

CAST YOUR FOR CITIES

**ELECTION DAY
JUNE 2**

Did you know the relationship between the City of Toronto and the Province plays an important role in shaping the quality of life, health, and wellbeing of our communities?

Issues on the Rise



HOMELESSNESS
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
HOUSING UNAFFORDABILITY
ADDICTIONS
MENTAL HEALTH CRISES

We are still in a pandemic that is disproportionately impacting vulnerable populations — especially Indigenous, Black, and racialized communities; seniors; people who are homeless; and people with disabilities. **We need the Province to work with the City of Toronto to support residents NOW.**

What do we need NOW from the Province to build inclusive and resilient communities?

The Province Needs to Share the Cost of Operating the TTC.

The Ontario government and the City of Toronto used to contribute **50-50 to TTC operating costs.**



But it's been over 25 years since the provincial government abandoned that arrangement, leaving riders covering most of the costs. It's time that the Province paid its fair share.



Housing is a Human Right

The Ontario government has a responsibility to address Ontario's housing and homelessness crisis. Simply building more housing won't solve the problem. **The Province can make a difference with increased funding for social and supportive housing, strong rent control legislation, and protections for tenants.** Toronto City Council has requested provincial funding to open 18,000 new supportive housing units over the next 10 years — an essential measure to reduce homelessness and advance the human right to housing.

Better Investments for Mental Health & Addictions

The pandemic has taken its toll on our wellbeing, contributing to and intensifying mental health and addictions issues for many residents. Since the start of the pandemic, mental health problems and alcohol use have been on the rise. In the first 19 months of the pandemic,



Cities and residents need immediate and long-term investments from the Province for addictions and mental health — in supports, services, and prevention programs — and access must be equitable.

Cities Need New Powers to Meet their Commitments to Community

The Ontario government determines the powers that cities have to raise revenues and set policy.

Did You Know?

With nearly 2.8 million people, the City of Toronto has a larger population than six of Canada's provinces and all three of its territories. Yet the Province still decides how the City of Toronto raises funds to pay for a better, more equitable city.

A City Charter would let the City decide how it raises its own money to fund affordable housing, libraries, transit, and more. Some cities in the U.S. and Europe have a City Charter, an agreement with other levels of government that protects local democracy and provides city governments with powers to act boldly without having to get permission from the Province.



Questions for the Candidates

1. What changes would your party make to ensure that city governments have the funding and powers to create better, more equitable, and inclusive cities?
2. Does your party support...
 - a. **sharing a percentage of income tax revenues with cities?**
 - b. **introducing a wealth tax to increase funding to cities?**
 - c. **sharing a portion of sales tax revenue with cities?**
 - d. **re-establishing a 50-50 cost-sharing agreement with the City of Toronto to pay for TTC operations?**
 - e. **expanding the City of Toronto's powers to raise revenues and implement progressive property taxes?**
 - f. **working with the City of Toronto to create a constitutionally protected City Charter?**
 - g. **funding the City of Toronto to open 18,000 new supportive housing units over the next 10 years?**
 - h. **immediately delivering long-term investments in addictions and mental health services, supports, and prevention programs, and ensuring equitable access?**
3. How would your party ensure positive and productive relationships with cities to improve the lives of Ontarians?
4. What changes would your party make to increase the role of residents and community organizations in intergovernmental decision-making?
5. How would your party demonstrate respect for local democracy?