



PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR PROVINCIAL CONVENTION 2025

For consideration at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, July 13, 2025

The Ontario New Democratic Party is proud to be a membership-driven organization, and at the heart of that commitment is our highest governing body—Convention. Every two years (or so), New Democrats from all over Ontario come together to chart the future of our movement. Riding associations from Lanark—Frontenac—Kingston to Kenora—Rainy River submit resolutions for consideration. These resolutions can establish the Party specific policies, alter the party constitution, and make statements on behalf of the party with the loudest possible voice: that of the membership. In the last election, our policy was the clearest expression of what makes us different from the other parties, and that policy is rooted in the values, ideas, and declarations made at Convention.

1: New Resolutions

The riding association received four new resolutions for members' consideration at the AGM on July 13, 2025. If adopted, they will be submitted for consideration at Convention 2025.

1.1: AFFORDABLE POWER AND JOB CREATION

Word Count: 196 // Policy Grouping: Energy & Environment

WHEREAS Ontario needs an energy system that is affordable, secure, reliable and fights climate change; and

WHEREAS the Conservative nuclear expansion program will substantially increase electricity prices and will delay urgently needed climate action by 10 to 15 years; and

WHEREAS toxic nuclear waste disposal poses huge threats to First Nations and Northern communities; and

WHEREAS First Nations are clear they are not willing to have nuclear waste dumped in their communities or on their traditional lands; and

WHEREAS Ontario needs the unionized 21st century jobs we can secure from a rapidly growing renewable energy sector; and

WHEREAS the international community explicitly called for a tripling of renewable energy as a key affordable and rapid action to stabilize the climate; and

WHEREAS Ford is committing to importation of American Small Modular Nuclear Reactor technology and fuel from Trump's America, an unreliable source; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ONDP commits to a virtual phase-out of fossil fuel (coal, oil and gas) use in the province by 2050; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT from the date of passage of this resolution, the ONDP commits that all future investments to meet our electricity needs be in energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, and energy storage.

Submitted by: Shelly Gordon, Secretary

1.2: MEETINGS OF PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

Word Count: 140 // Policy Grouping: Internal Affairs & Constitutional Amendments

WHEREAS our Constitution has provisions for calling both a Special Convention and a Special Provincial Council meeting at the request of members of those bodies but does not contain a similar provision for the Provincial Executive; and

WHEREAS the Constitution is silent on who is empowered to call meetings of the Provincial Executive; and

WHEREAS issues surrounding the postponement of this Convention, originally called for January of 2025, required the Provincial Executive to act outside of their regularly scheduled meetings without a clear process for doing so in the Constitution; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP's Constitution will be amended as follows:

In Article 9: Provincial Executive add in new

Section 4:

4.1 The Provincial Executive shall meet at the call of the President or on the written request of twenty-five per cent (25%) or more of its members.

Submitted by: Wynne Hartviksen, Alternate Delegate to Provincial Council

1.3: HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, AND TRANSIT AS NATION-BUILDING PROJECTS

Word Count: 184 // Policy Grouping: Governmental Affairs

WHEREAS Ontario's health care, transit, and education systems have not kept up with our growing and aging population; and

WHEREAS years of delays, cuts, and closures have dramatically reduced access to health care, transit, and education across Ontario, especially in northern and rural communities; and

WHEREAS accessible, high-quality public services should be available to all Ontarians, regardless of where they live; and

WHEREAS good public services attract investment and spur job creation and economic growth;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP commit to building hospitals, schools, transit, and other required facilities in regions of Ontario where services have been decimated by delays, cuts and closures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP develop a map of targeted infrastructure investments in consultation with municipalities, hospitals, and school boards, with the goal of achieving equitable levels of access to public services in all regions of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP develop a comprehensive plan to these ends in consultation with Building Trades of Ontario and Ontario Federation of Labour for the creation of good, union jobs throughout Ontario.

Submitted by: Jason Wagar, President

1.4: FREE PUBLIC TRANSIT

Word Count: 109 // Policy Grouping: Transportation

WHEREAS well-planned and well-used transit supports our economy and shared prosperity by connecting people to jobs and opportunities, friends and family, and services and amenities; and

WHEREAS transit ridership in many parts of the province has not still not recovered to pre-pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS increased transit ridership supports vibrant communities, improved overall mobility and carbon reduction goals; and

WHEREAS lower transit costs and improved transit service promote economic and social justice, particularly for Ontarians who do not or cannot drive a motor vehicle;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will implement options to deliver free transit to Ontarians, while maintaining high transit service standards and ridership.

Submitted by: Jason Wagar, President

2: Previously Approved Resolutions

The following 31 resolutions were approved by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP at a general meeting on October 21, 2024 and submitted for consideration at Convention. As Convention was postponed, they require reaffirmation to be submitted again.

At our general meeting on July 13, 2025, the resolutions will be presented as an omnibus motion in the interest of time. Any member in good standing can request to “remove” one or more resolutions from the omnibus motion for separate discussion and vote. Members at the meeting will then vote on whether to remove the item from the omnibus motion. If the vote carries, the resolution(s) will be removed and discussed and voted on separately.

2.1: CRACK DOWN ON CORPORATE CRIMINALS

Word Count: 117 // Policy Grouping: Economy

WHEREAS the cost of groceries in Ontario has consistently exceeded the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS five large corporations account for more than three quarters of all Canadian food sales; and

WHEREAS grocery giants have previously been caught red-handed colluding to inflate the cost of bread for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS the federal Competition Bureau has launched a new investigation into a major grocery retailer for anti-competitive practices; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government launch a new Investigations Unit to ensure that large grocery corporations are closely scrutinized and held accountable for price gouging and other unlawful actions, with a focus on anticompetitive conduct and fraud which impact the cost of living.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.2: FUNDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Word Count: 197 // Policy Grouping: Education

WHEREAS the ONDP supports the right to accessible education for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS people with disabilities already face high cost of living in Ontario, with post-secondary education including colleges, universities, creative arts institutions, and trades programs financially inaccessible to students living on disability supports; and

WHEREAS people with disabilities often flourish in non-conventional educational and vocational fields such as arts and creative industries; and

WHEREAS many students with disabilities must attend education and career programs part-time due to their disabilities and/or lack of accessible accommodations; and

WHEREAS OSAP currently requires part-time students to pay for their first term of post-secondary education/training out-of-pocket, which is financially inaccessible for most students with disabilities; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 4 of the ONDP policy book be amended to add:

Section 4.4.7 – An ONDP government will institute significant new funding commitments for post-secondary students with disabilities, including full coverage through OSAP with no co-pay for all part-time education and training programs that are funded for full-time students, as well as new supports for people with disabilities who wish to pursue training in creative arts industries.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.3: ACCESSIBLE VIRTUAL EDUCATION OPTIONS

Word Count: 200 // Policy Grouping: Education

WHEREAS students and teachers deserve a safe, equitable, supportive environment to learn and work; and

WHEREAS some health conditions and disabilities can make it unsafe for someone to learn or work within in-person environments; and

WHEREAS time missed from school due to attendance barriers can negatively impact learning; and

WHEREAS digital technology is proven to be able to meet the needs of students and teachers when in-person access is limited or unavailable, and remote-learning is a valuable and accessible option to support students who are unable to attend in-person; and

WHEREAS the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted in 2006, to which Canada is a signatory; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 4.3.14 in the ONDP policy book be REPLACED with:

4.3.14: Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would support a transition to safer, smaller classrooms to provide engaging support in-person, while maintaining a hybrid-learning model to meet the needs of disabled and ill students and teachers, so access to the benefit of quality education is available equitably, regardless of health status, therefore meeting the standards for Disability Rights standards as adopted by the UN.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.4: COST-SAVING ENERGY RETROFITS

Word Count: 103 // Policy Grouping: Environment & Energy

WHEREAS the climate crisis is already increasing the cost of living for Ontarians, including on groceries and insurance; and

WHEREAS costs associated with the climate crisis will continue to dramatically increase, including costs related to infrastructure damage and natural disaster response; and

WHEREAS successive governments in Ontario have made the climate crisis worse by eliminating funding to make homes more energy efficient, cancelling clean energy projects, and removing protections from farmlands; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will improve energy affordability and promote environmental sustainability by subsidizing the cost of heat pumps and other energy-saving retrofits for all Ontarians.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.5: PLAN FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND JOBS

Word Count: 200 // Policy Grouping: Environment & Energy

WHEREAS the public sector in Ontario can play a leadership role with regard to action on the climate crisis. Developing a climate crisis strategy for the public sector will encourage action on the climate crisis in society at large; and

WHEREAS instead of taking critical steps to address the climate crisis, Doug Ford has axed a program to plant 50 million trees, scrapped cap and trade, and fought to tear up green energy contracts, so he can tear down windmills; and

WHEREAS the Legislature should have a dedicated committee to study legislation related to, and actions needed for, the response to the climate crisis; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would establish an Ontario Climate Crisis Strategy for the Public Sector which would be tasked with capping greenhouse gas emissions from activities engaged in by the public sector, among other identified measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP will seek to establish a select committee of the Legislative Assembly to be known as the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. The Select Committee's mandate is to develop a comprehensive proposal to address climate-change related threats facing the society, environment and economy of the province of Ontario.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.6: ENSURING A LOW CARBON FUTURE WITH MORE GOOD UNIONIZED JOBS

Word Count: 196 // Policy Grouping: Environment & Energy

WHEREAS there is scientific consensus that we must more than double our clean electricity supply by 2050 to meet Canada's carbon reduction goals; and

WHEREAS all four model pathways to prevent catastrophic climate change outlined by the U.N. IPCC call for significant increases in a diverse energy mix that includes nuclear energy, hydro, wind, solar, and storage; and

WHEREAS Canada's nuclear energy sector is safe and reliable, with a 96% domestic CANDU supply chain, providing over 89,000 workers with good, unionized jobs; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The ONDP joins the CLC and OFL in supporting new investments in all ultra-low emissions electricity sources including hydro, renewables, made-in-Canada nuclear and storage;
- ii. The ONDP recognizes the strategic importance of ultra-low emissions electricity to Ontario's economy and environment; will fight to ensure that future benefits from investment, innovation, and supply chain jobs stay in Ontario, and Canada;
- iii. The ONDP believes that a low-carbon future requires meaningful engagement, informed consent, and opportunities for partnership with local Indigenous communities;
- iv. The ONDP reaffirms its support for public ownership of electricity generation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT section 5.4.2 of the policy book be deleted.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.7: HST REBATES FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Word Count: 124 // Policy Grouping: Health & Long-Term Care

WHEREAS people undergoing cancer treatment or people recovering from illness or accident experience significant financial stress due to lost wages and hidden costs such as travel, child care, and medical supply expenses; and

WHEREAS the cost of a wig for alopecia and/or medical supplies contributes to the financial burden of those experiencing illness, especially with the added cost of HST; and

WHEREAS some medical and assistive devices are already HST exempt; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government would work with the federal government to amend the Retail Sales Tax Act to exempt medical supplies, including wigs from alopecia & other medical needs and wound care supplies, so that necessary medical supplies required for healing are not taxed the Ontario portion of the HST.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.8: ADDRESSING INEQUITIES IN BLACK MENTAL HEALTH

Word Count: 178 // Policy Grouping: Health & Long-Term Care

WHEREAS Anti-Black racism contributes to poor mental health, and that Black Ontarians have a harder time getting the care they need because of discrimination and stereotyping; and

WHEREAS former MPP Bhutila Karpoche (Parkdale—High Park) has worked to address inequities in Black mental health through legislation and advocacy; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED an Ontario NDP government would proclaim the first Monday in March of each year as Black Mental Health Day to recognize the ongoing mental health impacts of anti-Black racism in public services and to raise awareness of the specific mental health needs of Black communities across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would require the collection of race-based data in health care, to start to tackle systemic discrimination, anti-Black racism and worse health outcomes for Black Ontarians in our health care system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would fund the provision of culturally appropriate mental health services, to ensure that mental healthcare is delivered in a way that recognizes the diversity within Black communities across Ontario.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.9: CREATING A CLIMATE CRISIS HEALTH ACTION PLAN

Word Count: 198 // Policy Grouping: Health & Long-Term Care

WHEREAS the climate crisis will result in worsening threats to the health of Ontarians, ranging from threats due to flooding, wildfires, and other extreme weather events, to the increase of new diseases, to mental distress caused by climate-related displacement; and

WHEREAS Marginalized communities will suffer most from the effects of the climate crisis, as it creates more instability in housing, food, employment and quality of life; and

WHEREAS the climate crisis, environmental racism, and redlining has already diminished health outcomes for people across Ontario; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would develop and publish a strategic action plan that aims to ensure that Ontario's public health and health care systems are prepared for the health risks caused by the impacts of the climate crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would establish a Climate Crisis and Health Secretariat whose responsibilities include assisting the Minister with the development, revision and implementation of the strategic action plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would establish a science advisory board to advise the Minister with respect to climate change science and health sciences and the impacts of the climate crisis on public health.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.10: PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH

Word Count: 193 // Policy Grouping: Health & Long-Term Care

WHEREAS in Ontario, as many as one in five new parents experience some type of perinatal mental illness, such as perinatal mood and anxiety disorder, during pregnancy and in the first 12 months following childbirth; and

WHEREAS people who give birth of every culture, age, income level and race can develop perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. Additionally, marginalized populations may experience perinatal mental illness at higher rates; and

WHEREAS perinatal mental illness is treatable and the negative impacts can be mitigated with timely access to diagnosis, treatment and support services, however, up to 85 percent of birthing parents with perinatal mental illnesses go untreated; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is lagging behind other jurisdictions in providing a comprehensive system of culturally appropriate accessible perinatal mental health services; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government would proclaim the first Wednesday of May in each year as Perinatal Mental Health Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government would conduct a comprehensive review of perinatal mental health in Ontario and prepare a Provincial Framework and Action Plan. A periodic report to the Assembly about the progress of the review would be required.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.11: GET GOVERNMENT BACK IN THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING HOUSING

Word Count: 91 // Policy Grouping: Housing

WHEREAS everyone has the right to an affordable home; and

WHEREAS any solution to the housing affordability crisis must include public, non-profit and co-op housing options; and

WHEREAS successive Liberal and Conservative provincial governments have failed to adequately invest in non-market housing; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government get back in the business of building housing under a new public agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government directly finance and build 250,000 new affordable and non-market homes on public land.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.12: LEGALIZE FOURPLEXES

Word Count: 57 // Policy Grouping: Housing

WHEREAS housing affordability requires a rapid increase in housing supply; and

WHEREAS increasing density is the fastest and most cost-effective way of increasing housing supply; and

WHEREAS legalizing fourplexes unlocks density for new builds and for redeveloping existing housing stock; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government legalize fourplexes as of right across Ontario.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.13: REAL RENT CONTROL

Word Count: 98 // Policy Grouping: Housing

WHEREAS renters in Ontario deserve financial stability and housing security; and

WHEREAS Liberal and Conservative governments have allowed unlimited rent increases between tenancies, which has contributed to the skyrocketing cost of rent; and

WHEREAS this system also incentivizes illegal evictions by creating a loophole for rent control; and

WHEREAS the Conservative government eliminated rent control entirely on all new units occupied after 2018, leading to double-digit rent hikes and housing insecurity for tenants of those units; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an NDP government will implement real rent control for all units, including stabilizing rents between tenancies.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.14: UPDATING HOUSING POLICY TO REFLECT CURRENT REALITIES AND ONGOING EMERGENCIES

Word Count: 190 // Policy Grouping: Housing

WHEREAS the ONDP considers housing to be a human right; and

WHEREAS the ONDP considers corporate greed to be a primary cause of homelessness, and recognizes the potential for housing and development lobbies to corrupt and hamper attempts to address homelessness and the housing crisis; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following alterations be made to section 8.1.1 of the policy book:

- [alteration] all bullet points under this section be changed to numbers corresponding to their current position in the list.
- [replace] bullet 3. Supporting and funding low-barrier publicly owned social and cooperative permanent housing as the primary strategy to end homelessness in Ontario.
- [replace] bullet 4. Prioritize publicly owned housing projects over private ones until homelessness is ended.

- [replace] bullet 6. Increase the availability of low-barrier emergency shelters and additional optional services to help shelter residents thrive until permanent low-barrier social housing programs can be established.
- [replace] bullet 8. Ensuring accessibility standards for all forms of disability are met in both social and private sector housing.
- [replace] bullet 12. Enact legislation requiring municipalities to increase the supply of land for purpose-built, low-barrier publicly owned social housing.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.15 ENDING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH SOCIAL HOUSING EXPANSION: NEW COMMITMENTS

Word Count: 189 // Policy Grouping: Housing

WHEREAS the ONDP considers housing to be a human right; and

WHEREAS the effectiveness of a substantial increase in funding to publicly owned housing over decades has been demonstrated by Finland; and

WHEREAS Canada’s social safety net continues to be severely underfunded, inaccessible, and abusive of human rights; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 8.1.2 of the ONDP policy book be replaced with:

8.1.2. Ending Homelessness in Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP in government will rapidly expand funding for Ontario’s publicly owned social housing programs until homelessness is ended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ONDP will end conditional social housing provision, to be replaced with the unconditionally provision of permanent social housing as the primary model, wherein additional social services re- main available, but optional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ONDP will adopt a provincial definition of homelessness wherein “if you do not own permanent housing, and you are not officially a tenant or subtenant, you are considered homeless.” therefore being eligible for social housing.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until the above goals are implemented, the ONDP will support emergency policies to help homeless people survive.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.16: INDIGENOUS CHILD CARE

Word Count: 90 // Policy Grouping: Indigenous Affairs

WHEREAS Indigenous children and families deserve culturally appropriate child care and early childhood education programs; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Actions compel provinces to act on their responsibility to provide these programs for Indigenous children and families; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would immediately begin the work of delivering on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action Number 12, with comprehensive consultation from and participation of Indigenous communities and Indigenous leadership, to develop culturally appropriate early childhood education programs for Indigenous families.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.17: FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK PILOT

Word Count: 118 // Policy Grouping: Labour & Employment

WHEREAS worker burnout is too common, leading to poor physical and mental health outcomes for Ontarians and a lack of work-life balance; and

WHEREAS jurisdictions around the world including Iceland, Japan and New Zealand have adopted four-day work weeks on a pilot or permanent basis, with reports showing successful results for both workers and employers; and

WHEREAS reported benefits have included greater gender equity and job productivity, higher workplace morale, and improved mental and physical health for workers; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP supports establishing a Four-Day Work Week Commission, which will develop recommendations on how to implement a pilot project designed to determine the effectiveness of a four-day work week in Ontario.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.18: MUNICIPAL INPUT TO CANNABIS LICENSING

Word Count: 85 // Policy Grouping: Municipal Affairs

WHEREAS the Ford government removed municipal input from the provincial cannabis licensing system; and

WHEREAS the proliferation of corporate cannabis retail stores is impacting the integrity of neighbourhoods and removing access to a variety of local Main Street services; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT An Ontario NDP government would amend cannabis licensing legislation to allow for municipalities to have greater input into the issuance of retail cannabis licenses, enabling the implementation of recommendations from public health experts and preventing access to cannabis by children and youth.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.19: MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Word Count: 173 // Policy Grouping: Social Services & Benefits

WHEREAS the ONDP supports marriage equality for all; and

WHEREAS in Ontario, disabled people are denied social assistance (ODSP) if they have a spouse or common-law partner who has an income, which disincentivizes love and family for disabled people and leads to isolation and mental health crises for those who cannot risk losing their ODSP eligibility; and

WHEREAS disabled people are particularly vulnerable to gender-based, financial, and spousal violence and abuse, and current ODSP eligibility denies financial agency to disabled people in abusive relationships who cannot access assistance due to abusive partners; and

WHEREAS the spousal eligibility requirements of ODSP are perpetuating inequity, isolation, and a lack of marriage equality for disabled people in Ontario; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to the policy book in section 14 and to party platforms in upcoming elections:

14.2.2.1: An ONDP government will remove barriers to marriage equality by removing spousal requirements from ODSP eligibility, ensuring that eligibility to social assistance is not impacted by marital status nor spousal/family income.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.20 OPPOSING INDUSTRIES THAT EXPLOIT AUTISTIC CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Word Count: 201 // Policy Grouping: Social Services & Benefits

WHEREAS Autism is a neurological difference, not a behavioural problem; and

WHEREAS Autistic advocates and parents of autistic children across Ontario are calling for progressive leaders to fund and support adaptive communication technology and non-behavioural supports for daily living; and

WHEREAS the ONDP has historically supported lobbyists for behaviour-based approaches including ABA/IBI, which are considered harmful and dangerous by all Autistic-led advocacy groups in Canada; and

WHEREAS research has reported that ABA/IBI often leads to trauma, anxiety, and suicidality by coercively enforcing neuronormative and colonial behavioural expectations; and

WHEREAS evidence-based literature reviews show commonly-cited studies promoting early behavioural intervention have failed to measure for negative effects/harms, and that more than 70% of studies promoting ABA/IBI were designed by researchers with significant undisclosed financial conflicts-of-interest; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ONDP cease support of behaviour-based autism services and industries, including ABA, IBI, and Behaviour Analysis industry practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ONDP instead support and promote non-behaviourist programs for Occupational Therapy, Augmentative and Alternative Communication supports, Speech/Language Therapy, and Neurodiversity-affirming mental health therapy, including for Autistic people who have been traumatized by behaviour-based education and treatment settings.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.21: ONDP COMMITMENT TO END POVERTY

Word Count: 219 // Policy Grouping: Social Services & Benefits

WHEREAS there remains people living in poverty in Canada, without basic needs (food, water, housing, transportation, internet, sanitation, education, healthcare, and internet access); and

WHEREAS sections 14.1.4 and 14.1.2 are similar; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 14.1.4 be removed, and 14.1.2 be rewritten as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP will:

1. End poverty in Ontario within two terms of holding government via unconditional direct aid programs which consider the specific needs of marginalized demographics residing in Ontario, respecting all people’s access to basic needs (food, water, housing, transportation, sanitation, education, healthcare, and internet access) as human rights.

2. Ensure that social programs do not clawback funds, reduce rates, or restrict access for any of the following reasons: marriage status, housing status, sobriety, age, whether they are currently in the province or receipt of any federal benefit.

3. Upon forming government, immediately raise base ODSP rates of half the median income of Ontarians plus 10%, indexing increases to median income annually as such and through funding and/or the redistribution of resources ensure that all completed applications are processed in a timely manner (within no more than 10 business days)
4. Form a panel entirely of poor and/or disabled people to identify inequities in our social assistance programs and report them to members of the government and public.”

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.22: REMOVING ABLEIST ALLYSHIP FROM SECTION 14.2

Word Count: 140 // Policy Grouping: Social Services & Benefits

WHEREAS the ONDP believes in the equal rights of disabled people; and

WHEREAS 14.2.1 has numerous ableist ideas within its first 3 paragraphs, and the third point of 14.2.7 is deeply problematic; and

WHEREAS “workfare” is often used to deny access to benefits, keeping disabled people in legislated poverty and delaying political progress; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes be made to section 14.2 of the policy book:

Section 14.2.1 - Replace all text from the first 3 paragraphs with:

“An ONDP government would seek to implement the following policies:”

Section 14.2.4 - Replace all text with:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP advocate that a capped exemption be removed.”

Section 14.2.7 - Replace the text of point 3 with:

“A variety of optional supports and services that disabled people can use which improve access to society and enrich their lives.”

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.23: PROTECTING VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

Word Count: 173 // Policy Grouping: Transportation

WHEREAS vulnerable road users are not specifically protected by law; and

WHEREAS Ontario’s Highway Traffic Act allows drivers who seriously injure or kill a vulnerable road user to avoid meaningful consequences, facing only minimal fines; and

WHEREAS the friends and families of victims are unsatisfied with the lack of consequences and the government's responses to traffic accidents that result in death or injury to a vulnerable road user; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would commit to reducing the number of traffic fatalities and injuries to vulnerable road users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would create meaningful consequences that ensure responsibility and accountability for drivers who share the road with pedestrians, cyclists, road construction workers, emergency responders and other vulnerable road users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would allow friends and family of vulnerable road users whose death or serious injury was caused by an offending driver to have their victim impact statement heard in person in court by the driver responsible.

Adopted by the Parkdale–High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.24: MODERNIZATION OF ONDP AUTISM POLICY

Word Count: 203 // Policy Grouping: Constitution & Internal Affairs

WHEREAS the ONDP has not yet formally consulted with Autistic community leaders, nonspeaking Autistic youth, or Autistic-led education/ advocacy groups about autism policy or messaging; and

WHEREAS disproven myths about Autistic people, especially those who cannot rely on speech to communicate, are prevalent in autism-related ONDP messaging; and

WHEREAS recent research suggests that certain therapies and interventions commonly aimed at Autistic children can cause severe unintended mental health consequences long-term; and

WHEREAS injustice and harm are perpetuated when policy is made about marginalized people without meaningful and informed participation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP immediately begin formal, transparent consultations for modernization of ONDP policy and messaging related to autism, informed directly by the Autistic populations most impacted. This process should be guided by experts in social policy who are Autistic themselves, and should be completed before ONDP support is announced for any autism-targeted policy, funding, therapies, or industries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the consultation process will be accessible, including virtual attendance as well as access for those who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), and will centre direct, first-person consultation with Autistic youth, nonspeakers, BIPOC,

2SLGBTQIA+, and multiply-disabled Autistic people, and Autistic-led advocacy/education groups.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.25: BARRIER-FREE ACCESS TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESS FOR REMOTE ONDP MEMBERS

Word Count: 195 // Policy Grouping: Constitution & Internal Affairs

WHEREAS ONDP members face various sometimes-insurmountable barriers to in-person participation including inaccessibility, medical risks, caregiver requirements, work requirements, and cost; and

WHEREAS members of historically excluded groups must never be excluded nor denied their right to participate in democratic processes due to finances, protected class traits such as disability, or inaccessibility; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP commits to holding party policy and governance-related gatherings in accessible hybrid formats that enable full remote participation including voting access; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this be implemented immediately, with any costs incurred ensuring hybrid access to be considered vital baseline budget items for those events; and that these processes be updated in consultation with members from disabled and immunocompromised, remote and rural, and Indigenous communities to determine and meet access needs of those communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be reflected in the party constitution through the addition of:

Article 7, Section 2.2: the ONDP will host Conventions in accessible hybrid formats that enable full remote participation including voting access

AND

Article 10, section 2.2: the ONDP will host Council in accessible hybrid formats that enable full remote participation including voting access.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.26: ESTABLISH A HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

Word Count: 169 // Policy Grouping: Housing

WHEREAS every corner of Ontario has witnessed an explosion of homelessness and encampments, with over 10,000 people experiencing homelessness in Toronto alone; and

WHEREAS numerous municipalities across Ontario have declared a state of emergency over homelessness, including Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, and Niagara Region; and

WHEREAS a report by Ontario's Financial Accountability Office found that the current strategies to address homelessness in Ontario are failing to produce any significant reduction in homelessness; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would establish a Homelessness Task Force composed of housing advocates, front line social service and health care workers, legal and justice workers, persons who have experienced homelessness, and those currently experiencing homelessness to support the Government of Ontario in creating and maintaining a provincial homelessness strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would require the task force to provide annual recommendations on policies and programs and other matters to be included in the strategy, ensuring that it reflects the evolving landscape of homelessness in Ontario.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.27: RESTORE REAL RENT CONTROL FOR ALL TENANTS

Word Count: 116 // Policy Grouping: Housing

WHEREAS the Ford government cancelled rent control on units built after November 2018; and

WHEREAS rents in Ontario have increased an average of 54.5% over the last decade, with just a handful of big, corporate landlords being responsible for over half the rent increases over provincial guidelines; and

WHEREAS unpredictable rent increases are making it increasingly difficult for tenants to plan their lives and are contributing to the province's homelessness crisis; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would reinstate rent control for all units to ensure that every tenant, regardless of when their rental unit was constructed, is protected under the province's rent control laws and safeguarded against unfair rent increases and evictions.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.28: ESTABLISH A CONSUMER PROTECTION WATCHDOG ORGANIZATION

Word Count: 116 // Policy Grouping: Economy

WHEREAS Ontarians are facing an affordability crisis made worse by widespread consumer gouging across many industries; and

WHEREAS Ontarian consumers should expect to be treated with fairness and honesty by the businesses and other entities that interact with them and, furthermore, deserve to be protected from other forms of unfair treatment including a lack of transparency in the marketplace, products and services that fall short of expectations in terms of value for money and quality, and consumer protection information and remedies that are unavailable, inaccessible, or unreliable; and

WHEREAS the current level of consumer protection in Ontario is inadequate; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would establish an independent consumer watchdog organization to protect consumers from scams and gouging and provide them with the confidence that their rights are protected.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.29: RIGHT TO REPAIR

Word Count: 197 // Policy Grouping: Economy

WHEREAS Ontarian consumers are currently stuck paying hefty amounts to service their equipment, electronics, devices, etc., while big corporations and manufacturers use proprietary maintenance and repair software, tools, and manuals that prevent customers from making repairs themselves; and

WHEREAS with the skyrocketing cost of living, Ontarians can't afford to pay hundreds and thousands in unfair premium costs for repairs; and

WHEREAS Ontario consumers should have the full rights of ownership over items they purchase, including manuals and the ability to have their product repaired when and however they want; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would mandate that manufacturers of electronic products, household appliances or wheelchairs, motor vehicles and heavy farming equipment must make available to consumers and repair businesses the most recent version of the repair manual, replacement parts, software and tools that the manufacturer uses for diagnosing, maintaining, or repairing its products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would require that the manufacturer must provide the repair manual at no charge or, if a paper version is available, at a reasonable cost, and that they must also provide the replacement parts, software and tools at a fair cost.

Adopted by the Parkdale—High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.30: PROVIDE LOWER FARES AND BETTER SERVICE ON THE UNION PEARSON EXPRESS

Word Count: 94 // Policy Grouping: Transportation

WHEREAS Ontarians deserve convenient transit they can rely on; and

WHEREAS thousands of local transit riders and airport workers rely on UP Express as part of their daily transit and to connect to TTC to get to work and downtown, yet are left out of the government's OneFare program; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would include UP Express in their fare integration program to provide cheaper fares and reliable and frequent service so that UP Express riders can have the same peace of mind as the rest of the GTA.

Adopted by the Parkdale-High Park Provincial NDP on October 21, 2024.

2.31: RARE DISEASE STRATEGY

Word Count: 154 // Policy Grouping: Health & Long-Term Care

WHEREAS Ontario currently lacks a rare disease strategy, which has left those who are living with rare diseases without access to the support they need; and

WHEREAS Ontarians living with rare diseases deserve comprehensive, integrated care and access to medicines without cost as a barrier; and

WHEREAS in 2016, the Ministry of Health established a Rare Diseases Working Group committee to develop a provincial framework on this issue; and

WHEREAS the Rare Diseases Working Group Report was submitted to the Government of Ontario in 2017 with important recommendations, which have never been implemented; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ontario NDP government would implement the recommendations set out in the 2017 Rare Diseases Working Group Report and publicly report on its progress until every recommendation has been implemented, thereby helping improve access to new and emerging drugs, support enhanced access to existing drugs, early diagnosis and screening for all Ontarians suffering from rare diseases.

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