



# 2018 PROVINCIAL PLATFORM



## Where does your Party stand?

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### CHILD CARE

- Child care should be affordable, accessible, and fair
- Base parent fees on a geared-to-income, sliding fee scale capped at \$10/day
- Increase operational funding for public and non-profit child care centers
- Increase number of child care centres and spaces in low-income/underserved communities
- Expand programming for parents who perform shift work/overnight hours, etc.
- Simplify access to subsidy enrollment so that it does not require travel and/or internet access
- Use existing community infrastructure for child care centers (i.e. community centers, apartment buildings, libraries)
- Base funding programs on fair wages for early childhood educators and other child care workers

### HOUSING JUSTICE

- Vacancy decontrol for full rent control.
- Require that successor landlords comply with Landlord Tenant Board orders placed on predecessor landlords.
- End above guideline rent increases that circumvent rent control laws in Ontario

### PREDATORY LENDING

- Extend repayment, using a model similar to Alberta's repayment extension of 42 - 60 days.
- Enforce the ban on rollover loans by creating a user real-time database to monitor and avoid rollovers from company to company
- Create protections for installment/rent-to-own/title loans
- Support the creation of alternative, low-interest loan products
- Send request to federal government asking them to support a national, multi-jurisdictional, anti-predatory lending strategy.

### **PUBLIC POWER**

- Direct 25% of revenue raised from cap and trade to programs for low-income people
- Hydro billing: Cap NSF fees, disconnection fees,

reconnection fees, and late payment notice fees  
Increase OESP levels annually in line with hydro rate increases

### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS**

All provincial infrastructure planning and investments must include binding community benefits agreements that include:

- Local hiring from the low-to-moderate income community, including job training and apprenticeship opportunities;
- Community engagement in the design, development, implementation and outcome of community benefits;

- Resources to build capacity of existing community organizations who can help ensure community benefits meet the needs of community members;
- Living wages for all workers during and after construction;
- A robust accountability framework for the evaluation of community benefits, including mechanisms for monitoring, tracking and evaluation

### **FAIR BENEFITS**

- Raise the rates by \$500/month for people on OW and ODSP
  - The Housing Allowance must reflect the market rate rent in Ontario. Allowance needs to be set by the City.
- Clawbacks:
- Increase the employment income before clawbacks from

\$200/month to \$800/month

- Limits for OW recipients need to match limits of ODSP recipients
- Make all assets exempt for the first 6 months of assistance
- Consider all RRSPs as exempt assets, regardless of whether they are locked in or not.

### **\$15/HOUR MINIMUM WAGE**

- Raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour, indexed to

inflation, by January 1, 2019