

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.
- Modernize building codes and subjective design rules (ex. setback, step back, angular plane), establish a provincial catalogue of pre-approved housing designs, create more housing near transit and arterial roads following best practices adopted by other jurisdictions like British Columbia and speed up the conversion of underutilized offices and commercial spaces to homes.
- 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.
- Reduce gridlock and invest in much-needed provincial projects, such as uploading and expanding the Ottawa LRT, electrifying and increasing GO service throughout the GTA and southwestern Ontario, and expediting the delivery of planned transit projects in Kitchener-Waterloo, Toronto, Mississauga and Brampton.
- 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

- We will make municipal transit service more reliable, frequent, affordable and accessible for riders by restoring 50% provincial funding for municipal transit and paratransit net operational costs. Improving transit service will boost transit ridership and ease congestion for everyone.
- Limit short-term rentals (eg: Airbnb) to one's primary residence, protecting the supply of long-term rental housing.
- We will update zoning and planning rules to make it easier and cheaper to build all types of new homes, including legalizing more affordable options like semis, townhomes and fourplex apartments in all neighbourhoods, and midrises near transit as-of-right.
- We will help municipalities address their housing needs. We will upload the cost of housing, emergency shelters, and homelessness prevention programs back to the province, while maintaining locally focused delivery through municipal service managers. We'll work with municipalities to create incentives for affordable housing in the marketplace, including development charge easements.
- We will upload back costs that were unfairly downloaded onto municipal taxpayers, including the costs of maintaining provincially owned "connecting link" highways. We will provide adequate, predictable and consistent formula-based provincial funding to ensure that municipalities are able to maintain, snow-clear and repair their roads, bridges and other infrastructure, with additional support for small and Northern municipalities that must look after large areas with small tax bases.
- We will create 60,000 new supportive housing units province-wide, allowing people living in encampments or the shelter system to move into a safe, permanent home, while connecting them to mental health care, addiction treatment and other ongoing supports.
- 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

- Build new roads and highways, including the Highway 401 tunnel expressway, Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, widen Highway 69 between Parry Sound and Sudbury and Highway 11 between Cochrane and Temiskaming Shores. Widening of Highways 3 and 4, 7, 11, and 17.
- \$1 billion in Municipal Housing infrastructure Program and \$1 billion in the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund.
- Transit investments: 15 minute GO service to Kitchener and Niagara, extension of GO service to Bowmanville. Bring back Northlander train service. Building TTC Ontario Line. LRT investments in Toronto, Hamilton, Mississauga, and Ottawa.
- Building homes faster with measures such as standardizing development study requirements across the province, improving certainty by developing a province-wide tool to accelerate land use planning and Building Code permit approvals and ensuring all municipal standards are in compliance with the Ontario Building Code . We will work in partnership with housing-forward municipalities, such as early leaders like Vaughan, London and Mississauga's new mayor Carolyn Parish, to leverage the province's multi-billion dollar investments in housing-enabling infrastructure to bring a rational, common-sense and sustainable approach to development charges to lower their burden on the cost of new housing for homebuyers and renters . This includes leveraging provincial financial incentives such as our historic funding for municipal housing and water infrastructure and the Building Faster Fund . A re-elected PC government will ensure that municipal development charge revenues are invested transparently by municipalities to actually encourage and support growth in housing stock and are calculated in a more standardized and predictable way across the province .
- Making Parks and Public Spaces Safe Again
 - Enforcing the ban on drug consumption sites within 200 metres of schools and licensed child-care centres . This includes enforcing legislation that prohibits municipalities or any organization from setting up new consumption sites or participating in federal so called "safer" supply initiatives and also prohibits municipalities from requesting the decriminalization of illegal drugs from the federal government .
 - Investing \$530 million to create 27 new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs across the province to support people struggling with addiction and mental health issues by focusing on addiction recovery and supportive housing solutions instead of supporting further hard drug use at drug injection sites .

- Providing municipalities and police with new resources and enforcement tools to address the growing problem of homeless encampments and crack down on illegal drug use in parks and public spaces, including by dedicating \$75 .5 million for programs that provide more long-term stable housing and temporary accommodations for those living in encampments .
- Passing the Safer Municipalities Act, which is supported by mayors across the province, to provide tools to keep public places safe by increasing penalties on people who continually and deliberately trespass on private and public lands in illegal encampments, and specifically banning the consumption of illegal drugs in all public spaces and encampments .