



Platform 2018 General Election - Explore New Possibilities

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The Ontario Government is a mess. 50 years of mismanagement has made Ontario a have-not province, and deep in debt. This Government cannot be fixed by switching yet again to one of the status quo parties. The Ontario government has over \$300 Billion in debt. Interest on the debt is now the 3rd largest government expense and is roughly \$1 Billion per month. Kicking the can down the road is no way to manage a household or a Government. Nobody should want Ontario to continue down the path that leads to our society becoming like Cyprus, or Spain or Venezuela - and that surely is the path we are on today.

They are all the same!

These Leaders have no answers!



It is never to late to start doing the right thing. A new approach is needed now, that both solves the mess, and once again makes Ontario a great place to live and work. Government is out of gas and out of time. Hydro rates are through the roof and ruining people and businesses. Rationing of essential services is now commonplace. The emphasis must now be on the growth of non-Government delivery of programs and services and less emphasis on Government delivery of programs and services. Government has failed the people of Ontario.

Who votes for the Libertarian party?

- People that can no longer, in good conscience, vote for any of the 4 big Government parties. The 4 big Government parties are all the same!
- People that want to vote for the largest party promising a return to much smaller Government.
- People that might not vote normally since "it won't change anything". Well, the more people that vote for us, the stronger the message will be that the status quo is unacceptable.

In drafting our platform, we are well aware that some people like Government the way it is now. A guiding principle we have adopted is to avoid taking something away from people receiving programs and services from Government today. Instead by providing new and better ways to deliver programs and services, we believe natural and voluntary choices will directly lead to a greater emphasis on non-government delivery of programs and services and less emphasis on Government delivery of programs and services.

The theme of our Platform is very simply - Explore New Possibilities.

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This is probably the greatest problem plaguing Ontario residents and businesses. Surprisingly, it is also the easiest to fix. This is a relatively recent problem, and is the direct result of Government policy. By changing the policy, the situation immediately changes. Hydro rates in Ontario can return to normal and competitive levels in just a year or two.

Our theme for Hydro Rates is "Cut your hydro bill in half".

At present, Ontario customers pay about twice as much for electricity as customers in QC and MB. This is destroying the Ontario economy.

The Ontario Libertarian Party will cut your Hydro bill in half!

Here's how:

- repeal the Green Energy Act
- eliminate time of use billing
- end discriminatory delivery charges crushing rural residents
- remove all subsidized power from the grid
- terminate for convenience all subsidized generation contracts
- transfer off the Hydro books all termination costs including past gas plant termination costs. Hydro customers will not be made to pay for the Government boondoggles.
- terminate all Liberal Government appointees from all boards and electricity related entities

That is how we will cut our bills in half!

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The education system in Ontario is primarily a Government run system. Like all Government run programs and services, the costs keep rising and the results keep getting worse. A one size fits all system, managed out of Toronto gives parents little choice. The children in most families are in effect destined to school options that will lead to them having poor outcomes and opportunities when they graduate.

Our theme for Education is "Put Parents Back In Charge".

At present, Ontario taxpayers pay more for education than anywhere else in Canada, and the results keep declining. The reason is there are few and limited incentives for Ontario schools to improve. Innovation is almost non-existent. Curriculum changes such as the new sex/ed curriculum are not matching the preferences of many parents.

The Ontario Libertarian Party will put parents back in charge!
Here's how:

- per student funding will be attached to the student and not the school
- catchment areas will be eliminated, good schools will thrive, bad schools will adapt or close
- more "magnet schools" would be expected to emerge within the Government system
- students will be able to enroll in any school of their parent's choice, Government or non-Government
- per student funding will apply equally to non-Government schools, although no non-Government school will be required to receive Government funds
- per student funding will apply equally to home schools, although no homeschooler will be required to receive Government funds
- any Government legislation that ties curriculum or any education related aspect of what happens in the school to Government per student funding or anything else will be amended to specifically exclude non-Government and home school delivered education
- non-Government school options will have few, if any education related constraints from Government

That is how we will put parents back in charge!

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Ontario has great doctors, nurses, technicians and staff. The problem in Ontario with healthcare is it is rationed and is a one size fits all system. This means people have to wait and suffer when they should be getting the care they need and have paid for. It is so bad that each year thousands leave the province to get healthcare somewhere else. The healthcare dollars are lost. The expertise is not grown and our overall system suffers. The basic problem is there is a single Health Insurance option in Ontario - the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

Many people are surprised to find out that Ontario has highly in demand healthcare. People travel from around the world and visit Ontario. Some specifically travel to Ontario for medical treatment. They get treatment, either with an insurance plan, or even by paying out of pocket. A person that comes to Ontario and has a baby, pays around \$3,000. About half for the medical staff and about half for the facility (hospital) and supplies. It happens every day. Why can't people in Ontario get access to their own healthcare services when they need it?

Ontario has first world healthcare providers and third world healthcare administration.

Our theme for Healthcare is "End Healthcare Rationing".

At present, Ontario taxpayers pay for a generic health insurance plan. This plan serves many people's needs very well, but some people are not well served at all for many reasons. In order to address this, new insurance options will be allowed. For instance:

1. An "Athletes Plan" could be offered - including Basic Medical, and more service in physiotherapy and less cancer treatment.
2. An "Autism Plan" could be offered - including Basic Medical, and more autism treatments.
3. A "Healthy Living Plan" could be offered - including Basic Medical, and adds dental treatment and eyeglasses, and less treatment for chronic disease such as diabetes.
4. Any kind of plan can be offered, if there is a market for a plan.
5. The OHIP plan will continue to be offered.

No person will be required to change from OHIP to a non-Government plan. In short, if a non-Government plan has people that prefer it, compared to OHIP, it will thrive. Each non-Government plan can receive the same average per person Government funds that OHIP receives.

The Ontario Libertarian Party will end healthcare rationing!

Here's how:

- average per person healthcare funding will be attached to the individual and not to OHIP
- allow non-Government insurance options in addition to OHIP
- allow non-Government insurers to sub-contract certain services to OHIP, for example Basic Medical
- allow non-Government insurers to provide the exact same service as OHIP
- allow non-Government insurers to provide "boutique" or "specialty" packages
- non-Government insurers will receive the same per person funding as OHIP and can charge other fees
- people can switch away from OHIP by giving OHIP 90 days notice
- people can switch from any non-Government option back onto OHIP with the same waiting period as any new resident in Ontario
- healthcare professional, doctors, nurses, technicians will all be able to work for either OHIP or non-Government providers, or both, as they see fit

That is how we will end healthcare rationing!

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Ontario has everything going for it - abundant natural resources, well educated people, proximity to the largest economy in the world. Yet in spite of these natural advantages, people and companies are fleeing the province for other jurisdictions. The only thing that needs to be changed for Ontario to be the most attractive place to work and operate a business is Government policy.

Our theme for our Jobs and the Economy platform is "Make Ontario a Job Magnet".

At present, Government intervention in the economy has passed the tipping point. Ontario is no longer an attractive place for people to work and businesses to locate. In all parts of the province, businesses are closing and people are out of work and facing limited opportunities. Government is the problem. A change from the status quo is needed.

The Ontario Libertarian Party will make Ontario a job magnet!

Here's how:

- we will put in place a sensible electricity policy, our theme for Hydro Rates is "Cut your hydro bill in half".
- we will put in place a sensible Government and Taxation plan, including balance the provincial budget
- we will end Corporate taxation, of course Corporations will still pay HST
- we will end mandatory insurance with WSIB
- we will end mandatory registration with the College of Trades

That is how we will make Ontario a job magnet!

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One of the most fundamental rights in society is to own property. Today, in Ontario, Government has little or no reluctance in passing legislation that degrades the rights of property owners - owners of private residences, farms, recreational properties, etc. Without strengthened property rights, there really is no incentive to work hard, save money and invest in property. When Government can arbitrarily and without compensation, take away and erode property rights, people are really little more than property managers for a Government owner.

Our theme for Property Rights is "Back Off Government".

Successive legislation and regulation has eroded and taken away property rights from individuals in Ontario.

The Ontario Libertarian Party will say loud and clear - "Back Off Government"!

Here's how:

- Government agents will have no special privilege under the Ontario Trespass Act
- Conservation Authorities and any other Detriment or Agency will have no jurisdiction over privately owned property. What this means for instance is the operator of a bar or restaurant can allow smoking on the premises without Government interference so long as the property owner is in agreement.
- The Ontario Building Code Act will be amended so that it does not apply on a mandatory basis. Property owners can use the Code as guidance if they like. There will be no restrictions on off-grid solar installations.
- Municipal Bylaw inspectors will have no right to entry or inspection without a judge's order.
- Reduce the Ontario Land Transfer Tax to be a flat fee of \$275 instead of the current fee that is based on the property value.

That is how we will say loud and clear "Back Off Government"!

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The essence of democracy is that the will of the people is being acted upon by Government. Today, we have situations where a small percentage of the voting population elects a Government with Majority power. In a multi-party system, the percentage to elect a Government can be far less than 50% of the people that voted, and much less again than the total number of people that could vote. Special interest groups know that they can influence Government in their favour, and often times legislation is passed that gives advantages and benefits to some while being paid for by others.

Our theme for Democratic Reform is "Modernize our Democracy".

Some simple changes can create a greater connection between the voters and the people elected to represent the voters.

The Ontario Libertarian Party will modernize our democracy!

Here's how:

- enact recall legislation
- add a sunset clause on all new and existing legislation, meaning the legislation will have to be reviewed and voted on again in 5 years
- referendum for certain types of legislation, including any new or increased level of taxation
- eliminate Government funding of political parties, including subsidies and tax credits

That is how we will modernize our democracy!

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A wise person will understand "something that cannot go on for ever - won't!" For 50 years, Government has been growing and borrowing to pay the bills. Ontario's accumulated debt is over \$300 Billion, interest charges are the third largest government expense, after Healthcare and Education and more than every other Government activity. The average taxpayer is paying around \$100 in interest payments every single month and getting nothing for it. This unsustainable Government growth has happened while the economy was also growing. Everybody can tell, times are different now. With globalization, economies are much more competitive and Ontario has to be more sensible and responsible in its Government operations. The provincial Government is involved in too much at present, and this has to change. Already young people are leaving the province to seek out better opportunities in different jurisdictions. The thing is - Ontario has everything going for it - abundant natural resources, well educated people, proximity to the largest economy in the world. The only thing that needs to be changed for Ontario to begin growing again is Government policy.

Our theme for Government & Taxation platform is "Reduce the Size and Scope of Government".

At present, about half of the economy in Ontario is Government controlled (at all levels) and much of the rest is subsidized in one way or another. This single fact is making Ontario uncompetitive. The answer is obvious.

The Ontario Libertarian Party will will reduce the size and scope of Government!
Here's how:

- end all Government subsidies including (have a look at the [Government](#) page)
 - end all Corporate subsidies
 - end subsidies for immigration
 - end subsidies for electric vehicles
 - end subsidies for youth
 - end subsidies for women
 - end subsidies for libraries
 - end subsidies for sport and recreation
 - end subsidies for tourism
 - end subsidies for seniors
 - end subsidies for not-for-profit organizations
 - end funding via the Ontario Trillium Foundation (\$136M annual)
 - end all subsidies to Municipalities / other levels of Government, local rate payers can pay for their own projects (taxpayers in Sudbury shouldn't be paying for tunnels in Ottawa)
- end Corporate income taxation, of course Corporations will still pay HST
- initiate a balanced budget and debt repayment plan over 30 years

That is how we will reduce the size and scope of Government!

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