

A STRONG AND FAIR



Creating Fairness and Opportunity

In a rapidly changing economy, the government is working to create a society marked by opportunity and fairness for all.



Fairness for All

A plan that has a positive impact on people's everyday lives.



Creating Opportunities

Opening doors for individuals, families and businesses.



Enhancing Communities

Building vibrant communities for living and working.

Fairness for all

Ontario is:

- Proposing to raise the minimum wage to \$14 an hour on January 1, 2018 and to \$15 an hour on January 1, 2019, and ensuring equal pay for part-time workers doing the same job as full-time workers.
- Helping more people find affordable homes by encouraging increased housing supply, protecting buyers and renters, and bringing stability to the real estate market through the Fair Housing Plan.
- Providing free tuition to more than 210,000 college and university students by transforming the Ontario Student Assistance Program.
- Implementing a Graduated Apprenticeship Grant for Employers that provides bonuses to businesses with apprentices who belong to underrepresented groups (such as women, Indigenous peoples, francophones, people with disabilities, newcomers and visible minorities) when they complete training levels or attain certification.
- Reducing the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) fare to \$1.50 for PRESTO card users transferring between GO Transit or the Union Pearson Express and the TTC.
- Helping 24,000 more children aged four and under access licensed child care this year, reducing waitlists for families, as part of a commitment to provide 100,000 new spaces.
- Reducing residential electricity bills by 25 per cent on average and holding price increases to the rate of inflation for four years, as outlined in Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

Creating opportunities

Ontario is:

- Proposing a 22 per cent cut in the Corporate Income Tax rate for small businesses — from 4.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent, effective January 1, 2018.
- Designating one-third of government procurement spending on goods and services for small and medium-sized businesses by 2020.
- Expanding natural gas infrastructure to rural, northern and Indigenous communities.
- Planning to bring high-speed rail to the Toronto-Windsor corridor, which will slash people's travel times and create new opportunities for workers and businesses.
- Encouraging youth employment by providing hiring and retention incentives of \$1,000 to small businesses that employ young workers.
- Providing financial support to help make small and medium-sized fruit and vegetable farming businesses more competitive.
- Making it easier for employers to recruit and retain highly skilled immigrants by enhancing the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program.

Enhancing communities

Ontario is:

- Helping more seniors across the province stay healthy and active by supporting 40 new Seniors Active Living Centres over the next three years.
- Supporting more innovative projects that increase social inclusion and lifelong learning for seniors through the expanded Seniors Community Grant Program.
- Improving service on the GO rail network in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area by implementing GO Regional Express Rail, one of North America's largest transit infrastructure investments.
- Providing direct support for community capital improvements through a main street enhancement fund.