

OMAA Party Platform Municipal Issue Tracker

GPO

- Require municipalities to permit developments with the use of pre-approved building designs (starter home designs to allow for more affordable development).
- Make homes affordable for home buyers by removing development charges on homes, condos and apartment units built under 2,000 sq ft within urban boundaries. Implement an Affordable Community Fund to reimburse municipalities for lost revenue.
- Work with municipalities to implement a province-wide vacant homes tax to make it harder to use vacant homes as a lucrative place to park cash and fix the loopholes.
- Reinstate the provincial brownfield re mediation fund to support municipalities to safely build affordable housing on previously industrial sites.
- A New Deal for Municipalities that includes:
 - Grant municipalities autonomy to implement revenue tools to fund critical infrastructure needs and services.
 - Upload costs to the province that had previously been unfairly downloaded onto municipalities like community housing, shelters, and transit funding.
 - Provide dedicated and ongoing funding to municipalities to address the mental health and addictions crisis.
 - Reinstate upper-tier regional planning authority to ensure coordinated and sustainable planning to build the housing we need while protecting agricultural and natural heritage.
 - Increase collaboration and consultation between municipalities and the province.
 - Assess the use of City Charters as a mechanism to empower major Ontario cities, such as Toronto, and prevent inappropriate interference in local democracy by the provincial government

OLP

- Scrapping Development Charges on new middle-class housing, which can add up to \$170,000 on the price of a new home, and replacing them with the Better Communities Fund to ensure that the province invests in and benefits from sustainable municipal growth.
- Making renting more affordable by introducing fair, phased-in rent control similar to Manitoba, resolving Landlord-Tenant Board disputes within two months, and establishing the Rental Emergency Support for Tenants (REST) Fund to help vulnerable renters avoid eviction during financial emergencies.

- Transit Safety. Hire an additional 300 special constables (total) for TTC, OC Transpo, Metrolinx, and other major transit service providers across the province. Establish the CARE Fund (Crisis Assistance and Response Enhancement Fund) to double investment in Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams. Provide transit services with operational funding for safety equipment like cameras.

ONDP

- Upload shelter funding to the province. We will reverse decades of cuts and downloads imposed on cash-strapped municipalities by successive Liberal and Conservative governments, while maintaining locally focused service delivery.
- Limit short-term rentals (eg: Airbnb) to one's primary residence, protecting the supply of long-term rental housing
- We will protect the Niagara Escarpment and restore the power of Conservation Authorities to review such projects that threaten our farmland, groundwater and wetland systems.

OPC

- Cleaning up our streets by protecting families and children by banning drug injection sites near schools and daycares and clearing out encampments from public parks with new investments in shelters.
- Build new roads and highways, including the Highway 401 tunnel expressway, Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, as well as delivering on the PCs' plan to build transit projects like the Ontario Line, the Hazel McCallion LRT, the Yonge North, Scarborough and Eglinton West extensions, the Hamilton LRT and expanded GO service across the region.