



**Submitted resolutions
for September 2025
Ontario NDP Convention**

1. Targeted Relief for Main Streets and Small Local Businesses	3
2. Energy Future – Affordable Power and Job Creation	4
3. Save our Schools, Support our Kids	5
4. Supporting Social Housing Conversions	6
5. Funding Our Public Colleges	7
6. Self-Serve Membership Lists	8
7. Zero-carbon home heating and energy efficient home retrofits	9
8. Real Rent Control	10
9. Roads and Highways as nation-building projects	11
10. Solidarity with Palestine	12
11. Protecting Ontario’s People and Economy from Measles and airborne pandemics	13
12. Double ODSP and OW, index to inflation, prevent clawbacks, and consider cost of living	14
13. Securing Our Future by Investing in Post-Secondary Education	15
14. HomesON	16
15. Anti-Palestinian Racism	17
16. Banning Use of Temporary Foreign Workers in Government Contracts	18

1. Targeted Relief for Main Streets and Small Local Businesses

Submitted by: Kristyn Wong-Tam

Group: Economy

Word Count: 191

Whereas small businesses underpin neighbourhoods' character, heritage, and economic vitality;

Whereas many historic and long-established local businesses are struggling to survive due to rising costs;

Be it resolved that the Ontario NDP support creating a Small Business Protection Plan for Ontario's Main Streets where:

- The goal is to support local main streets and eligible small, independently owned storefront businesses in the retail, restaurant, food and beverage sectors that are struggling with rising costs.
- Municipalities are empowered to establish a historic business and heritage business district program that provides targeted economic support to established restaurant and retail businesses within specified districts.
- The economic support to eligible businesses would be a significant reduction in the small business tax rate as determined by the province.
- Municipalities can determine the criteria of what businesses would be eligible or ineligible in consultation with the province.
- Municipalities may also choose to make new independently owned businesses in the retail or restaurant sectors eligible for the credit in consultation with the province to help them become established.
- The province would support municipalities creating a small business property tax sub-class category similar to the City of Toronto's current program.

2. Energy Future – Affordable Power and Job Creation

Submitted by: Kristyn Wong-Tam

Group: Energy & Environment

Word Count: 187

WHEREAS climate change is an existential threat to the people of Ontario that will disproportionately harm Indigenous, racialized, rural, Northern, low-income, and working-class Ontarians;

WHEREAS a Green Democratic New Deal (GDND) is needed to realize a bold, intersectional and just transition that centres Indigenous sovereignty, public investment in low-carbon infrastructure, expanded public ownership, unionized green jobs, democratic planning, and community power;

WHEREAS the renewable energy sector creates 11 jobs per \$1-million Canadian invested while the fossil fuel industry creates only 3.5 jobs per \$1-million Canadian and the nuclear energy sector only creates 5.8 jobs per \$1-million Canadian invested according to 2024 research published in Sustainability Science. Source

WHEREAS the International Energy Association does not classify fission-based nuclear energy or fossil fuel-based energy as renewable energy sources.

Therefore

Be it resolved that the ONDP commits to a virtual phase-out of fossil fuel, that is coal, oil and gas in the province by 2050

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.

3. Save our Schools, Support our Kids

Submitted by: Kristyn Wong-Tam & Deborah Williams

Group: Education

Word Count: 171

WHEREAS the Ford government placed four school boards under provincial supervision;

WHEREAS the Ford government has cut per-student funding by more than \$1500 since 2018;

WHEREAS class sizes in our public schools are very high, impacting the quality of education our kids receive;

WHEREAS) Ontario School boards face huge funding gaps for the 2025-2026 year, forcing cuts that disproportionately cut services for students with special education needs and student and staff mental health, safety and well-being;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government would:

- immediately reverse the provincial takeover of Ontario's school boards and reinstate democratically elected Trustees and our school boards;
- restore classroom funding lost to inflation since 2018;
- guarantee full provincial funding for statutory board expenses like CPP and EI;
- reimburse Ontario school boards for the millions spent from their reserves to keep students and staff safe during the COVID pandemic; and
- fully fund critical student supports, including special education, mental health, and school maintenance; and
- reinstate and deliver overdue STEM, literacy, and history curriculum updates as promised.

4. Supporting Social Housing Conversions

Submitted by: Ben Donato-Woodger

Group: Housing

Word Count: 125

Whereas Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) have been purchasing rental properties and displacing tenants;

Whereas preserving affordable housing is crucial for community stability;

Whereas cooperative housing is a proven strategy for creating and maintaining high quality affordable housing;

Be it resolved that the Ontario NDP support:

- Creating provincial revolving loan funds to help tenants purchase and convert their buildings into cooperative housing
- Establishing a right of first refusal for tenants when their building is targeted for corporate purchase
- Expanding land trust funds to facilitate community-owned housing conversions
- Developing a provincial task force to simplify legal processes for housing cooperative conversions
- Develop a provincial program to support Ontarians seeking to establish new coops by providing access to free legal advice, and standard by-law and co-op agreements.

5. Funding Our Public Colleges

Submitted by: Angela Zhu

Group: Education

Word Count: 200

WHEREAS the Ford Government has cut \$1.2 billion from the post-secondary budget for 2025, and further cuts into the future;

WHEREAS mismanagement at the College leadership level has exacerbated existing financial problems.

WHEREAS mass layoffs and job cuts have already impacted over 10,000 college faculty and support staff, as of July 2025;

WHEREAS program closures are reducing available courses, including those in skilled trades, journalism, emergency response, and arts; negatively affecting their quality and choice in education.

WHEREAS \$1.34 billion in funding would bring Ontario up to the national average for per-student funding

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT the Ontario NDP will call on the Government to restore the funding levels for the 2025-2027 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP will call on the Government to implement the recommendations of the Blue-Ribbon Panel on Postsecondary Education Financial Sustainability (2024), including all increases to funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP will call on the Government to end the mass layoffs and job cuts to faculty and support staff in the colleges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP will reverse the program closures to allow Ontario students to have options in high-quality public educations.

6. Self-Serve Membership Lists

Submitted by: Jeff Slater

Group: Internal Affairs & Constitutional Amendments

Word Count: 39

WHERE AS membership lists are important tools for local organizing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP will make access to up-to-date membership lists available either via Populus or some other mechanism that EDAs can access, autonomously, whenever needed.

7. Zero-carbon home heating and energy efficient home retrofits

Submitted by: Emma Beattie

Group: Energy & Environment

Word Count: 238

WHEREAS Ontarians are experiencing a cost-of-living crisis driven by low wages and corporate greed; and

WHEREAS costs associated with the climate crisis are also increasing, including rising grocery and insurance prices, infrastructure damage, and natural disaster response; and

WHEREAS home heating is often the biggest household expense after rent or mortgage costs, and also the biggest source of household carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS emerging technologies offer opportunities for Ontarians to benefit from community-owned energy co-ops providing distributed energy resources such as renewable energy and electricity storage facilities; and

WHEREAS tenants, low-income consumers and other Ontarians are often unable to access energy efficiency programs, making it harder for them to cut their energy bills;

WHEREAS the Conservative government has made the climate crisis worse and more expensive by eliminating funding to make homes more energy efficient and cancelling clean energy projects;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will help Ontarians reduce their home heating bills as well as their carbon footprints by implementing a program to provide free or low-cost electric heat pumps to eligible households; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will provide Ontarians with access to opportunities to benefit from distributed energy resources, including community-owned renewable energy and electricity storage facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Ontario NDP government will expand access to Ontario's energy efficiency programs to provide more direct support to tenants, low-income consumers and other households.

8. Real Rent Control

Submitted by: Vharshaa Punithechelvan

Group: Housing

Word Count: 117

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 stop rent gouging and protect security of tenure for all tenants with real rent control (known as vacancy control), where rent control policies apply in between tenancies and apply to all rental units.

9. Roads and Highways as nation-building projects

Submitted by: Winston Lee

Group: Transportation

Word Count: 206

WHEREAS years of delays, cuts, and downloading by the provincial government have reduced road and highway maintenance and investment in the North and rural communities; and

WHEREAS years of delays and cuts have prevented the timely replacement of deteriorating culverts and bridges; and

WHEREAS long-planned highway projects in rural and northern Ontario, such as safety upgrades to Highways 6, 7, 11/17, 40 and 69, have been repeatedly delayed, increasing risks of injury and death, and limiting regional economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS dependable, roads and highways should be available to all Ontarians, regardless of where they live; and

WHEREAS well-planned highway and road construction attract investment and spur job creation and economic growth.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP commit to northern and rural road and highway maintenance and upgrades; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Ontario NDP develop a map of targeted northern and rural road and Highway infrastructure investments in consultation with municipalities, with the goal of achieving equitable levels of transportation in all regions of Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED 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

10. Solidarity with Palestine

Submitted by: Doga Koroglu

Group: Human Rights & Equity

Word Count: 180

WHEREAS the ongoing occupation of Palestinian territories by the Israeli government has been repeatedly condemned by the United Nations and international human rights organizations as a violation of international law;

WHEREAS the transfer and sale of land in occupied territories is explicitly prohibited under the Fourth Geneva Convention and undermines the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, sovereignty, and return;

WHEREAS international civil society, including Canadian labour unions, peace organizations, and human rights advocates, have called on political leaders to take concrete action in support of Palestinian human rights, including putting an end to Canada's complicity in illegal settlement activity and land theft;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP affirms its unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people in their struggle for freedom, justice, and self-determination, and condemns all forms of apartheid, occupation, and ethnic cleansing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP supports international legal mechanisms to prevent and reverse the illegal transfer or sale of land in the West Bank and Gaza, including the recognition of these transactions as null and void under international law.

11. Protecting Ontario's People and Economy from Measles and airborne pandemics

Submitted by: Ben Donato-Woodger

Group: Healthcare

Word Count: 200

Whereas COVID-19, influenza, and measles spread through infectious aerosols that remain suspended in the air after being transmitted by an infected person.

Whereas people who are immunocompromised, Indigenous, Black, racialized, disabled, low-income, homeless, migrant workers, and people facing other marginalizations are at the greatest risk of harm and death during airborne pandemics.

Whereas Ontario already has the technology to make indoor air safer using a combination of ventilation, filtration, upper room UV, and air quality testing.

Whereas safer indoor air would reduce the risk of future lockdowns during pandemics and be cost-effective over the long-run.

Whereas *ASHRAE Standard 241 – Control of Infectious Aerosols* – is the internationally recognized health and safety standard for ensuring that indoor air is cleaned to reduce the spread of airborne illnesses in high risk contexts and pandemics.

Whereas future airborne pandemics are inevitable.

Be it resolved that the Ontario NDP support:

- Creating an action plan to require that all new buildings where indoor illnesses are known to spread in Ontario comply with ASHRAE Standard 241;
- A commitment to upgrade public institutions and shared indoor spaces to meet ASHRAE Standard 241;
- A publicly funded and subsidized strategy to help Ontario institutions meet these indoor air safety standards.

12. Double ODSP and OW, index to inflation, prevent clawbacks, and consider cost of living

Submitted by: Emma Beattie

Group: Social Services & Benefits

Word Count: 181

WHEREAS Liberals and Conservatives have spent nearly three decades in government making billionaires and millionaires richer at the expense of the rest of us; and

WHEREAS Conservative cuts to assistance for Ontarians suffering in poverty were never undone by the last Liberal government; and

WHEREAS the Mike Harris Conservative government cancelled the construction of 17,000 units of non-profit and co-operative housing and none have been build since then; and

WHEREAS homelessness and foodbank usage are at an all-time high under Doug Ford's Conservatives; and

WHEREAS the productivity of Ontario workers has risen consistently but wages continue to fall against the cost of living; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP will advocate for, and an ONDP government will:

- Double Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works payments and tie both to inflation immediately
- bring back real rent control, eliminating the financial incentive for landlords to evict tenants to raise the rent; and
- build at least 60,000 new non-market, deeply affordable, subsidized, geared to income and / or co-op and other non-profit rental housing within the first four years of their mandate.

13. Securing Our Future by Investing in Post-Secondary Education

Submitted by: Vharshaa Punithechelvan

Group: Education

Word Count: 121

WHEREAS post-secondary education makes a significant contribution to advancing Ontario's social, cultural, and economic well being; and

WHEREAS post-secondary campuses are anchor institutions in their local economies; and

WHEREAS Ontario has the lowest per-student funding in the country; and

WHEREAS if funding gaps persist, in five years more than 100,000 qualified domestic students won't be able to find a spot at an Ontario college or university; and

WHEREAS chronic underfunding has forced cuts to post-secondary programs, staffing and critical student supports and services, compromising student access and success;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP supports funding post-secondary education based on demographic need and projected enrollment demand to meet Ontario's workforce needs, attract investment, and foster innovation, entrepreneurship and economic growth.

14. HomesON

Submitted by: Winston Lee

Group: Housing

Word Count: 110

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 provide funding, low-cost financing, public land and other resources and supports sufficient to ensure that every Ontarian -- regardless of income, age, ability, family size or cultural background -- has access to an adequate home they can afford.

15. Anti-Palestinian Racism

Submitted by: Doga Koroglu

Group: Human Rights & Equity

Word Count: 119

Whereas anti-Palestinian racism is a form of systemic discrimination that silences, delegitimizes, and excludes Palestinian voices

Whereas Palestinian Canadians and their allies have faced censorship, harassment, employment repercussions, and disturbing accusations of antisemitism for advocating for Palestinian rights, contributing to a chilling effect on public discourse;

Whereas the Ontario NDP is committed to anti-racism, equity, and human rights for all peoples, and must oppose all forms of racism, including anti-Palestinian racism, wherever they occur;

Be it resolved that the Ontario NDP formally recognize anti-Palestinian racism as a form of racism and commit to developing educational resources, policies, and practices within the party that challenge anti-Palestinian racism, support Palestinian voices, and express solidarity in the pursuit of justice and equality

16. Banning Use of Temporary Foreign Workers in Government Contracts

Submitted by: Bryan Cox

Group: Labour & Employment

Word Count: 135

Whereas the United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, has deemed Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program to be a breeding ground for contemporary forms of slavery.

Also, whereas Amnesty International reports systematic abuse and exploitation in Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

Also, whereas labour unions including Ironworkers Union local 97 have called on the federal government to immediately end the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and begin prioritizing Canadian workers.

Also, whereas youth unemployment in Ontario is amongst the highest in Canada. With 15.5% of young people age 15 to 24 being unemployed.

Be it Resolved that an Ontario NDP government will ban any corporations, business and contractors that have received a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) and that currently employ temporary foreign workers from bidding on and or receiving any Ontario government contracts.