



Resolutions for January 2025 Ontario NDP Convention

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1. Save Main Street

Group: Economy

Word Count: 56

Whereas many Ontarians dream of starting a small business; and

Whereas small businesses create thriving main streets; and

Whereas large corporations are trying to defend their monopolies by crushing small businesses; and

Be it resolved that an NDP government will promote a fairer main street economy by implementing a standard commercial lease and commercial rent control.

2. Report on Disability Access

Group: Constitution & Internal Affairs

Word Count: 70

Whereas everyone is entitled to equitable access to political participation; and

Whereas an equity lens must be applied to every aspect of political organizing; and

Whereas equity must be a top priority in political organizing; therefore

Be it resolved that the Ontario NDP conduct a comprehensive review of disability access and representation in the party, and report back to the provincial executive with recommendations to enhance equitable access and participation.

3. Better Municipal Elections

Group: Municipal Affairs

Word Count: 160

WHERE AS municipal elections are often not run as effectively as provincial or federal elections;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will mandate that Elections Ontario, and not individual municipalities, run municipal elections across the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will implement, province-wide, municipal election contribution rebates, similar to the City of Toronto or the City of Mississauga's program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will ensure that municipal voting hours, number of advance poll days, and other provisions that encourage participation are at least equivalent to provincial elections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will ensure Elections Ontario, in its new expanded mandate, will provide standardized resources available for all municipal election candidates across the province, including but not limited to voters lists (using the provincial list rather than MPAC data), polling division shape files, street indices, no later than two months prior to election day.

4. Regulating Short Term Rentals in Ontario

Group: Housing

Word Count: 44

Whereas the housing market and rental prices have become unaffordable, and the available supply of housing is inadequate to meet the demand.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would create an enabling framework for cities to regulate or ban short term rentals.

5. Direct Funding Reform

Group: Health & Long Term Care

Word Count: 113

Whereas direct funding is a block funding program for homecare for disabled people who qualify, let it be resolved that it will be reformed in province-wide consultations with self-managers in the program.

Whereas direct funding is a block funding program for homecare for disabled people who qualify, let it be resolved that all workers in the program will receive medical benefits because they are essential workers and the health of the homecare workforce, necessitates the health of disabled people and vice- versa.

Whereas direct funding is a block funding program for homecare for disabled people who qualify, let it be resolved that all workers in the program have access to paid ongoing training

6. Emergency Mental Health First Responders

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 39

Whereas police officers are not trained social workers best equipped to de-escalate people in mental health crisis.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would fund the provision of new emergency mental health first responder programs across Ontario.

7. Legalize Fourplexes

Group: Housing

Word Count: 57

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 will legalize fourplexes as of right across Ontario.

8. Ontario Digital Library

Group: Arts, Culture, Information, and Communications

Word Count: 112

Whereas each library system in Ontario must currently purchase their own licenses to digital materials; and

Whereas this leads to inefficiencies in the acquisition and distribution of digital materials; and

Whereas this also results in significant inequalities in a person's access to free products, information, and resources based on where they live; and

Whereas increased access to free e-books, audio books, and children's media will save people money; therefore

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government will create an Ontario Digital Library; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario NDP will endeavour to rapidly expand the volume and scope of resources available to all Ontarians through the Ontario Digital Library.

9. Fix Metrolinx

Group: Transportation

Word Count: 157

Whereas Ontarians need better public transit now.

Whereas Ontarians have lost faith in Metrolinx's ability to deliver projects on time or at all.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would restructure Metrolinx to respond to community feedback, ensure all public transit is publicly operated, expedite critical Metrolinx projects in communities facing major gaps in transit access, and ensure that robust accountability mechanisms exist to guarantee that transit projects are always delivered on time.

Be it further resolved that the Ontario NDP look at reorganizing and simplifying Metrolinx's departments to ensure project teams are in units that actually makes sense in the planning, design, surveyors, construction, facilities, and real-estate parts of the larger organization

Be it further resolved that the Ontario NDP would ensure that the consortiums contracted to build transit lines, ensures health and safety of the worksite, and the neighbourhoods surrounding the worksites to ensure reduction of dust, sound, debris, and heavy avoidable vibrations.

10. Developing the Party's Future through an Internship Program

Group: Constitution & Internal Affairs

Word Count: 195

WHEREAS a summer internship program would benefit both the Party and its members by creating new youth employment opportunities, cultivating the skills of its youth members, and identifying its future generation of leaders;

WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada, Liberal Party of Canada, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, and Ontario Liberal Party all have summer internship programs for their youth members;

WHEREAS no such program exists for members of the Ontario New Democratic Youth;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that existing collective agreements be respected;

BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP establish a full-time paid summer internship program, lasting from the start of May to the end of August, with applications open to all members of the Ontario New Democratic Youth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this program be established in time for May 2025 and include positions in MPP offices where possible alongside ones within the Party itself;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this program will not contradict any existing collective agreements between the ONDP and its staff, and that it be negotiated with the relevant unions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that summer interns hired under this program be paid a fair living wage.

11. Access to Shelter Beds

Group: Housing

Word Count: 117

Whereas many cities across Ontario have shelter systems that are bursting at the seams due to demand from homeless Ontarians.

Whereas no Ontarian should be forced into homelessness.

Whereas municipalities lack the financial tools to deliver the shelter supply and services required to transition everyone who is homeless out of homelessness.

Whereas the lack of shelter beds is forcing the most vulnerable Ontarians to sleep outside and/or in tents (encampments).

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would upload shelter system costs.

Be it further resolved than an Ontario NDP government will ensure that cities have enough shelter beds available to ensure that shelter system demand is never chronically above 100% of shelter system capacity.

12. Stop Apartment Fires

Group: Housing

Word Count: 75

Whereas large apartment buildings across Ontario have seen catastrophic fires due to inadequate maintenance over the last decade.

Whereas older buildings electrical wiring is automatically grandfathered and permitted by the Electrical Safety Authority.

Whereas older electrical systems often age poorly and fail catastrophically.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would work with safety experts to ensure purpose-built rentals across Ontario have safe electrical systems and that dangerous electrical systems are no longer grandfathered.

13. Fixing Festival Funding

Group: Arts, Culture, Information, and Communications

Word Count: 85

Whereas festivals such as Pride festivals, Caribana, and all kinds of festivals across Ontario generate substantial tourism revenue and economic growth.

Whereas provincial funding for festivals is unpredictable and often announced too late to be useful for festival organizers.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would overhaul tourism and festival funding to ensure festivals across Ontario had predictable stable funding over the course of several years instead of having to beg for unreliable annual grants that are announced too late to be useful.

14. Get Smart on Crime

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 89

Whereas many communities suffer preventable violence due to Ontario's mismanaged bail system. Experts recommend a publicly delivered provincial bail compliance and supervision system for safer communities. Judges release pre-trial detainees on bail due to inhumane jail conditions, and over 80% of Ontario's inmates are held pre-trial.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would provide funding, housing, social services, and mental health support for detainees. It would ensure timely trials, end jail overcrowding, and collaborate with justice and detention workers to establish an effective provincial bail supervision system.

15. Victim Compensation

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 91

Whereas Doug Ford's government dissolved Ontario's Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which provided up to \$25,000 to help crime victims recover and escape violence; and

Whereas the Board offered trauma-informed support, including financial relief without a police report or conviction, emergency medical aid, and no limitation period for domestic or sexual violence claims; and

Whereas Ford's new system eliminated compensation for pain and suffering, affecting those needing financial support to escape abuse;

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would restore entitlements under the former Compensation for Victims of Crime Act.

16. Robert's Rules Curriculum

Group: Education

Word Count: 30

WHERE AS many bodies use Robert's Rules of Order to function,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will amend the civics curriculum to include education on Robert's Rules.

17. ODSP/OW - Family Status Reform/Benefit Reform

Group: Social Services & Benefits

Word Count: 30

Whereas the ODSP/OW pregnancy and breast-feeding allowances are too low, so as not to cover the costs of child-wellbeing, let it be resolved that these amounts will increase significantly.

18. Harm Reduction

Group: Health & Long Term Care

Word Count: 29

Whereas the harm reduction and the science that supports it is under attack, let it be resolved that safe consumption sites are restored and funding increased to save lives

19. Stopping the misuse of NDAs

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 138

Whereas non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) were created to protect trade secrets in competitive business industries and have no place in the private lives of Ontarians.

Whereas NDAs are being used to silence survivors and prevent them from accessing support by telling their stories to trusted people or warning other potential victims, while also protecting the identities of abusers in Ontario.

Whereas many survivors are forced to sign NDAs in order to receive compensation for the abuse they have suffered, compensation they often use to make up for lost work.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would ban the use of NDAs in situations of discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment or sexual assault if the NDA in question would have the purpose or effect of concealing the details of the incident, except at the express request of the survivor.

20. Real Rent Control

Group: Housing

Word Count: 97

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.

21. Crack Down on Corporate Criminals

Group: Agriculture and Food

Word Count: 116

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 will launch a new Investigations Unit to ensure that large corporations are closely scrutinized and held accountable for price gouging and other unlawful actions, with a focus on anticompetitive conduct, fraud, and conspiracies which impact the cost of living.

22. Ontario Benefits Reform for families

Group: Social Services & Benefits

Word Count: 99

Whereas pregnancy, infant and child loss can cause deep anguish and suffering.

Whereas medical events during pregnancy can cause deep anguish and suffering;

whereas medical events during pregnancy cause an added financial stress,

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would ensure all pregnant people have financial and employment protections if they experience adverse medical circumstances, since no such benefit exists and that there will be a grief protections and supports extended to all parents who lose a child 18 years of age and younger and for this benefit to be as accessible and barrier- free as possible.

23. Ensuring a Low Carbon Future with More Good Unionized Jobs

Group: Environment & Energy

Word Count: 197

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.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADDED TO THE ONDP POLICY BOOK

- 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.

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

24. Restore Post-Secondary Independence

Group: Education

Word Count: 99

Whereas the independence of publicly-funded post-secondary institutions is critical to free scholarship and the exchange of ideas in Ontario.

Whereas the Ontario government has taken steps to limit the independence of publicly-funded post-secondary institutions, including tying their funding to arbitrary performance markers, cutting and capping tuition without an increase in public dollars, forcing them to accept cookie-cutter anti-discrimination policies, and unduly interfering with the day-to-day operations of these autonomous institutions

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government will support publicly-funded post-secondary institutions to be the accessible, equitable, and independent places of higher learning that they aim to be.

25. Justice for Soli: Stop Criminalizing Mental Health

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 135

Whereas the inquiry into the preventable death of Mr. Soleiman Faqiri in provincial custody issued 57 recommendations to the provincial government to improve mental health resources in the criminal justice system.

Whereas Mr. Soleiman Faqiri was a man with schizoaffective disorder who was subjected to restraints, pepper spray and isolation while in prison, which ultimately led to his death.

Whereas Mr. Soleiman Faqiri was not able to see a psychiatrist or have access to hospital resources despite experiencing an acute mental health crisis.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would recognize that (1) a correctional facility is not an appropriate environment for a person experiencing a mental health crisis; (2) mental illness requires health care and should not be criminalized; (3) implement all 57 recommendations from the coroner's inquest into Mr. Faqiri's death.

26. Stop the Flood of Demovictions

Group: Housing

Word Count: 54

Whereas Ontario is in a housing crisis.

Whereas the lack of vacancy rent control rewards developers for demolishing affordable housing units.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would immediately instate a moratorium on evictions for the purpose of demolition to keep renters housed and help protect Ontario's supply of affordable rental homes.

27. Pandemic Preparedness

Group: Labour & Employment

Word Count: 90

Whereas future airborne pandemics are inevitable

Whereas limiting the damage of future airborne pandemics will cost mere fractions of what future coronavirus or influenza pandemics might.

Whereas influenza and COVID-19 continue to kill tens of thousands of Ontarians every year.

Whereas air filtration, ventilation, and access to personal protective equipment reduces the spread of airborne viruses and saves lives.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would work with health care stakeholders and workers to ensure Ontario businesses, workers, patients, and children all have access to safe indoor air.

28. IPV is an Epidemic

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 140

Whereas intimate partner violence is pervasive, predictable and preventable; and

Whereas nearly 100 Ontario municipalities have declared IPV an epidemic; and

Whereas additional resources flow when a government declares an epidemic; and

Whereas organizations serving survivors of intimate partner violence are in critical need of increased stabilized multi-year funding so that they are not diverting resources for grant applications; and

Whereas the government has failed to bring the Ontario NDP's Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act back from committee for third reading; therefore

Be it resolved that the Ontario NDP recognizes intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

Be it further resolved that an Ontario NDP government would continue to work in collaboration with experts, stakeholders, and the community to ensure that adequate resources are delivered to service organizations and survivors in order to end the epidemic of intimate partner violence.

29. Justice System

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 42

Whereas the Ontario Justice system is broken, let it be resolved that serious criminal matters before the courts can never be dismissed solely on time delays, and let us build an environment within the justice system, where no time delays are possible.

30. Environment Reform

Group: Environment & Energy

Word Count: 68

Whereas, current Ontario policies fail to protect the environment, let it be resolved that province wide environmental policies will be enforceable and the consequences for infractions be meaningful and impactful. Whereas pollution levies will be utilized whenever possible and that the funds from those levies go directly into prioritized environment enhancing projects.

Be it further resolved the province looks at re-establishing clear guidelines in the provincial policy statement.

31. Ontario Rent Bank

Group: Housing

Word Count: 100

Whereas eviction and homelessness prevention costs a fraction of the costs latter forced on health care, social service, and criminal justice systems.

Whereas people at risk of homelessness often lack access to capital and are at risk of extortion by pay-day lenders and/or other forms of extortion.

Whereas access to housing means someone has better health, better mental health, and that they and their neighbours experience better community safety.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government will create an “Ontario Rent Bank” that will provide interest free loans to housing providers to people at imminent risk of eviction.

32. Protect Gig Workers

Group: Labour & Employment

Word Count: 121

Whereas employers too often misclassify workers as independent contractors in order to deny them basic benefits of being an employee such as vacation, sick pay, pensions, or leave; and

Whereas all employees deserve the same rights and protections under the Employment Standards Act, including minimum wage, vacation days, and fair treatment in termination; and

Whereas large corporations have powerful lobbyists defending their bottom line by creating a new subclass of worker with fewer rights; therefore

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP Government will stand up to these corporate interests and make Ontario the first province to legislate the gold standard “ABC Test” for worker classification and puts the onus on employers to prove that a worker is not an employee.

33. Homes Ontario

Group: Housing

Word Count: 93

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 will get back in the business of building housing under a new public agency called Homes Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that, under Homes Ontario, an Ontario NDP government will directly finance and oversee the construction of affordable and non-market homes.

34. ADP/ODSP Reform

Group: Social Services & Benefits

Word Count: 137

Whereas, the assistive devices industry in Ontario is broken,

Whereas, when an assistive device produces pain or deteriorating health,

Whereas, ODSP discretionary benefits are too low and too narrow in scope

Therefore, be it resolved that and Ontario NDP government will change the rules governing time limits and scope of covered assistive devices to prioritize patient need and quality of life.

Be it further resolved that this system can be restored to reduce wait-times significantly, improve access to emergency repairs and acknowledge that assistive devices are essential to the lives of the disabled people who need them and any wait time for these items present significant health risks and therefore wait times must end, and where there is a vendor-barrier to life-sustaining equipment, that the MOH will intervene and provide accessible communications for this type of urgent intervention.

35. Reforming the Ontario Health Premium Tax

Group: Health & Long Term Care

Word Count: 154

Whereas the Ontario Health Premium is paid by Ontario residents through the personal income tax system. The money collected through the tax helps fund Ontario's health services.

Whereas The current health premium ranges from \$0 if your taxable income is \$20,000 or less, to \$900 if your taxable income is more than \$200,600, meaning multimillionaires in the province, pay a maximum of 900 towards the province's health care system through this tax.

Whereas Ontario's healthcare system is grossly underfunded. The Financial Accountability Office projects that the Province's health sector spending plan has a net funding shortfall of \$21.3 billion over the six-year period from 2022-23 to 2027-28.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would change the Ontario Health Premium to have each Ontario taxpayer pay 0.8% of their income towards this tax, subject to existing and other reasonable exemptions, instead of the current method of payment through an individual range of income.

36. Wealth Sharing of Public Natural Resources

Group: Economy

Word Count: 198

WHEREAS the extraction of critical minerals is essential in achieving Ontario's net-zero goals and creating green, unionized jobs;

WHEREAS the people of Ontario have a right to collectively benefit from our natural wealth;

WHEREAS there is space for private, co-operative, and public enterprises in the mining sector;

AND WHEREAS there are numerous examples of successful state-run mining companies, including LKAB in Sweden and Codelco in Chile;

BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP commit to:

- i. Establish a Crown Corporation to engage in mining activities, including exploration, construction, production, processing, sales, and joint ventures;
- ii. Improve access to capital within the mining industry through direct government investments in companies and projects in exchange for a partial or controlling ownership stake, or through metals streaming agreements
- iii. Greater investment into geology, geoscience, environmental, and mining research, which should remain publicly accessible;
- iv. Develop a comprehensive Green Mining & Industrial Strategy to facilitate new projects and encourage downstream jobs and wealth creation to stay in Ontario

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ONDP affirm that all mining activities, public or otherwise, be performed with the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples and communities, and that a revenue-sharing model be adopted to benefit those communities.

37. Stop Auto Thefts

Group: Transportation

Word Count: 107

Whereas Ontario is experiencing an unprecedented rise in auto-thefts, costing families across Ontario their vehicles, peace of mind, and sense of safety.

Whereas Ontario's inadequate system for tracking Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) is exacerbating the province's auto theft problem, making it easy for criminals to exploit loopholes and legitimize stolen vehicles.

Whereas the Ford government is refusing to fix Ontario's VIN tracking system, helping criminals behind auto thefts.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would immediately fix the Vehicle Insurance Number tracking system and work with auto insurance and auto manufacturers to ensure that the technology needed to stop auto-thefts is built into new vehicles.

38. Fund Access to Justice and Tribunals that Work

Group: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

Word Count: 106

Whereas every Ontarian deserves access to justice.

Whereas the justice system is unaffordable for too many Ontarians.

Whereas the legal aid system is still coping with devastating funding cuts by Doug Ford.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would ensure that everyone who qualifies for the Canada Dental Benefit shall also qualify for Legal Aid.

Be it further resolved that an Ontario NDP government would make historic and transformative investments into Ontario's Legal Aid System and Community Legal Aid Clinics.

Be it further resolved that an Ontario NDP government deliver the funding and staff required to clear the backlog in every Tribunal in Ontario.

39. Access to Addictions treatment

Group: Health & Long Term Care

Word Count: 75

Whereas Ontario is facing an addictions and mental health crisis.

Whereas those consenting to treatment regularly wait for more than a year on waitlists to access treatment.

Whereas private addictions treatment is unaffordable for those who need it.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would fund access to emergency addictions treatment to ensure that everyone wanting addiction treatment can access public addiction services in less than 24 hours of a request being made.

40. Hate Crimes Strategy and Prevention

Group: Human Rights & Equity

Word Count: 141

Whereas 2SLGBTQI+, racialized, Arab, Palestinian, Muslim, and Jewish Ontarians are facing an unprecedented increase in violent hate crimes.

Whereas every Ontarian should feel safe and welcomed in our province.

Whereas Ontario has no provincial coordination plan to prevent or respond to hate crimes.

Whereas Ontario has no meaningful program to educate Ontarians and combat hateful attitudes, beliefs, organizations, and stereotypes.

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would consult Ontario communities to fund a robust series of education and prevention programs to reduce hate and prevent hate crimes.

Be it further resolved that an Ontario NDP government would require that law enforcement develop a strategy to coordinate how they combat hate crimes and hate groups.

Be it further resolved that an Ontario NDP government would ensure that all regions in Ontario have easy to access hate-crime reporting tools in place.

41. No Municipal Sales Taxes

Group: Municipal Affairs

Word Count: 124

Whereas Conservatives and Liberals governments in Ontario have downloaded more and more financial responsibilities onto municipal governments; and

Whereas municipalities have inadequate sources of income to deliver the services and maintain the infrastructure that the province has downloaded; and

Whereas municipalities need a new deal from the province to reestablish appropriate cost-sharing arrangements; and

Whereas municipalities should be empowered to implement progressive municipal property taxes if they choose; and

Whereas sales taxes are a regressive form of taxation, and would put an additional financial strain on Ontarians during a cost of living crisis; therefore

Be it resolved that an Ontario NDP government would negotiate a new deal with municipalities that ensures they can manage their budgets without the need to implement municipal sales taxes.

42. Energy Future

Group: Environment & Energy

Word Count: 129

Whereas the International Energy Agency has declared that solar power is the cheapest power in history,

Whereas the international community's call for action on the climate crisis explicitly called for a tripling of renewable energy as a key action to stabilize the climate,

Whereas time to act is short and the UN has identified investment in renewable energy and conservation as the fastest and most affordable road to take on the climate crisis

Therefore

Be it resolved that the ONDP commits to virtual phase out of fossil fuel use in the province by 2050

Be it further resolved that from the date of passage of this resolution the ONDP commits that all future investment to meet our electricity needs be in energy efficiency, renewable energy generation and energy storage.