PC Platform, s. Environment</p>
Water Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that Source Water Protection Plans are implemented <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 59</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Provincial Water Strategy <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 59</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in technologies to remove excessive algae, microplastics, road salt, and toxic chemicals from water <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance monitoring and research to protect the Great Lakes <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the moratorium on new and expanded water bottling if, by the end of 2018, the science shows that is the best approach to protecting water resources <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and Preserve waterways and enforce air quality programs (mentioned above) <p>Cost: \$500 million over the PC's mandate for all environmental promises Source: PC Platform, s. Environment</p>
Environmental Bill of Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the Environmental Bill of Rights <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 58</p>		

Fiscal

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
<p>Income Tax</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase income tax rate on highest current income tax bracket by 1 percentage point (\$220,000) from 13.16% to 14.16% • Increase tax rate from those making over \$300,000 by 2%. <p>Revenue: \$606 million/year, increasing to \$760 million/year by 2020-21 Source: NDP Platform, p. 92/96</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a new set of income tax brackets, making the 11% tax bracket start at \$71,500 instead of the current \$85,923. <p>Revenue: \$275 million/year, to start Source: https://bit.ly/2xuH7za</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting the second tax bracket (\$42,960-\$85,923) by 20%. This means reducing the bracket's current tax rate from 9.15% to 7.32%. Not to be introduced until 2020-21. <p>Cost: \$2.26 billion/year Source: https://bit.ly/2xr9tKC https://bit.ly/2IZeXOE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate provincial income tax for minimum wage earners by introducing a tax credit for those earning minimum wage. <p>Cost: \$558 million/year Source: https://bit.ly/2GhISyM https://bit.ly/2IZeXOE https://bit.ly/2HFmOAC</p>
<p>Business Taxes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Ontario's corporate tax rate from its current rate of 11.5% to 12.5% in 2019-20 and to 13% in 2021-22. <p>Revenue: \$1.3 billion/year (12.5%) and \$2.1 billion/year (13%) Source: NDP Platform, p. 92/96</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit Small Business Health Tax Exemption. This means Starting in 2019-20, businesses with payrolls over \$3 million will no longer qualify for small business exemptions. Starting in 2021-22, small business exemptions will be available only to businesses with payrolls below \$1.5 million <p>Revenue: \$160 million/year and then \$360 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 90/91/96</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current corporate and small business tax rates <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2skBRsQ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Ontario's corporate tax rate from 11.5% to 10.5% in 2020-21 <p>Cost: \$1.3 billion/year Source: https://tgam.ca/2spvMe1 https://bit.ly/2IZeXOE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower the Ontario small business tax by 8.7%, which means reducing the current rate from 3.5% to 3.2% (decrease of 0.3%) in 2020-21 <p>Cost: \$60 million/year Source: https://bit.ly/2LabCxo https://bit.ly/2IZeXOE</p>

<p>Gas Taxes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle long-weekend spikes in gasoline prices <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2smHZB4</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce gasoline taxes by 10 cents/litre and diesel taxes by 10.3 cents/litre <p>Cost: \$1 billion/year Source: PC Platform, s. Respect for Taxpayers</p>
<p>Balancing the Budget</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No return to balanced budget projected in platform. Deficit begins decreasing in 2020-21, with the lowest projected deficit in 2022-23 at \$3.357 billion <p>Source: https://bit.ly/2sGPke8; https://bit.ly/2JkzLQc; NDP Platform, p. 97</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to a balanced budget in 2024-25 <p>Source: https://bit.ly/2ssDhRy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to a balanced budget in on a responsible timeframe (the 3rd or 4th year) <p>Source: Doug Ford press conference, May 31 2018</p>
<p>Accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the Auditor General's suggestions to ensure money is spent properly <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 92</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the integrity of Ontario's tax collection system, including lobbying the federal government to improve CRA's ability to clamp down on tax evasion practices <p>Cost: \$425 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 92/93/96</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crack down on excessive public sector executive compensation <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 93</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce legislation to strengthen the enforcement and investigative powers of Elections Ontario, including the oversight of nomination meetings <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 60</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a government-wide performance dashboard for services, increasing accountability and allowing people to see whether government services are being delivered effectively <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 60</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the deficit scandal and call in an outside audit to investigate Ontario's finances • Conduct a value-for-money audit of every government program <p>Cost: \$1 million Source: PC Platform, s. Restoring Responsibility, Accountability and Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralize government purchasing • Stop political elites abusing the public trust, including preventing government agencies, board, and commissions from buying pricey tables to political events <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Platform, s. Restoring Responsibility, Accountability and Trust</p>
<p>Economic Development Funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a stream within the Jobs and Prosperity Fund to promote manufacturing R&D, particularly for the auto sector <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 74</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Jobs and Prosperity Fund by \$900 million over the next 10 years <p>Cost: \$900 million over 10 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in regional economic development in Northern (\$85 million over 3 years), Eastern and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the Jobs and Prosperity Fund <p>Revenue: \$270 million/year Source: PC Platform, s. North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue regional economic development funds, to support regions like rural and Northern Ontario

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a ‘cluster’ strategy focused on bring together all actors within a strategic regional industry. It will bring together all levels of government to collaborate on strategies, harnessing public and private sector leadership among other investments <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 76/77</p>	<p>Southwestern Ontario (\$100 million over 10 years) Ontario and the GTHA (creating a new fund – no cost listed)</p> <p>Cost: See above Source: 2018 Ontario Budget, p. 90</p>	<p>Cost: Maintain current funding levels Source: PC Platform, s. Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to use the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund to keep the Huron Central Railway open <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2J3Tfg8</p>
Other taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce luxury car tax of 3% on cars sold for over \$90,000 <p>Revenue: \$12 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 92</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change tobacco taxes to be based on value instead of volume. <p>Revenue: \$233 million/year, then \$400 million/year after 2020-21 Source: NDP Platform, p. 92/96</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Business Education Property Tax <p>Revenue: \$270 million/year, increasing to \$1 billion/year by 2022-23 Source: NDP Platform, p. 91/96</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase cigarette taxes, amounting to \$4.00/carton <p>Revenue: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2lcRtUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase both of Ontario’s R&D tax credits to encourage investment and commercialization <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue our commitment to stable film, television, and interactive digital media tax credits and work to further improve the sector <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Aviation Fuel Taxes for the North <p>Cost: \$11 million/year Source: PC Platform, s. North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate property tax for all Ontario Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion by amending the <i>Assessment Act</i> <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2kC30TU</p>
Automotive Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End neighbourhood discrimination in auto insurance <p>Cost: N/A Source: NDP Platform, p. 50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring down insurance premiums by 15% <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate geographic discrimination in auto insurance <p>Cost: N/A Source: Liberal Platform, p. 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate insurers to offer a discount to drivers who install anti-distracted driving apps on their phones <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 30</p>	

Health Care

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase hospital funding with an immediate \$916 million investment, 5.3% increase <p>Cost: \$916 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 2,000 new hospital beds <p>Cost: \$312 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$19 billion over 10 years into hospital capital expansion <p>Cost: \$19 billion over 10 years Source: NDP Platform, p. 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost hospital funding by \$822 million in the 2018-19 fiscal year, a 4.6% increase <p>Cost: \$822 million Source: https://goo.gl/Tr5pgW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$19 billion over the next 10 years to improve and expand hospitals <p>Cost: \$19 billion over 10 years Source: https://goo.gl/Tr5pgW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut hospital wait times and end hallway medicine (see 'Long-Term Care' below) <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Platform, s. Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the Welland hospital open <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://goo.gl/dt8Hb6</p>
Pharmacare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Ontario the first province with universal pharma care by 2020 <p>Cost: \$475 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand free pharma care (OHIP+) to seniors by 2020-2021. <p>Cost: \$575 million Source: https://goo.gl/wQoAdq</p>	
Long-Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and fund 15,000 more long-term care beds over the next 5 years – rising to 40,000 new beds by 2028. <p>Cost: \$164 million/year, escalating every year Source: NDP Platform, p. 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a find-and-fix public inquiry into long-term care <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build 5,000 new beds by 2022, and more than 30,000 new beds over the next decade <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://goo.gl/e6XaFu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$300 million over 3 years in new funding for registered nurses in every long-term care facility in Ontario. <p>Cost: \$300 million over 3 years Source: https://goo.gl/e6XaFu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build 15,000 new long-term care beds in 5 years, and add 30,000 beds over 10 years <p>Cost: \$62,000/year per bed (total cost is not listed) Source: https://goo.gl/vT2rCY PC Platform, s. Health</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set standards to ensure each resident is offered a minimum of 4 hours of hands-on care a day <p>Cost: \$132 million in year one, escalating every year Source: NDP Platform, p. 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting a goal of increasing the provincial average to 4 hours of daily care per resident by 2022. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://goo.gl/e6XaFu</p>	
Dental Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that every Ontarian and their family has dental benefits <p>Cost: \$670 million in year 2, escalating to \$1.015 billion in year 5 Source: NDP Platform, p. 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing \$25 million to build 70 new clinics and seven mobile dental buses across Ontario <p>Cost: \$25 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ontario Drug and Dental Program will reimburse up to 80% of eligible expenses for those without coverage <p>Cost: \$300 million/year, increasing to \$500 million/year by 20120-21 Source: https://goo.gl/vzGDTr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$98 million per year to help low-income Ontarians access dental care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seniors earning below \$19,300 or \$32,300 combined income for a couple will be eligible. <p>Cost: \$98 million/year Source: https://goo.gl/s6TJkk</p>
Health Care Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire 4,500 new nurses in the first-year office <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2IM5ppM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop any further layoffs of nurses and front-line health care workers <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass legislation to extend presumptive coverage for PTSD to all front-line health care workers <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire 3,500 new nurses <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://goo.gl/RfGhgF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$102 million over 3 years to support the expansion of interprofessional care teams <p>Cost: \$102 million over 3 years Source: https://bit.ly/2IOpNdl</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentivize doctors practicing in northern Ontario by cutting their provincial taxes significantly – right down to 0 per cent. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2GB3EOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire thousands of new doctors, nurses and teachers when the economy is booming <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://goo.gl/JtkAYt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with frontline health care workers to cut wait times and end hallway healthcare <p>Cost: Not listed. Source: https://goo.gl/oLPV9e</p>

<p>Mental Health and Addiction Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a dedicated Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 33 • Hire 2,200 new mental health care workers Cost: \$715 million over 5 years Source: NDP Platform, p. 34/94 • Build 30,000 new supportive housing units over the next 10 years Cost: \$50 million/year, increasing annually Source: NDP Platform, p. 34/94 • Cut children’s mental health waits to a 30-day maximum with a \$590 million investment Cost: \$590 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 34 • Hire 400 more mental health care workers in high schools Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 34 • Invest \$100 million in Ontario’s Dementia Strategy Cost: \$100 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 34 • Declare a public health emergency on Opioids and expand the distribution of Naloxone Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 35 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment of \$2.1 billion over 4 years to improve access to mental health care and addictions services Cost: \$2.1 billion over 4 years Source: https://bit.ly/2Gfd5CZ • Invest more than \$100 million over 3 years in Ontario’s Dementia Strategy Cost: \$100 million over 3 years Source: https://bit.ly/2IOpNdl • Continue to work with front-line health care workers and people with lived experience to combat the opioid crisis, including expanding access to publicly funded withdrawal management and addiction treatment programming across the province Cost: Part of \$2.1 billion investment in mental health services Source: https://goo.gl/ZiNvoA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to \$3.8 billion over 10 years for mental health, addiction and housing supports over 10 years Cost: \$1.9 billion over 10 years – cost to be shared with federal government, to total \$3.8 billion Source: PC Platform, s. Health
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Housing

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Rent Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce rent controls that limit the use of above-guideline increases to “renovict” people from their homes <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 49</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a rent registry so tenants know how much a landlord has charged in the past <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 49</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tighten rules to prevent unfair renovations and curb the use of inappropriate above-guideline rent increases due to capital repairs <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit above-guideline rent increases in buildings with outstanding work orders related to pest control <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promised to not take rent control away from anyone and will maintain the status quo on current rent control policies <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2rN5ym4</p>
Speculation Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) in regions where speculation is overheating a housing market • Non-Ontario residents who own homes in regions where Ontario’s NRST currently applies will see a new annual tax of \$5 per \$1,000 of assessed value, rising to \$20 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, matching British Columbia’s schedule <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 48</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current Non-Resident Speculation Tax <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 28</p>	
Tarion Warranty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform the Tarion Warranty Corporation to ensure that it answers to home buyers and the public, not private interests <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 49</p>		

<p>Affordable Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign on to the federal National Housing Strategy, which will build 20,000 affordable units, and build an additional 45,000 affordable units over 10 years <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 47</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the co-op housing sector with \$3 million to seed co-op development <p>Cost: \$3 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 47</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create the Cooperative Housing Development Fund to support the creation of new co-op housing <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the supply of affordable housing across the GTA while protecting the Greenbelt <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Platform, s. Respect for Taxpayers</p>
<p>Housing Rental Regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a new <i>Residents' Rights Act</i> that will outline how homeowners can add legal apartments, laneway houses and 'granny flats' to their properties <p>Cost: N/A Source: NDP Platform, p. 48</p>		

Infrastructure

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
General Infrastructure Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$180 billion in infrastructure over the next 10 years on public projects, and not on Private-Public Partnerships (PPPs) <p>Cost: \$180 billion over 10 years Source: NDP Platform, p. 73</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$230 billion in infrastructure over 14 years starting in 2014-15 <p>Cost: \$230 billion over 14 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 25</p>	
Broadband & Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a 10-year \$1 billion fund for bringing broadband service to rural and northern Ontario <p>Cost: \$1 billion over 10 years Source: NDP Platform, p. 77</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$500 million over 3 years to expand broadband connectivity in rural and northern communities <p>Cost: \$500 million over 3 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest up to \$100 million into cellular and broadband expansion (to come from savings by expanding natural gas distribution to rural communities through the private sector) <p>Cost: \$100 million Source: PC Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario</p>
Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase NOHFC funding to a total of \$150 million in the next 3 years and expand programs to better support infrastructure projects (Also see Fiscal section above for more details) <p>Cost: \$150 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 43</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain current funding for existing regional economic development funds, as outlined in Ontario's previous economic development budget (Also see Fiscal section above for more details) <p>Cost: N/A Source: PC Platform, s. Jobs</p>
Water/Wastewater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest the capital necessary to ensure that communities have sustainable access to clean water, and send the bill to Ottawa <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 85</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to \$300 million by 2018-19 to upgrade water and wastewater <p>Cost: \$300 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 44</p>	

Labour

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Minimum wage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour and index ongoing increases to inflation. Will also extend minimum wage to apply to all workers (including bar/restaurant staff, students, and young people) <p>Cost: N/A Source: NDP Platform, p. 72</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue their planned minimum wage increase to \$15/hour, with inflation-indexed annual increases <p>Cost: N/A Source: Liberal Platform, p. 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the current \$14/hour minimum wage, with no explicit plan for future increases (and introduce tax cuts for minimum wage earners – see Fiscal section for more details) <p>Cost: N/A Source: PC Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario</p>
Paid Vacation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require employers to provide at least 3 weeks paid vacation to all full-time employees (after 1 year of employment) <p>Cost: N/A Source: NDP Platform, p. 72</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require employers to provide at least 3 weeks paid vacation to all full-time employees (after 5 years of employment) <p>Cost: N/A Source: Liberal Platform, p. 20</p>	
Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Pension Benefit Guarantee Fund guaranteed amount to \$3,000/month indexed to inflation and will make the current benefit retroactive for Sears pensioners. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance pension security for workers by increasing the maximum CPP retirement benefit by ~ 50%; making employees' CPP contribution tax deductible; protecting the value of retirement benefits for workers, including women who leave work to raise children and those with disabilities (who can't work) <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 21</p>	
Precarious Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require temp workers to become permanent employees after 90 days of work • Make it harder for employers to label workers “contractors” instead of employees <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2LKZ9R3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate equal pay for part-time, casual, or seasonal workers doing the same job as full-time employees • Mandates equal pay for temporary help agency employees doing the same job as employees at the agencies' clients <p>Cost: N/A Source: Liberal Platform, p. 20</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an Ontario Benefits program that provide health benefits to all employees who don't receive workplace benefits (see dental and health sections for additional details) <p>Cost: Partially paid for by employers and gov't Source: NDP Platform, p. 9</p>		
Leave Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 5 paid sick or emergency leave days/year for workers <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2LKZ9R3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand personal emergency leave to 10 days/year • Allow all employees to have 17 weeks of leave (with 5 paid days) if they, or their child, have experienced domestic or sexual violence • Require employees to be paid for 3 hours of work if their shift is cancelled within 48 hours of start time • Bans employers from requiring a physician's note from an employee taking personal emergency leave <p>Cost: N/A Source: Liberal Platform, p. 20</p>	
Workplace Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require regular updates of workplace safety rules and WSIB rates and coverage • Expand coverage and definitions of occupational illnesses and set up a task force to remove barriers between injured workers and compensation • WSIB will pay benefits that recognize lost wages and workplace safety inspections will be more stringent, transparent and publicly run <p>Cost: N/A Source: NDP Platform, p. 73</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced worker safety with working-at-heights regulations and a new construction safety health and action plan • Review how mandatory WSIB coverage is determined and examine whether the current exclusions are appropriate • Guarantees injured workers' benefits keep pace with the cost of living • Creates a new Occupational Disease Response Plan <p>Cost: N/A Source: Liberal Platform, p. 20</p>	
Union Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the right to join a union. Making sure any workplace can unionize when 55% of workers sign a union card • Introduce first-contract arbitration legislation that will prevent long, tactical delays by employers <p>Cost: N/A Source: NDP Platform, p. 72</p>		

Natural Resources

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Ring of Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend \$1 billion to get the Ring of Fire moving <p>Cost: \$1 billion Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut through the special interest and bureaucratic delays blocking the development of the Ring of Fire <p>Cost: N/A Source: PC Platform, s. North</p>
Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Provincial Forestry Strategy <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 74</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the Forestry Growth Fund <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move forward with resource revenue sharing from mining, forestry and aggregates to help Northern towns and Indigenous communities share in resource development. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Platform, s. North</p>
Natural Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$100 million in natural gas expansion to rural Ontario <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 76</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand access to natural gas to communities that are not currently served in Northern Ontario <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 44</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable the private sector to expand natural gas <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario</p>
Smelting and Ferro-chrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight to bring smelting and ferro-chrome processing to Northern Ontario <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p>		

Post-Secondary Education

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the financial choke-hold on colleges and universities by lifting the budget freeze. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p.42</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a new faculty renewal strategy that will convert contractors to full-time professors and invest in more tenure-track faculty positions <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$500 million starting in 2020-21 to help renew college and university campuses <p>Cost: \$500 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$132 million over 3 years in innovative college and university programming <p>Cost: \$132 million over 3 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the funding of the College Equipment Renewal fund from \$8 million to \$20 million <p>Cost: \$12 million annual increase Source: Liberal Platform, p. 18</p>	
New Campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open the Franco-Ontarian University <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create new postsecondary campuses in Markham, Brampton, and Milton <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 18</p>	
OSAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every student who qualifies for OSAP will receive a non-repayable grant instead of a loan <p>Cost: \$449 million/year, increasing annually Source: NDP Platform, p. 41</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retroactively forgive all interest for anyone carrying provincial student loan debt <p>Cost: \$112 million Source: NDP Platform, p. 42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the minimum parental contribution for OSAP <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 18</p>	
Internships and Co-Ops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 27,000 new paid co-op and internship opportunities for students <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 43</p>		

<p>Free Speech</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that publicly funded universities defend free speech <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2IFJzY6</p>
<p>Training and Apprenticeship Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$57 million from the Jobs and Prosperity Fund to create apprenticeship opportunities in the trades <p>Cost: \$57 million/year Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put a particular focus on bringing more women into the skilled trades <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 75</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$170 million over 3 years in the new Ontario Apprenticeship Strategy <p>Cost: \$170 million over 3 years Source: Liberal Platform, p. 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Graduated Apprenticeship Grant for employers to hire new apprentices <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$63 million to create the Ontario Training Bank to help develop new short-term training options for workers wanting to upgrade their skills <p>Cost: \$63 million Source: Liberal Platform, p. 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to apprenticeships <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Party Platform, s. Jobs</p>

Transportation

Issue	NDP	Liberal	PC
<p>Regional and Municipal Transit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize the funding and building of Toronto's Downtown Relief Line <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 61</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund 50% of all municipal transit agencies operating costs <p>Cost: \$1.2 billion Source: NDP Platform, p. 60/61</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Hamilton's LRT <p>Cost: Not listed (although last Budget committed \$1 billion) Source: NDP Platform, p. 61</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match federal funding to provide up to \$9 billion for transit projects in Toronto (including the Relief Line) <p>Cost: \$9 billion Source: https://bit.ly/2JeWUqF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost the share municipalities receive from the provincial fuel tax to build transit projects from 2 cents/litre to 4 cents/litre by 2021. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2H7zVIX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to existing funding of the following projects: Ottawa LRT (\$1 billion), Hamilton LRT (\$1 billion), London Bus Rapid Transit System (\$170 million), Line 1 Extension/Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (\$870 million), Waterloo ION Rapid Transit (\$325 million) <p>Cost: See above Source: 2018 Ontario Budget (https://bit.ly/2JmaliY), p. 124</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide \$5 billion for subways in Toronto (including the current \$9 billion already provided to by the Federal Government) to build the Sheppard subway to close the loop with the Scarborough Subway Extension, the Relief Line and the Yonge Extension while also taking control and uploading the subway infrastructure of the TTC to the Province <p>Cost: \$5 billion Source: https://bit.ly/2H2BGHa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund and support the following regional transit projects: Ottawa LRT – Phase 2 (\$3.6 billion), Hamilton transit (\$1 billion), Hurontario LRT (\$325 million), Kitchener-Waterloo LRT (\$325 million), and London transit (\$170 million) <p>Cost: See above (maintain current funding as detailed in previous budget) Source: https://bit.ly/2xpos87</p>
<p>GO Transit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring two-way all day GO service between Kitchener-Waterloo and Toronto; provide year-round GO rail service between Niagara and Toronto. Will also electrify the GO networks and UP Express <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 61</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more frequent GO service through GO Regional Express Rail projects – increase to 6000/week by 2024-25. • Continue rail extensions and expansions to Kitchener, Niagara, and Bowmanville <p>Cost: Not listed Source: 2018 Ontario Budget (https://bit.ly/2JmaliY), p. 122</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver two-way, all-day GO service expansions to Bowmanville, St. Catharines, Niagara, and Kitchener <p>Cost: \$450 million (to Bowmanville), maintain current funding as detailed in previous budget Source: https://bit.ly/2xpos87</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce \$3.00 GO fares for trips within Toronto, or a GO trip of less than 10 km <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 62</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set a \$3.00 fare for all GO Transit/UP Express trips (for those using a Presto card), while transit riders outside Toronto will pay \$3.00 for trips under 10KM <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance GO stations by providing services such as grocery stores, banking and dry cleaning right when they get off the train or bus <p>Cost: Not listed Source: Liberal Platform, p. 29</p>	
High-Speed Rail		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Canada's first high-speed rail in the Toronto-Windsor corridor <p>Cost: \$11 billion Source: Liberal Platform, p. 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively explore potential for high-speed rail <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Party Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario</p>
Northern Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a Northern Rail Strategy which includes returning Northlander train service and the Huron Central and Algoma Central Rail Lines <p>Cost: \$125 million over 5 years Source: NDP Platform, p. 61/94</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would not bring back Northlander train service, instead continue to expand bus options <p>Cost: N/A Source: https://bit.ly/2lUn825 • Provide \$800,000 to the Huron Central Rail Line <p>Cost: \$800,000 Source: https://bit.ly/2Jkm6lX</p> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate Northlander train service <p>Cost: \$45 million (refurbishment/operating costs) Source: https://bit.ly/2L7ZNXC • Commit to use the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund to keep the Huron Central Railway open <p>Cost: Not listed Source: https://bit.ly/2J3Tfg8</p> </p>
Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring winter road maintenance and inspections back into the public sector <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 56</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and upgrade highways in Southwestern, Central, Northern and Eastern Ontario over 10 years <p>Cost: \$25 billion over 10 years Source: 2018 Ontario Budget, p. 125 • Assist municipalities repair roads by investing an additional \$30 million/year into the Connecting Links Program <p>Cost: \$30 million/year Source: Liberal Platform, p.25</p> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the upgrading of the 401 to 6-lanes between Toronto and the 416 (Ottawa) <p>Cost: \$20 million Source: PC Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario • Upgrade Highway 17 and Highway 3 to 4-lanes <p>Cost: \$5 million/year (amortized over 50 years once completed) Source: PC Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario</p> </p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the environmental assessment for the GTA West Corridor <p>Cost: Not listed Source: PC Platform, s. Rebuilding Ontario</p>
Cycling Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Ontario's Cycling Strategy, setting a specific goal for the number of trips by bicycle. The strategy will set out investment targets to improve cycling infrastructure across Ontario, with a particular focus on commuting routes. <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 62</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass a Vulnerable Road Users' Law, specifically designed to protect people such as cyclists and pedestrians <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 62</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest \$140 in cycling infrastructure <p>Cost: \$140 million Source: Liberal Platform, p.25</p>	
Other Transportation Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Metrolinx to begin multilateral discussions with the federal government and local transit authorities focused on coordinating GO train and VIA Rail service with urban transit. That means fare integration, coordinated scheduling, joint funding, and even the possibility of shared rolling stock <p>Cost: Not listed Source: NDP Platform, p. 61</p>		