

# CONGRÈS 2019 CONVENTION

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NDP NPD

**You are officially invited to join Andrea Horwath, Leader of Ontario's Official Opposition,** as well as fellow New Democrats from across the province for Convention 2019, taking place June 14-16, 2019 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

**We hope that you will join us** as we listen to inspiring guest speakers and panelists, take part in training sessions to improve our skills as activists, debate new ideas and policy, and get to know our incredible, hardworking opposition team of 40 MPPs!

**Convention 2019  
June 14-16, 2019**

**Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

March 25	Early Bird Registration Fee Begins (ends May 3rd 2019)
April 7	Resolution Submission Deadline
May 13	Hotel Room booking deadline (for reduced rate)
May 13	Child Care Registration Deadline

## CONVENTION FEES:

Regular Delegate	\$335
Early bird Delegate (until May 3rd)	\$295
Non-gainfully employed* /unwaged or youth (under 26)	\$50
Alternates	\$100
Observers (NDP members)	\$50
Observers (non-members and organizations)	\$1000

Once registration opens, and you have been assigned your EasyCode, you will be able to submit fee payments online. Full payment must be received before delegates can complete their registration which occurs on-site at Convention 2019. Individual delegates must attend in person to be officially registered at Convention, and to receive their kit, ballot and badge. Please bring payment or confirmation of payment, identification and your Convention 2019 EasyCode.

**Please note: Due to recent changes in the Ontario Election Finances Act, Convention fees are eligible for a tax receipt, and fees paid count towards an individual's donation limit for 2019. This fee structure is subject to approval by the March 23-24, 2019 Provincial Council.**

*\*The guideline for determining eligibility for the non-gainfully employed fee is generally that the person did not pay Ontario income tax in 2018 and is based on self-identification.*

### RESERVE YOUR ROOM by May 13, 2019

Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation booking and payment. The Convention rate at the Sheraton Hamilton is \$174.00 per night plus taxes for single or double room rate. These rates are applicable until May 13, 2019. This hotel is non-smoking. Arrangements can be made through WE Travel at <https://wetravel.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/ondp-convention-jun-2019/ondp> or by calling 1-888-676-7747

### REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS by May 13, 2019

A stimulating weekend of age-appropriate games and outings, supervised by experienced professionals, is available for children. Care will be available free of charge to Council delegates on Friday morning, and to Convention delegates on Friday afternoon and evening, on Saturday during the day and on Sunday until Convention adjourns. Lunches and snacks will be provided. Please email [convention2019@ontariondp.ca](mailto:convention2019@ontariondp.ca) by May 13, 2019 with the full names and ages of the children requiring care. While we will make every effort to accommodate childcare needs, childcare spaces cannot be guaranteed after May 13th.

### RIDING DELEGATE ALLOTMENT

Article 7, Section 7.1 of the Ontario NDP Constitution states: *Each provincial constituency association shall be entitled to one delegate for the first 25 members or any portion thereof, and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof. Such delegates shall be elected at a general membership meeting of the provincial constituency association.*

Provincial Office will calculate the number of delegates a riding is entitled to send to Convention on the basis of the number of members in good standing as of December 31, 2018. Please contact Danielle Ouellette at [douellette@ontariondp.ca](mailto:douellette@ontariondp.ca) with any questions regarding your Association's delegate allotment.

It is the responsibility of every riding to hold a General Membership Meeting to elect delegates for Convention 2019. A notice must be sent to all members in good standing in the riding 14 days before the meeting. Please contact Ashley Shiwprasad at Provincial Office for an up-to-date membership list by emailing [ashiwprasad@ontariondp.ca](mailto:ashiwprasad@ontariondp.ca), and include the date of your meeting in the email to allow us to better track when to expect delegate information.

Your local Executive should ensure the passage of an enabling motion at the AGM. This will allow the local Association Executive to fill any delegate spots not filled at the AGM after the fact, and will help ensure

that your association maximizes its participation. Suggested language is as follows:

*Be it Resolved That the (riding name) Provincial Association Executive is given the authority to fill Provincial Convention Delegate spaces that remain vacant after this meeting is adjourned.*

## **A NOTE ON INCLUSIVITY**

Racialized individuals, Indigenous, Inuit, First Nation and Métis individuals, persons living with disabilities, youth, Franco-Ontarians, and members of the LGBTQ community are highly encouraged to attend as delegates. Delegating bodies should be mindful of ensuring that delegations reflect the diversity of Ontarians and ensure that a variety of voices are present at Convention. Since 1989, the Party has required that Riding Association delegations be at least 50% women.

## **SUBMITTING DELEGATE INFORMATION**

After a riding's General Membership meeting, the authorized Table Officer should email [registration@ontariondp.ca](mailto:registration@ontariondp.ca) to advise of the date of the General Membership Meeting and request the delegate submission form. Once fully completed, please submit the delegate submission form to [registration@ontariondp.ca](mailto:registration@ontariondp.ca). Your ridings' delegates will be directly provided codes enabling them to register for Convention. Registration opens March 25, 2019 when the Early Bird fee applies.

The delegate submission form will request full names, email addresses, cell phone numbers, equity statuses, and membership numbers for all elected delegates. Please have this information handy when submitting the form. Remember that all delegates must be members in good standing to be elected a delegate and register online. Please ensure all delegates are renewed and paid-up for 2019.

## **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**

*Article 7, Section 7.1 (b) of the Ontario NDP Constitution states: To have the right to be a delegate, and to have the right to vote in the election of delegates, a person must be an individual member of the Party whose application for membership was received by the Secretary of the Party at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the delegates are elected. A member may vote in the election of delegates in only one constituency association.*

*Article 3, Section 8.1 of the Ontario NDP Constitution states: To have voting rights within the Party an individual member must be thirteen years of age or older.*

## **COMMITTEE DELEGATE ALLOTMENT**

Article 7, Section 7.1 of the Ontario NDP Constitution states: *Delegates from organizations recognized under Article 11, 12 and 13 of this constitution shall be entitled to representation on the same basis as provincial constituency associations subject to a maximum of four delegates.*

*Each recognized youth club shall be entitled to representation at the Convention on the same basis and in the same manner as each constituency association.*

*To be a delegate or to be counted for the purpose of establishing the number of delegates to which a recognized youth club is entitled, a member shall be a member of good standing in the ONDP who is eligible to be a member of ONDY pursuant to Article 11, Section 5.4 (b) of this Constitution and shall be a member of that youth club in accordance with the ONDY constitution. For purposes of delegate entitlement a member may be counted as well in the constituency association in which they are entitled to be counted as well in the constituency association in which he or she is a member in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.1 (b).*

Provincial Office will calculate the number of delegates a Committee is entitled to send to Convention on the basis of the number of members in good standing as of December 31, 2018. Please contact Danielle Ouellette [douellette@ontariondp.ca](mailto:douellette@ontariondp.ca) to get this information for your Committee or club.

## **AUTOMATIC DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, OBSERVERS AND WAIT LIST**

These individuals are delegates by virtue of their positions and are in addition to delegate entitlements for Ridings, Committees and Affiliates. This means that these individuals DO NOT need to take up a riding delegate spot:

- Ontario MPs
- Ontario MPPs
- Delegates to Provincial Council
- Members of Provincial Executive

For information on sending Alternates to Convention or to attend as an observer, e-mail [registration@ontariondp.ca](mailto:registration@ontariondp.ca)

**If you were unable to secure election as a delegate through your local delegating body and wish to attend Convention please register online to join the wait list or e-mail [registration@ontariondp.ca](mailto:registration@ontariondp.ca).**

## **INFORMATION FOR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

Affiliation rules and guidelines are outlined in Article 4, Convention representation is outlined in Articles 7 of the Ontario NDP Constitution (ratified by Convention April 2017):

### **Article 7, Section 7.1 (Convention)**

*(c) Each affiliated organization is entitled to representation according to the number of its members, namely one delegate for the first 300 members or any portion thereof, and one additional delegate for each additional 300 members or major fraction thereof. No affiliated union (central bodies and locals combined) will be eligible for more than a maximum of 150 Convention delegates. Such delegates shall be members of the affiliated organizations or the parent organization to which the affiliated organization belongs. Individual affiliate members shall be accounted for under either their local or central membership for the purposes of delegate allotment calculation.*

*(g) Central bodies, specifically local Labour Councils, union councils, and the Ontario Federation of Labour, which are not eligible for direct affiliation to the Party, but undertake to accept and abide by the constitution and principles of the Party and have been recognized by the Executive of the Provincial Party, shall be entitled to representation as follows: one delegate from each such central local body and two delegates from the Ontario*

*Federation of Labour.*

**As per Article 7, Section 8: 8.1 and Article 10 Section 1: 1, all affiliate delegates to Convention MUST be individual members in good standing of the Ontario NDP.**

To check the affiliation status of your organization or if you have any questions, please e-mail [douellette@ontariondp.ca](mailto:douellette@ontariondp.ca)

## RESOLUTION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

*Article 7, Section 9 of the ONDP Constitution states:*

- 9.1 *Resolutions or constitutional amendments may be submitted by provincial constituency associations, area councils, affiliated organizations, Provincial Executive, Provincial Council, regional conferences, recognized ONDY clubs or Special Sections and Equity Committees (Article 11), and recognized Ethnic Advisory Committees (Article 12).*
- 9.2 *Resolutions to Provincial Council and Convention shall be passed at an Annual or General Meeting or Conference of the committee.*

**Resolutions must be submitted to [resolutions@ontariondp.ca](mailto:resolutions@ontariondp.ca). They must be submitted by Sunday April 7th, 2019 at 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, and MUST be submitted in Word or Richtext electronic format (other formats, including pdf, will NOT be accepted). If you require further information on this process, please contact [douellette@ontariondp.ca](mailto:douellette@ontariondp.ca).**

You must include:

- Your name, position and contact information (Resolutions can only be submitted by table officers)
- Name of riding association, affiliated organization, area council or recognized committee submitting the resolution
- Date of general meeting that approved it
- Resolution's title
- Word count (should not be more than 200)
- Policy grouping of resolution (one of Agriculture and Rural Affairs; Arts, Culture and Communications; Education; Economics; Electoral Reform; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources; Health; Housing; Justice, Human Rights, Law Enforcement and Equality; Labour; Aboriginal Rights, Bilingualism and Multiculturalism; Social Policy; Transportation; Urban Affairs; Internal Affairs and Party Constitution)
- List of which existing resolutions it replaces or changes, if any.