

2022 NDP ELECTION PLATFORM

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The NDP's 192-page platform, "Strong. Ready. Working for You." references the word "municipal" 24 times.
- The platform includes commitments to appeal to a broad range of voters in both urban and rural electoral districts, with a heavy focus on those areas that the NDP is targeting to turn from Conservative to NDP.
- The platform contains a subsection in Strengthening Democracy on new partners for cities and towns and calls for increased consultation with the sector and respecting decision-making.

BACKGROUND

On April 25, 2022, NDP Leader, Andrea Horwath, released the party's 2022 election platform. The platform's thirteen chapters are built around a message of repairing 'broken' systems, drawing on the impact of the pandemic while pointing to systemic challenges. A centrepiece of this platform is the Green New Democratic Deal that was released in early 2021.

1. Making Life Affordable
2. Fixing Our Health Care System
3. Fixing Home Care and Long-Term Care and Helping Ontarians Age in Place
4. Good Jobs that Pay the Bills
5. Fixing Education and Schools
6. Climate, Jobs, Justice: The Green New Democratic Deal
7. Honouring the Inherent Rights, Treaties and Ways of Life of Indigenous Peoples
8. Equity
9. Fixing Ontario's Social Safety Net and Ensuring People with Disabilities Have a Great Life
10. Quality Public Services You Can Count On
11. Strengthening Our Democracy
12. Fiscal Approach
13. Recovering from COVID-19

CONTEXT

In 2018, the NDP maintained that the party's path to power would be built on demonstrating that they were a responsible alternative to the governing Liberal Party. The result was the NDP became the Official Opposition to the Progressive Conservative majority government. The 2022 platform is broader in its commitments to appeal to a

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large group of voters and interests, including measures specifically targeting swing ridings with promises like auto insurance reform, investments in new hospital and transit infrastructure while also leveraging the issues and challenges that arose out of the COVID-19 pandemic as a pretext for a change in government.

AMCTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES COMPARISON

We are pleased to see some of our Local Government Priorities for the 2022 Provincial Election reflected in this platform:

- **Strengthening the Municipal-Provincial Relationship:** The NDP offers new partners for the municipal sector with a special section outlining commitments to, and consultations with, cities and towns to strengthen municipal decision-making. The platform recognizes and supports municipal government power authority.
- **Supporting municipal financial resilience:** The platform offers to restore provincial funding for municipal public transit and paratransit systems to 50% of net operating cost including transferring some municipal services to the Province.
- **Investment in the skills development and training of the next generation of municipal professionals:** While the NDP commitment is not specific to re-instating the AMCTO Municipal Management Internship Program, the party does commit to creating new, paid co-op and internship opportunities for young people.

OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS

In addition to reflecting some of AMCTO's Local Government Priorities, the plan offers the following for other issues of local government interest:

Provincial-Municipal Relationship

- Reform Ontario Land Tribunal and respect municipal decisions.
- Pass Bill 121: *The Municipal Representation Protection Act* that would require the government to consult with and have municipal approval before reducing the size of councils or changing, amalgamating or dissolving wards.
- Strengthen municipal decision-making, including regarding city charters, and recognize and support municipal governments' legitimate powers.

Housing

- End Exclusionary Zoning as a method to increase housing supply and affordable housing options while protecting farmland and natural heritage from urban sprawl.

- Introduce a 2% of assessed value annual speculation and vacancy tax on residential property for non-residents, leveraging the BC model, phased in over two years. Maintain Non-Resident Speculation Tax at 20%.
- Build 30,000 supporting housing units for mental health and addiction in the next decade.
- Build 100,000 social housing units in the next decade and update 260,000 homes to extend building lifespan.
- Implement a housing-first strategy with the goal of ending chronic homelessness in ten years.

Childcare

- Increase the wage of Registered Early Childhood Educators to \$25 per hour and \$20 per hour for other program staff.
- Work with childcare sector on a Workforce Strategy to explore developing and implementing a wage grid, work standards, benefits and pensions.
- Build a community-driven model of childcare to support licensed home childcare in addition to childcare centres and EarlyON centres.
- Develop a Province-wide strategy for expansion of public and non-profit childcare.

Social Assistance

- Consult and co-design reforms to the social assistance system with social assistance clients.
- Increase the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Work rates by 20% immediately and double the rates in the second year. Introduce legislation to tie rate increases to inflation.

Health Services

- Create Mental Health Ontario as a coordinating organization to identify public reporting on mental health needs, develop a wait list service and province-wide mental health standards.
- Increase wages of Personal Support Workers to at least \$5 above pre-pandemic rates.
- Add 20 new or satellite Community Health Centres across the province.
- Cancel the merger of public health units and restore the traditional public health unit funding model.
- Establish provincial standards for home and community care services.
- Build more public and not-for-profit home and community care and long-term care systems.

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Labour

- Raise the minimum wage to \$20 per hour in 2026 with a \$1 per hour annual increase.
- Legislate 10 permanent personal emergency leave days.
- Introduce legislation to introduce a one-year four-day work week pilot.
- Create new, paid co-op and internship opportunities for young people including investing to create new paid placements for post-secondary students and double the number of spaces available for those seeking work experience programs.
- Establish the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a provincial statutory holiday.

Infrastructure

- Ensure major infrastructure projects contain community benefits.

Transit

- Restore provincial funding for municipal public transit and paratransit systems to 50% of net operating costs.
- Increase municipal participation on the Metrolinx board.
- Work with municipal and industry partners to develop an Intercommunity Transportation Strategy to better connect communities across Ontario to help fill the gap left by Greyhound.

Environment

- Reduce emissions from broader public sector buildings to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030.
- Work to reduce to reduce emissions by 250,000 tonnes by improving the energy efficiency of public sector buildings.
- Work with municipalities to expand recycling and composting services and to expand the producer-responsibility model.
- Implement a climate stress test onto existing and planned provincial infrastructure.
- Develop a provincial action plan on flooding to invest in flood defences, to support people moving off floodplains, to ensure access to affordable flood insurance, and to mandate flood risk disclosure in real estate listings. Work with Conservation Authorities, insurance companies and municipalities on flooding-orientated land-use planning.

Indigenous Relations

- Implement United Nations (UN) Declaration on Indigenous Peoples.

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- Establish the Treaty Commission of Ontario to help settle land claims and assist with negotiations.
- Establish a commission to review and make recommendations on displaying historical figures and symbols in Ontario's government-owned buildings and public spaces.

Equity

- Implement a Provincial Anti-Racism Strategy to be informed by race-based data collection across all provincial ministries.
- Introduce mandatory anti-oppression and anti-bias training for all public employees and legislators that addresses anti-Indigenous racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Asian racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia and includes Indigenous education training.

Public Safety and Well-Being

- Invest \$10 million into mobile crisis services and establish 24-hour civilian community mobile teams to operate in partnership with Mobile Crisis Response Teams.
- License short-term rentals across the province.

Accessibility

- Implement all recommendations from the [Onley Report](#).

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2022 PC ELECTION PLATFORM

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The PC's platform has not yet been released, but it is widely accepted that the party's commitments were reflected in the Budget that was introduced, but failed to pass in April, entitled "Ontario's Plan to Build". This plan includes the word "municipal" 78 times often referring to previous promises made in the months prior to the introduction of the Budget.

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2022, the PC Government released its 2022 Budget, "Ontario's Plan to Build". It is widely expected that the document describes the PC Party's election platform. The document was built on five pillars:

1. Rebuilding Ontario's Economy
2. Working for Workers
3. Building Highways and Key Infrastructure
4. Keeping Costs Down
5. A Plan to Stay Open

CONTEXT

In 2018, the PC Party leveraged voter dissatisfaction with the governing Liberal Party and made commitments with populist appeal that won them a majority. While the party has not formally released a platform, it is leveraging the Budget as a blueprint for their commitments should they win the election.

AMCTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES COMPARISON

We are pleased to see some of our Local Government Priorities for the 2022 Provincial Election reflected in this platform:

- **Supporting municipal financial resilience:** The Party makes a commitment to increase Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding (OCIF) to almost \$2 billion over five years. This includes continued commitments to increase access to reliable high-speed internet across the province and an investment of \$632 million into municipal services like public transit and shelters.

OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS

In addition to reflecting some of AMCTO's Local Government Priorities, the plan offers the following for other issues of local government interest:

Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)

- Consult on legislative amendments to the *Municipal Act* to provide BIAs with access to grants and funding.

Housing

- Convene a municipal working group to support the use of Municipal Vacant Home Taxes to share best practices and explore opportunities to enhance the existing legislative framework.
- Build 1.5 million new homes over 10 years.
- Implement the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations and delivery of a housing supply action plan.
- Introduce a Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator to modernize housing and community infrastructure approval processes.
- Invest \$45 million to assist 39 municipalities with accelerating planning approvals.
- Create Development Approvals Data Standards for consistent data collection and support digitization of land approval processes.
- Provide \$19.2 million to the Ontario Land Tribunal and Tenant Board to address backlog.

Social Assistance

- Increase Ontario Disability Support Program rates by 5% and introduce legislation to tie increases to inflation.

Health Services

- Invest \$45.2 million over three years for early intervention programs and provision of specialized mental health services supporting frontline workers.
- Invest \$204 million through 2020 Roadmap to Wellness to expand existing services and improve access to mental health and addiction resources.
- Provide \$56.8 million for increased capacity to emergency health services.
- Invest \$60 million over two years to continue the expansion of the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program.
- Invest \$2.8 billion over the next three years to make the current temporary Personal Support Worker (PSW) wage enhancement program permanent.

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Infrastructure

- Invest \$4 billion total from 2019-2020 through to 2025 to support the commitment of high-speed internet access.
- Invest \$25.1 billion over ten years for highway expansion and rehabilitation projects across the province.
- Double the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to \$2 billion over five years.

Transit

- Invest \$61.6 billion over 10 years for public transit.
 - Cut gas by 5.7 cents per litre and fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre for six months, while ensuring that this funding is not impacted.
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2022 GREEN ELECTION PLATFORM

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Green Party of Ontario’s platform, “The Green Plan: New Solutions to Old Problems”, includes the word “municipal” 36 times.
- The platform proposes changes to the *Planning Act*, Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan, favouring an urban boundary freeze, increased density in urban areas, and environmental protections.
- The platform also mentions new revenues tools to fund infrastructure, including a fund to assist with climate adaptation, and the transferring of some transit and social housing costs.

BACKGROUND

On May 17th, 2022, The Green Party of Ontario released “The Green Plan,” that has three pillars: a caring society, connected communities, and a new climate economy. The plan includes commitments on a broad range of issues from housing to transit, to mental health supports, targeting a range of voters.

The platform highlights six priorities:

1. Homes Not Highways
2. Mental Health is Health
3. New Climate Economy
4. Respect for People
5. Reinvest in Health and Education
6. Protect Nature

Within the plan, there is also a section called “Support and strengthen municipal governments” that contains commitments specific to the municipal sector.

CONTEXT

The 2018 election was the first time in Ontario history that the Green Party won a seat in the Legislature. With the additional exposure of the party leader participating in the Legislative Assembly over the last four years and participating in leaders’ debates during the current election period, the party has released a platform meant to position the Ontario Green’s as a viable alternative to the other parties with a broad appeal. The leader has also positioned himself as a collaborator, ready to work with other parties to implement plan ideas.

AMCTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES COMPARISON

We are pleased to see some of our Local Government Priorities for the 2022 Provincial Election reflected in this platform:

- **Strengthening the Municipal-Provincial Relationship:** The Green Party offers increased collaboration and consultation between municipalities and the Province.
- **Supporting municipal financial resilience:** The platform offers new revenues tools to fund infrastructure, a fund to assist with climate adaptation, and the transferring of some transit and social housing costs.

OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS

In addition to reflecting some of AMCTO's Local Government Priorities, the plan offers the following for other issues of local government interest:

Provincial-Municipal Relationship

- Increase collaboration and consultation between municipalities and the Province.
- Assess the use of city charters as a mechanism to empower major Ontario cities and prevent inappropriate interference in local democracy by the Provincial government.
- Allow municipalities the option to use a ranked ballot voting system for elections.
- Create limits for municipal elections whereby no person may contribute more than \$1,000 to all candidates combined.
- Reverse changes in Bill 245 that merged all land use planning tribunals, including the Environmental Review Board and the Ontario Land Tribunal, and reverse changes to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

Housing

- Build 182,000 new permanently affordable community housing rental homes over the next decade including 60,000 permanent supportive housing spaces with wrap-around services and dedicate 10% of those homes to people with complex care needs.
- Make it easier for seniors to live together by streamlining and simplifying the approvals process for co-housing and co-living developments. Repeal law that would prohibit or create barriers to co-housing and co-living.
- Create incentives for retrofitting homes to make them easier to age in place.
- Mandate inclusionary zoning and require a minimum of 20% affordable units in all housing projects about a certain size.
- Fund 22,000 Indigenous-owned and operated permanent homes under an Urban and Rural Indigenous Housing Strategy.
- Renew 260,000 community housing rental homes over the next decade in partnership

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with the federal government under the National Housing Strategy.

- Increase incentives and streamline the application process for first-time home buyers to add affordable rental units to their primary residence to help pay down their mortgage.
- Work with municipalities to implement a province-wide vacant homes tax.
- Resume homelessness census.

Childcare

- Work with the federal government to ensure continued funding for universal access to high-quality, \$10-a-day childcare in all communities.
- Provide Early Childcare Educators with a wage of at least \$25 per hour.

Social Assistance

- Double Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works rates as a first step to implementing a basic income, and tie future increases to inflation.
- Include meaningful consultation with people who have lived experience with poverty and existing social assistance programs in the design of all programs and services aimed at client-centred approaches for reducing poverty.

Health Services

- Include mental health and addiction care under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) by offering services provided by psychotherapists, psychologist, social workers, and other regulated professionals.
- Provide an immediate base budget increase of 8% to the community mental health care sector to increase access to publicly funded care.

Labour

- Increase the minimum wage each year by \$1 starting at \$16 in 2022 and top-up in cities where the cost of living is higher.
- Increase the number of provincially-legislated paid sick days from three to ten.
- Ban employers from requiring a sick note from a medical practitioner when an employee is ill.

Infrastructure

- Grant municipalities autonomy to implement revenue tools to fund critical infrastructure needs and services.
- Provide financial support for municipalities to bolster local infrastructure by funding 50% of shelter and community housing costs while allowing municipalities to maintain management control and restore 50% cost-share for transit operation.
- Support plans to have all municipal transit systems operate electrically.
- Create a dedicated \$2 billion per year Climate Adaption Fund for municipalities.
- Provide municipalities with knowledge, technical expertise, resources and training via a Green Infrastructure Support Hub.

Transit

- Immediately cut transit fares in half for at least three months across all Ontario transit systems including municipal, GO and Northland services.
- Restore 50% of the provincial cost-share for transit operations to reduce fare increases for users.
- Create a fund for municipalities to build protected bike lanes while preserving safety and curb access for seniors and people with disabilities.
- Require secure bike parking and e-bike charging stations to be provided in new and existing multi-unit buildings, in surface parking lots, and at all government buildings.

Environment

- Freeze urban boundaries and protect prime farmland from being lost to non-agricultural use.
- Develop a '15-minute' neighbourhood framework that suits a variety of towns and cities across the province by working with municipalities on re-zoning.
- Require that intensification targets are met with distributed density throughout urban areas.
- Allow municipalities to borrow money to make municipally-owned buildings more energy efficient and pay back the loans out of the incurred savings.
- Require all municipalities to adopt plans for reducing corporate and community emissions as far as possible to net-zero by 2045 and give them the authority and tools to implement these plans, including long-term predictable funding.
- Create a Climate Adaptation Fund through a dedicated levy to help advance overdue work to prepare municipalities, infrastructure, buildings, agriculture and forestry to withstand the increased effects of climate change.
- Double the size of the Greenbelt to include a Bluebelt of protected moraines, river systems, and watersheds that include the Paris Galt Moraine, Carruthers Creek, Grand River Watershed, and other critical bodies of water.
- Restore municipal regulation of aggregate extraction below the water table.
- Ban good waste from landfills and expand food waste collection to all municipalities across the province.

Indigenous Relations

- Implement the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Recognize First Nations' right to self determination and establish a co-management stewardship model for the development of provincial resources with fair revenue sharing.
- Recognize and integrate Indigenous laws and legal traditions in negotiation and implementation processes involving treaties, land claims, and other constructive agreements.
- Uphold the duty to obtain free, prior and informed consent from First Nations and Métis communities regarding decisions that may affect them.

Equity

- Strike a task force to develop policies and initiatives that address the adverse effects of racism, homophobia, and transphobia on peoples' mental health and the barriers they face to accessing healthcare.
- Provide the public with annual progress reports that assess long-term trends and indicators in areas such as suicide, mental health, chronic diseases, and increase the availability of appropriate health services to ensure equity in access to care.
- Require anti-racism and anti-oppression training for all public sector employees and legislators.

Public Safety and Well-Being

- Invest in a 3-digit, 24/7 province-wide mental health crisis response line so callers can be diverted from 911 and connected to a more appropriate service.
- Invest in the creation and expansion of 24/7 mental health focused mobile crisis response teams, crisis centres, rapid access addiction medicine clinics, and short-term residential beds across the province.

Accessibility

- Allocate funds to ensure that schools can comply with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*.
- Update, improve and implement AODA as quickly as possible.
- Provide clear, in-depth guidelines and deliver more responsive, comprehensive support for AODA implementation to organizations through free, independent technical advice.

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2022 LIBERAL ELECTION PLATFORM

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Ontario Liberal Party’s 81-page platform, “A Place to Grow,” references the word “municipal” 31 times.
- The platform is focused on making Ontario a better place for the next generation.
- Targeting families, the platform emphasizes healthcare, education, and public services.

BACKGROUND

The Ontario Liberal Party’s 2022 election platform contains six chapters built around a theme of making Ontario a place to grow. From childcare, to healthcare, to seniors, the platform emphasizes the importance of well-funded public services in building a prosperous Ontario.

1. Cost of Living – A Place to Grow Your Family
2. Seniors – A Place to Grow Older
3. Economy – A Place to Grow Economic Dignity
4. Education & Training – A Place to Grow Up
5. Environment – A Place to Grow Sustainably
6. Stronger Communities – A Place to Grow Together

While municipal references are contained throughout, the Cost of Living chapter has many commitments for working with municipalities to making housing more affordable.

CONTEXT

After the 2018 Provincial Election, the Ontario Liberal Party was reduced to just seven seats, one too few to retain official party status. Since then, the party has worked hard to rebuild, beginning by choosing Steven Del Duca as leader in March 2020. Though Del Duca was unseated in his own riding in 2018, he was a cabinet minister under the Wynne government. Of note, Del Duca intended to run for the regional chair of York Region before the Ford government cancelled planned elections for regional chair positions in Peel, Muskoka, and York through Bill 5: *The Better Local Government Act*.

AMCTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES COMPARISON

We are pleased to see some of our Local Government Priorities for the 2022 Provincial Election reflected in this platform:

- **Supporting municipal financial resilience:** The platform offers municipalities a commitment to funding to accelerate development approval and support affordable housing. The plan also includes a commitment to create a new \$50 million Rural Development Fund to build or repair community rural infrastructure and review the potential to transfer responsibility of more critical infrastructure to the province.

OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS

In addition to reflecting some of AMCTO's Local Government Priorities, the plan offers the following for other issues of local government interest:

Provincial-Municipal Relationship

- Broaden Election Ontario's mandate to help municipalities implement ranked ballots if they choose and appoint a Citizens' Assembly to review other potential changes to elections such as voting age, voting on weekends or expanded advanced voting.
- Help cities create viable tourism strategies.
- Review municipal fiscal sustainability and the potential to transfer responsibility of more critical infrastructure like roads and bridges to the province.

Housing

- Implement rent control everywhere in Ontario and provide renters with a pathway to ownership with legal framework that provides protections and certainty for owners and renters to opt into rent-to-own agreements.
- Build 1.5 million homes over 10 years and 138,000 'deeply affordable' housing including 78,000 social and community units, 38,000 supportive units and 22,000 Indigenous community units.
- Tax vacant homes, especially for non-Canadian owners.
- Ban new non-resident ownership and introduce a 'use it or lose it' tax on developers sitting on land ready for development.
- Combat money laundering in the housing market and ensure condo 'flippers' pay appropriate tax.
- Provide municipalities with \$300 million in new funding over five years to accelerate development approvals and to support the use of community planning permits.

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- Work with municipalities to allow homes with up to three units and two storeys to be built as of right across the province with this permission also extending to secondary laneway suites.
- Reward local governments that meet or exceed housing targets in an environmentally sustainable manner with dedicated capital funding to use for local priorities like better transit or community amenities like parks and libraries.
- Eliminate bottlenecks to new housing by requiring municipalities to regularly provide transparent housing statistics such as approval timelines and building permits issued.
- Provide municipalities with \$100 million per year to promote a housing-first approach to ending chronic homelessness that will move people to independent, permanent housing with comprehensive supports.
- Fund new emergency shelter beds and improve the condition of homeless shelters.

Childcare

- Implement universal \$10 per day licensed childcare and deliver \$10 per day before and after school care by September 2022.
- Expand not-for-profit childcare options and provide childcare for parents working shifts and non-traditional hours.

Social Assistance

- Increase Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works rates by 10% followed by another 10% for ODSP in 2023.
- Increase the amount of earned income without impacting assistance from \$2,400 to \$6,000 per year and calculate earnings on an annual basis.

Health Services

- Require private employer benefits to include mental health services.
- Invest \$300 million towards preventing, intervening, and treating opioid addiction and overdose.
- Create 15 new community health centres.

Labour

- Increase the minimum wage to \$16 per hour as of January 1, 2023, and develop a living wage structure that accounts for appropriate wages people can live on in different regions of Ontario.
- Require job postings to include compensation ranges and prohibit employers from asking about compensation history; require large employers to publish pay gaps by gender.
- Require workplaces treat COVID-19 outbreaks as an occupational health issue.

Infrastructure

- Leverage existing public fibre assets to expand small, municipal or community-owned networks and invest in low earth orbit satellites to provide affordable high-speed internet to every Ontario household and business by 2025.
- Build or repair crucial community rural infrastructure like libraries, arenas and other community spaces through a new \$50 million Rural Development Fund and encourage the co-location of community services.

Transit

- Make investments in Ontario's cycling networks.
- Make transit fares \$1 per ride on every transit line in Ontario including municipal transit, GO and Ontario Northland.
- Provide free transit to veterans.
- Invest an additional \$375 million in annual transit operating funding.
- Work with northern municipalities to improve bus conditions between northern communities.

Environment

- Plant 100 million trees a year over the next eight years and create 2,000 green jobs for graduating students interested in nature-based solutions and engaging local communities on climate action and resilience. Through this initiative, municipalities can obtain more trees.
- Work with local governments to prepare for extreme weather.
- Help municipalities install microplastic filtration in drinking and wastewater systems.
- Work with municipalities, real estate, and insurance leaders to inform people on how to take action on energy efficiency, flooding or other climate risks for their homes and buildings.

Indigenous Relations

- Recognize housing as part of Indigenous reconciliation.
- Work with Indigenous communities to prepare for extreme weather.
- Work closely with Indigenous, federal, and municipal partners to end all boil water advisories in all First Nations and Northern communities in Ontario, making necessary investments in water infrastructure, operations and maintenance where needed.
- Support the reform of child welfare for First Nations and support the development of more Indigenous long-term care homes.
- Work with Indigenous housing providers and federal partners to develop a distinct housing strategy for off-reserve Indigenous peoples including 22,000 new homes for Indigenous families.

Equity

- Build inclusive, supportive housing for several equity-seeking groups such as 2SLGBTQ+ and francophone communities.
- Provide \$20 million to 2SLGBTQ+ community centres, organizations, and Pride celebrations.

Public Safety and Well-Being

- Introduce legislation modelled after [Clare's Law](#), first enacted in the United Kingdom and since passed in Alberta, to give people who feel at risk of domestic violence, the right to ask police if their partner has a history of domestic violence, stalking or harassment.
- Ban handguns working with the federal and municipal governments and examine every option to implement as quickly as possible.

Accessibility

- Strengthen existing Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards and enact new standards for education and health care.
- Address accessibility barriers in home and building construction.
- Increase the frequency of on-site AODA inspections and regularly report on compliance.

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