

**RNAO Comparison of Ontario Liberal, PC, NDP and Green Party Platforms  
Ontario Provincial Election 2018**

The following table compares the published platforms of the four major provincial political parties with RNAO's key priorities for the next government as set out in RNAO's 2018 [policy platform](#).

Platform commitments in the table are based on the policies and costing available from the respective political party's platform document. Only those commitments that address components of RNAO's policy platform are included. The platforms may be found at the following links (in order of their release): [NDP \(April 16, 2018\)](#), [Green Party of Ontario \(May 14, 2018\)](#), [Liberal \(May 26, 2018\)](#), and [PC \(May 30, 2018\)](#). The reader is encouraged to look at each of the platforms to see the full positions of each party.

*Note: Numbers in square brackets correspond with the platform page on which the commitment is made; the Green Party platform and PC Party plan lack full page numbering, so page numbers generally do not appear beside commitments in these columns. RNAO has not edited any content. Formatting (e.g., bold) is as appears in the respective platforms.*

For more detailed information on the parties' positions, visit <http://rnao.ca/platform> to see responses from each of Ontario's political parties to a questionnaire that RNAO sent to the four party leaders. All parties have responded, and their full responses were posted to our website in the order that RNAO received them.

**A. Improving access to quality nursing care**

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1. Locate care co-ordination and RN care coordinators in primary care settings				
2. Require that all new nursing hires in tertiary, quaternary and cancer care hospitals be RNs	Create a capacity planning table to develop multi-year funding plans for hospitals and ensure Ontario has the necessary data and models of care available to meet the health care needs of our growing population. [8]		We will end front-line health care staff layoffs. [23] [On May 24, the NDP <a href="#">announced</a> it would hire 4,500 new nurses in its first year in office.]	



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	<p>Develop a health workforce planning strategy and ensure health care providers have a seat at the table. [8]</p> <p>Maintain current nursing staffing levels and continue to hire more nurses across the health system to support direct patient care; in 2018 this will mean adding 3,500 more nurses to the health system across the continuum of care, including 2,500 in hospital settings, prioritizing Registered Nurses. [8]</p> <p>Work with nursing and health system partners to ensure nursing vacancies are filled quickly and full-time work is prioritized. [8]</p>			
3. Require that all first home health care visits be provided by an RN				
4. Legislate health human resource standards in long-term care so that there is at least one NP for every 120 residents, and a staffing mix that consists of 20 per cent RNs, 25 per cent RPNs, and no more than 55 per cent personal support workers	<p>Increase the number of daily hours of nursing, personal support and therapeutic care for long-term care residents to a provincial average of four hours a day by 2022. [10]</p> <p>Ensure every long-term care home in Ontario has staff with training in behavioural supports and palliative</p>		<p>We will set standards to ensure each resident is offered a minimum of four hours of hands-on care per day. [19]</p> <p>The Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors, (now AdvantAge Ontario) estimates this will cost \$257 million</p>	



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	and end-of-life care. [10]		a year. [20]	
5. Ensure nurse practitioners work to their full scope by authorizing them to perform point of-care testing, order all diagnostic imaging and ECGs, complete all medical forms for mental health services, and by expanding their authority to certify a death				
6. Ensure RNs can order lab tests, communicate a diagnosis and prescribe medications for common ailments				
7. Integrate RN prescribing into the baccalaureate nursing curriculum by 2021				
8. Allow RNs to continue initiating the controlled act of psychotherapy				



**B. Improving Ontario's health system**

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<p>9. Implement a universal, single-payer pharmacare program that covers all medically necessary prescriptions without deductibles, co-payments, user fees, and means testing</p>	<p>Make prescription drugs free for children, youth and seniors, making life more affordable for 6.4 million Ontarians</p> <p>Make prescription drugs and dental care more affordable for all people and families without benefits [7]</p> <p>Provide free prescription drugs to people over 65, making life more affordable for 2.6 million seniors and their families. [10]</p> <p>Make more than 4,400 prescription drugs available free of charge to everyone 65 and over who is OHIP insured, starting on August 1, 2019. [11]</p> <p>Remove the deductible or co-payment for seniors' prescriptions, saving people over 65 an average of \$240 every year. [11]</p> <p>Cover all medications on the Ontario Drug Benefit program, including drugs for cholesterol, hypertension, thyroid conditions, diabetes and</p>		<p>Pharmacare will begin with universal coverage for approximately 125 essential medicines, chosen through an independent process led by the Committee to Evaluate Drugs. And we will work to expand the list quickly. Pharmacare will complement Ontario's existing public drug programs, so no one will lose any coverage that they currently have. We will allocate an annual budget of at least \$475 million for it. [11,12]</p> <p>We will cover take-home cancer drugs. [27]</p>	



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	<p>asthma. [11]            -will introduce a new Ontario Drug and Dental Program in 2019 to make medication and dental care more affordable. Our plan: Reimburses 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. [11]</p>			
<p>10. Invest \$10 million to support oral care for low income adults and seniors</p>	<p>-will introduce a new Ontario Drug and Dental Program in 2019 to make medication and dental care more affordable. Our plan: Reimburses 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. [11]</p>	<p>Introduce free dental care for low-income seniors. \$98 million per year.</p>	<p>-will extend public dental coverage to all seniors without retiree benefits, and will extend public dental coverage to all Ontarians eligible for social assistance. [10] [Dental 4]</p> <p>We will begin by setting a minimum standard of dental coverage, ensuring people have access to essential care. We will require every employer to provide dental benefits to workers and their families that meet a minimum standard of coverage. With our plan, <b>every worker will have workplace benefits for themselves and their family.</b> That includes people in part-time or casual jobs. [8]</p>	



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11. Continue to support the use of evidence-based practices in long-term care homes to promote and sustain improvements in resident health and review funding models in long-term care so that funding is not cut when homes deliver better outcomes	Create 30,000 new long-term care beds over the next 10 years and provide more daily hours of direct care to residents in long-term care. [8] [also 10]	Build 15,000 long-term care beds in five years and 30,000beds in 10 years. Capital costs amortized over duration of asset, total per year cost is \$62,000 per bed once operational.	<p>We will create 40,000 more long-term care beds, including 15,000 new beds over the next five years. [19]</p> <p>We will hold a find-and-fix public inquiry into long-term care [19] (within the first 100 days in government). [20]</p> <p>We'll hear directly from families about their experiences, and address solutions around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Safety of residents and staff</li> <li>- Quality of care</li> <li>- Funding</li> <li>- Staffing levels and practices</li> <li>- Regulation, enforcement and inspections</li> <li>- Capacity, availability and accessibility in every region</li> <li>- The impact of for-profit privatization on care</li> <li>- Government action — and inaction — on past recommendations. [21]</li> </ul>	
12. Provide every Ontarian with their personal health record				
13. Work with Indigenous communities and their leaders to tackle basic social determinants of health, and prevent child and youth	Create 4,500 new, culturally relevant child care spaces in First Nations communities [7]		We will work with Ontario's First Nations to increase First Nations' role in decision- making and providing	



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suicide	<p>Reduce health disparities among racialized and marginalized communities by collecting appropriate data and developing, with community partners, health equity indicators and local plans to ensure more culturally appropriate care is available across the province. [8]</p> <p>Meet the specific needs of LGBTQ2S, francophone, racialized, immigrant and Indigenous children, youth and adults. [9]</p> <p>Working with Indigenous communities to end violence against Indigenous women. [39]</p> <p>Our [Indigenous peoples] plan is working to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the legacy and intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools</li> <li>• Close gaps and remove barriers</li> <li>• Create a culturally relevant and responsive justice system</li> <li>• Support Indigenous culture</li> <li>• Reconcile relationships with Indigenous peoples. [51]</li> </ul>		<p>front-line care. [30]</p> <p>We will establish a true government-to-government relationship with Ontario's First Nations.</p> <p>We will work with First Nations leaders to sign a cooperative, government-to-government accord.</p> <p>We will implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p> <p>We will replace the <i>Far North Act</i>.</p> <p>We will implement revenue sharing.</p> <p>We will invest \$209 million immediately in the First Nations Health Action Plan.</p> <p>We will invest \$28 million for urgent repairs and capital upgrades at Friendship Centres, plus an ongoing investment of \$91 million over six years into 28 Friendship Centres</p> <p>We will exempt First Nations communities from electricity delivery charges. [83]</p>	



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	<p>Our [Indigenous children and youth] plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Indigenous children and youth wellness through coordinated services</li> <li>• Invests more than \$80 million over four years to expand mental health care for Indigenous children and youth at risk</li> <li>• Provides \$40 million over three years to support culturally relevant child care programs on-reserve and \$290 million to double the number of child care spaces on reserve.</li> <li>• Provides \$70 million over two years for off-reserve projects for Indigenous children and families</li> <li>• Improves access to health care, including primary care, mental health and addiction care and palliative care, through an investment of more than \$220 million over three years</li> <li>• Supports an expanded and stronger role for Indigenous Institutes. [52]</li> </ul> <p>Our [Indigenous Communities] plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves access to health care, including primary care, mental health and addiction care and palliative care, through an</li> </ul>			





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	<p>investment of more than \$220 million over three years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Indigenous leadership to design, implement and control the delivery of health care in their communities</li> <li>• Includes the Long-Term Strategy to End Violence Against Indigenous Women, which sees Ontario and Indigenous communities working together to stop violence</li> <li>• Works with urban Indigenous communities to develop effective programs for Indigenous people living off-reserve</li> <li>• Increases funding for the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program to create culturally appropriate supportive housing</li> <li>• Enhances access to culturally safe and responsive social assistance services</li> <li>• Supports the revitalization of Indigenous languages and invests in new and expanded youth cultural camps in Indigenous communities.</li> <li>• Will work with Grassy Narrows and partners to identify all contaminated sites and develop and implement a comprehensive remediation plan to clean up</li> </ul>			



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	<p>mercury contamination in the English-Wabigoon River system, including the immediate provision of \$85 million in dedicated fund. [52, 53]</p> <p>Our [Indigenous economic development] plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invests \$30 million over two years to expand and enhance the SkillsAdvance Ontario program, which provides training for Indigenous peoples and other underrepresented groups</li> <li>• Supports an expanded and stronger role for Indigenous Institutes</li> <li>• As part of our \$1 billion commitment, will build a year-round access road to the Ring of Fire, working with First Nations communities</li> <li>• Continues to work with First Nation and Métis partners on sharing the benefits of resource development</li> <li>• Will continue to work with Canada and First Nations to resolve land claims. [53]</li> </ul> <p>Our [Indigenous justice] plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes a bicultural community</li> </ul>			



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	<p>justice centre in Kenora, with satellite locations in Sioux Lookout and Timmins, to improve the delivery and quality of justice and program supports for marginalized and Indigenous offenders, through targeted and culturally appropriate services that will better address the complex factors that contribute to chronic offending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will provide culturally responsive supports to Indigenous people going through the bail and remand process.</li> <li>• Provides the option for First Nations to opt in to the provincial policing framework by creating First Nation Police Service Boards under the new Police Services Act, 2018</li> <li>• Will improve the representation on our juries by using a broader OHIP source list, through further consultation with Indigenous communities and a review of the compensation jurors receive</li> <li>• Is implementing Walking Together: Ontario's Long-Term Strategy to End Violence Against Indigenous Women. [54]</li> </ul>			

### C. Improving our living standards

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14. Maintain the commitment to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2019, with no exemptions for age or sector	Increased the minimum wage to \$14 on January 1, 2018 and will increase it to \$15 on January 1, 2019; future annual increases will be at the rate of inflation. [20]		We are committed to making jobs better by <b>increasing the minimum wage to \$15 before indexing it to inflation</b> , making it easier for people to join a union, making workplaces safer, and building an economy focused on people. [63]	
15. Invest one per cent of Ontario's budget (\$1.5 billion) to build new affordable, accessible housing and fix existing units in need of repair	Provides public land to build new affordable and rental housing in Toronto and Hamilton. [28]		We will <b>build new affordable homes – 65,000 of them</b> over the next decade. [47]	<p><b>-will require new developments to have a minimum of 20% affordable homes.</b> We will push for innovative solutions such as “tiny homes,” laneway housing, co-housing and secondary suites. And we will invest an additional \$200 million over projected increases in the 2018 budget in funding for shelters, social, co-op and supportive housing. [19]</p> <p><b>How we will pay for it?</b> Changes to development, zoning and planning rules will not cost citizens more tax dollars. We will increase the housing speculation tax to help the most vulnerable have a place to call home.</p>



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16. Create 30,000 supportive housing units for people with mental health and addiction challenges over 10 years	Further expand access to supportive housing by funding 2,475 additional units. [9]	Invest \$3.8 billion in mental health, addictions and housing supports over 10 years. Cost shared with federal government, approximately \$190 million per year for 10 years.  Increase the supply of affordable housing across the GTA while protecting the Greenbelt in its entirety.	We will invest in 30,000 new supportive housing units over the next 10 years, building at least 3,000 every year — the number recommended by the Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Leadership Advisory Council — and funding ongoing rent supplements and support staff costs. We will invest \$228 million per year in capital funding, plus operational funding that increases by \$50 million per year. [34]	
17. Work with other levels of government to address homelessness and ensure adequate shelter space in communities across the province				[See GPO answer in row 15 above]

**D. Improving our environment**

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18. Ensure that the provincial carbon pricing system allows Ontario to meet its greenhouse gas emission targets	<p>Our Climate Change Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes Ontario part of North America's largest carbon market, with Quebec and California, providing more choice to companies reducing emissions, at a lower cost; the carbon market will ensure we reach our goal to reduce emissions by 15 per cent by 2020, 37 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050.</li> <li>• Provides incentives to help increase the uptake of electric vehicles and low-carbon trucks and buses</li> <li>• Partners with municipalities to build new bike lanes and bike lockers</li> <li>• Helps homeowners and businesses reduce their carbon footprint and save money by providing energy efficiency rebates such things as insulation, windows and solar panels</li> <li>• Commits to updating the building code with long-term energy efficiency targets for new net zero buildings by 2030 at the latest</li> <li>• Helps industry, including the agri-food sector, transition to low-carbon technologies through the GreenON</li> </ul>	<p>Scrap the carbon tax.</p> <p>Challenge, in the Supreme Court of Canada, any attempt by the federal government to impose a carbon tax on Ontario families.</p>	<p>- 25% of cap-and-trade revenues will go to support lower-income, rural, and northern households, and trade-exposed industries. [57]</p> <p>- We will <b>dedicate \$50 million in cap-and-trade revenues to seed the created of a new no-interest/on-bill home-efficiency retrofit program</b>, allowing residents to install energy-conserving technologies and improve the energy efficiency of their home. We will target the program to communities and individuals facing the greatest financial barriers to lowering their energy use. [57]</p>	



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	<p>Industries and TargetGHG programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes low-carbon energy supply and products</li> <li>• Increases the availability and use of lower-carbon fuels</li> <li>• Strengthens climate change policies in the municipal land-use planning process while providing funding to our municipal partners through the Municipal Challenge Fund</li> <li>• Commits to working with First Nation and Métis communities to co-create a transition to non-fossil fuel energy in a way that minimizes impact on the communities</li> <li>• Supports our clean technology sector — which has over 5,000 companies, 130,000 jobs and almost \$20 billion in annual revenues — through Ontario's Cleantech Strategy, including investments in innovation, research and development</li> <li>• Increases our understanding of how agricultural and natural land emits and stores carbon, and maximizes the amount of carbon storage from agriculture</li> <li>• Improves the energy efficiency and comfort of our schools, hospitals,</li> </ul>			



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	colleges, universities and social housing units. [34]			
19. Make polluters pay for the full cost of the pollution they create	[See Liberal answer in row 18 above.]	Scrap the carbon tax.  -lower gasoline taxes by 10 cents a litre and diesel taxes by 10.3 cents a litre	[See NDP answer in row 18 above.]	Redirect the \$3.1 billion per year in existing business support programs in the right direction, targeting cleantech innovation, advanced manufacturing and bio-products . We'll stop subsidizing businesses that pollute and instead provide incentives to work towards clean products and change government .procurement rules to support low carbon products and services. [11]  Increased tobacco tax  Increased mining aggregate levies  Increased gas tax  Parking levy  Road pricing
20. Work with federal and municipal governments to ensure dedicated and sustainable revenue sources to pay for the expansion of transit and active transportation	Providing faster and more frequent GO service through GO Regional Express Rail projects; weekly trips across the network will quadruple to nearly 6,000 by 2024–25. [25]  Investing in rapid transit, including	Deliver two-way, all-day GO service, including expansions to Bowmanville, Kitchener and completing the Niagara GO Expansion, and support regional transit projects in places such as Ottawa, Hamilton,	We will work to ensure all municipalities have active transportation plans – strategies for promoting walking, cycling, and other human-propelled transportation, by 2021. [57]	- <b>will increase funding for public transit infrastructure</b> by \$1 to \$1.5 billion per year over projections in the 2018 budget and will fund 50% of the operating costs of municipal transit systems. We will establish a dedicated long-term fund for





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	<p>the Toronto Relief Line Subway, Yonge North Subway Extension, Toronto Waterfront LRT, Toronto-York Spadina Extension, Scarborough Subway extension, Hamilton LRT, Ottawa LRT, Durham and London Bus Rapid Transit and rapid transit in municipalities such as Brampton, Mississauga and Waterloo. [25]</p> <p>Investing more than \$11 billion to support the building of Canada's first high-speed rail service in the Toronto-Windsor corridor; the program will begin with service from Toronto to London. [25]</p> <p>Further reducing fares for GTHA transit users, saving regular cross-boundary transit users approximately \$720 a year. [25]</p> <p>Improving GO stations by providing services such as grocery stores, banking and dry cleaning right where they need them — when they get off the train or bus. [25]</p> <p>Supporting green transportation through a \$140 million investment</p>	<p>Mississauga/Brampton, Kitchener-Waterloo and London.</p> <p>Upload responsibility for subway infrastructure, including the building and maintenance of new and existing subway lines, from the 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 while building future crosstown expansions underground. Keep responsibility for day-to-day operations, including labour relations, with the City of Toronto along with a guarantee that the City will continue to keep all revenue generated by the subway system. Actively explore potential for high-speed rail and highway projects including the potential six-laning of Highway 401 to the 416 between Toronto and Ottawa. Bring Back Passenger Rail to the</p>	<p>- We will cover 50% of operating costs for municipal transit</p> <p>- We will provide two-way all-day GO rail service between Kitchener-Waterloo and Toronto</p> <p>- We will have year-round GO rail service between Niagara and Toronto</p> <p>- We will implement a Northern Rail Strategy that restores Ontario Northlander's passenger service and supports the Huron Central and Algoma Central Rail Line</p> <p>- We will build Toronto's Downtown Relief Line ASAP</p> <p>- We will build Hamilton's LRT right away. [60]</p>	<p>municipal walking and cycling infrastructure, investing \$2.17 billion over 4 years on safe streets and roads.</p> <p><b>How we will pay for it?</b> We will implement expert recommendations for dedicated revenue tools that are fair and progressive—such as congestion charges, parking levies and land value taxes—to raise over \$3.9 billion per year. We will dedicate 5% of the transportation budget for walking and cycling infrastructure. [31]</p>



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	<p>to improve cycling infrastructure. [25]</p> <p>Expand the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission motor coach services into Northwestern Ontario to connect more northerners to the places where they can get the care and services they need; once fully implemented this year, travellers will be able to travel from Ottawa to Winnipeg with a single reservation. [44]</p> <p>Invest \$490 million over the next 10 years in the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission to repair and refurbish railway tracks, bridges and trains. [44]</p> <p>Invest an additional \$206 million over 10 years in infrastructure in northern and rural Ontario, as part of our bilateral agreement with the federal government. [44]</p> <p>Finalize and implement the Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy and Action Plan, which is based on consultations with northern communities and covers air, rail,</p>	<p>North – Combined \$45 million for refurbishment and operating costs.</p>		



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	road and marine transportation. [44]			

**E. Improving our fiscal capacity**

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21. Build a more progressive tax system		<p>Introduce a minimum-wage tax credit so those on minimum wage pay no tax.</p> <p>Create a 75% refundable tax credit for child care costs for children aged 0 - 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will end a corporate income-tax giveaway, returning the tax rate on profits to 13% in a fair manner that allows businesses to plan.</li> <li>- We will close a loophole that's allowing big corporations to qualify for a small business exemption.</li> <li>- We will maintain the one-third reduction to small business corporate income tax rates</li> <li>- We will ask the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share by raising income tax on amounts earned over \$220,000 by one percentage point, and on earnings over \$300,000 by two percentage points. [89]</li> <li>- We will add a (3%) surcharge on vehicles that cost more than \$90,000. [89, 92]</li> </ul>	<p>We will lower payroll taxes on local businesses and nonprofits by increasing the exemption level for the Employer Health Tax from \$450,000 to \$1 million in payroll for businesses and organizations with payrolls under \$5 million.</p> <p><b>How we will pay for it?</b> Increasing the EHT exemption will help small businesses and nonprofits to keep about \$1 billion each year to invest in our communities and pay workers better wages. We will pay for it by reversing the Liberal's corporate tax cut for big businesses by 1%. [15]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large Corporation Income Tax @ 1.5% Increase</li> <li>- Income Tax Increase on Top 1% Earners</li> <li>- Land Value Capture</li> </ul>
22. Increase sources of revenue that encourage environmental and social responsibility	[See Liberal answer in row 18 above]	[See PC answer in row 19 above]	[See NDP answer in row 18 above]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tobacco Tax</li> <li>- Housing Speculation Tax</li> </ul>



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			Tobacco is currently taxed based on volume. We will tax tobacco based on value. It ensures that as tobacco prices go up, the taxes fairly reflect the value. [83]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mining Public Return and Aggregate Levies</li> <li>- Parking Levy</li> <li>- Gas tax</li> <li>- Road Pricing</li> </ul>
23. Reject the sale of any publicly owned crown corporations and government assets			We will invest over \$180 billion in infrastructure — without wasteful P3s. [71]	
24. Ensure transparency and accountability in all fiscal measures and transactions	Create a government-wide performance dashboard for services, increasing accountability and allowing people to see whether government services are being delivered effectively. [60]	<p>-fire the board of Hydro One.</p> <p>Order a line-by-line audit of government spending to bring an end to the culture of waste and mismanagement in government.</p> <p>Stopping the ... practice of burying the price tag for conservation programs in your hydro bills and instead pay for these programs out of general government revenue.</p> <p>Eliminate enormous salaries at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One.</p> <p>Launch an independent commission of inquiry whose</p>	<p>We will return full, independent oversight of Hydro One to the eight independent offices.</p> <p>We will work with the Information and Privacy Commissioner to increase government transparency and public access to information, while protecting the privacy of Ontarians. We will eliminate cost for Freedom of Information requests. [80]</p> <p>- will implement the Auditor's suggestions to ensure money is spent properly, and we'll invest the savings into services. [92]</p>	



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		<p>mandate is to get to the bottom of the deficit scandal and to propose timely solutions to solving the deficit problem. As part of this effort, we will call in an outside audit of Kathleen Wynne's reckless management of Ontario's finances and make the final results of the audit public.</p> <p>Conduct a value-for-money audit of every government program.</p> <p>-preventing government agencies, boards, and commissions from buying pricey tables to political speeches and events.</p>		