



2025 PC Election Platform

Key Takeaways*

- The Progressive Conservative Party's released a platform that refers to municipalities 23 times.
- Aside from an expanded New Deal for the City of Ottawa, the party has made few municipal-related commitments such as financial relief for trade-impacted municipalities and additional funding for roads, highways, water systems and recreation infrastructure.

**Items listed as key takeaways and within this note are based on what has been released by the party or announced as of February 24, 2025. This is not a complete list of commitments. For the complete list, refer to the respective party website and communications.*

Background

When the Premier advised the Lieutenant Governor to call an early election, his public justification was the need for a strong mandate to manage Ontario's response to U.S. tariff threats. PC commitments have largely focused on an economic response to tariffs, and related areas such as infrastructure.

The "Plan to Protect Ontario" includes:

- Building Ontario's economy
- Protecting workers
- Keeping us competitive
- Cleaning up our streets
- Delivering better care and services

Context

In June 2022, the PC Party returned with a larger second mandate. Party Leader, Doug Ford, justified an early election call by stating that he needed a bigger mandate to manage the threat of US tariffs. As a result, the party's focus in this election period has been primarily on measures to "Protect Ontario".



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While we are pleased to see some commitments to municipal infrastructure in relation to our [2025 provincial election priorities](#), there has been no commitment to a Social and Economic Prosperity Review or discussion of more stable, predictable funding and investment for municipalities.

Local Government Perspective

Finance

- Invest \$40 million for “trade-impacted communities,” to set money aside for municipalities particularly reliant on U.S. trade and harmed most by tariffs
- Focus municipal speed and red light cameras on achieving safety outcomes in school and safety zones versus growing municipal revenues and ensure greater transparency on their placement.
- Direct Service Ontario to streamline work with municipalities to end duplicate collection efforts against drivers for municipal offences
- Ensure that municipal development charge revenues are invested transparently by municipalities to encourage and support growth in housing stock and are calculated in a more standardized and predictable way across the province

Health Services

- Invest over \$1 billion to connect everyone in Ontario to a family doctor and primary care by the end of the 2028-2029 fiscal years. This includes training of new doctors, creating 305 “team-based” primary care providers and Ontario health teams, and reducing paperwork for family doctors

Housing and Homelessness

- Existing housing target to build 1.5 million homes by 2032
- Remove development charges and other fees; specifics are not yet available
- Providing municipalities and police with new resources and enforcement tools to address homeless encampments and illegal drug use in public spaces with \$75.5 million for programs that provide long-term stable housing and temporary accommodations for those living in encampments
- Pass the *Safer Municipalities Act*

Infrastructure

- Invest more than \$200 billion to build roads, highways, transit and other infrastructure projects, including nearly \$350 million for local Ottawa roads and highways
- Create new jobs and opportunities for Ottawa workers and upload Highway 174 to the Province
- Provide another \$5 billion for the Building Ontario Fund, for a total of \$8 billion, to invest in housing, long-term care, energy, transportation and municipal infrastructure projects
- Invest another \$2 billion in the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund
- Increase the Community Sport and Recreation Fund by \$300 million to help build more rinks, arenas, sports centres and other community infrastructure
- Rebuild the permitting process from the ground up
- Launch the Pothole Prevention Fund, which will support municipalities with road maintenance funds



Labour

- Add \$100 million to the Better Jobs Ontario program to boost workers' access to training for in-demand jobs to help people retrain if there are tariffs

Transportation

- Take tolls off Highway 407 East (public portions between Brock Road in Pickering and Highway 115 in Clarington)
- Introduce legislation to ban use of congestion pricing on all provincial and municipal roadways
- Build a freight rail bypass along the Highway 407 corridor in Peel region
- Build tunnel expressway under Highway 401 from Mississauga to Markham
- Permanently cut the provincial gas tax by 5.7 cents per litre and diesel by 5.3 cents
- Create multiple new GO lines for GO 2.0, including a line running through midtown Toronto, a line from Bolton to Union Station via Woodbridge and Etobicoke, as well as extensions and improvements to existing lines, including Richmond Hill.
- Expand the New Deal for Ottawa uploading the city's light-rail transit (LRT) network to the Province, subject to due diligence, and integrating its operations under Metrolinx

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