

CFIB's 2025 Ontario Election Promise Tracker

Responses to Potential U.S. Tariffs

Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green
<p>\$10B in cash-flow support for Ontario employers through a six-month deferral of provincial taxes</p> <p>\$5B for major industries through a new Protect Ontario Account to address operational challenges, reshore supply chains, and restructure to find new customers and keep people employed</p> <p>\$3B in EHT relief and more WSIB surplus funds returned to eligible businesses</p> <p>\$120M in support for restaurants and bars by increasing the LCBO wholesale discount from 10%-15%</p> <p>\$40M for a new Trade-Impacted Communities Program to support municipalities impacted by tariffs</p> <p>\$300M to expand the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit to support</p>	<p>Offer a \$150,000 bonus to nurses and doctors who return to Canada from the U.S.</p> <p>Create a Fight Tariffs Fund to give Ontario businesses access to lower-than-market interest rates to reduce borrowing costs and increase investment</p> <p>Ensure stimulus spending on infrastructure focuses on hospitals, schools, roads, and transit</p> <p>Exclude American companies like Amazon and Starlink from procurement opportunities and invest savings back into supporting stimulus initiatives</p> <p>Work with other provinces to remove interprovincial trade barriers and adopt mutual recognition of skills and regulated professions to build a Team Canada approach to economic growth</p>	<p>Partner with Ontario employers and unions to protect jobs now</p> <p>Work with trade-exposed industries to create new supply chains within Canada and abroad</p> <p>Double the Ontario Made Manufacturing Tax Credit, expand eligibility for advanced manufacturing applications, and extend the credit to 10 years for long-term investment</p> <p>Launch the Ontario Tariff Fund to provide direct payments to businesses impacted by U.S. tariffs</p> <p>Restart the Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program to provide property tax and energy cost relief for impacted industries</p> <p>Direct Ontario government agencies to procure locally and include</p>	<p>Immediately create a “tariff taskforce” that works across party and sector lines to defend Ontario workers, jobs and companies in trade negotiations</p> <p>Create an investment tax credit to unlock new investment</p> <p>Develop a “Buy Ontario” strategy and implement procurement rules that support Ontario businesses</p> <p>Create a Protect Ontario Fund for businesses disproportionately impacted by tariffs and build new supply chains</p> <p>Immediately move to diversify trading partners</p> <p>Work with other provinces to remove interprovincial trade barriers</p> <p>\$2B per year for municipalities to build resilient infrastructure through a dedicated</p>

<p>investment in buildings and M&E used for manufacturing and processing</p> <p>\$600M for the Invest Ontario Fund to attract investment in advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and technology</p> <p>Prioritize Ontario steel and forestry for provincial projects, purchase Ontario-made vehicles for government use, and help local innovators access more government procurement opportunities - and urge municipalities to do the same</p> <p>Urge the federal government to fairly and quickly distribute retaliatory tariff revenue to impacted workers and businesses</p> <p>Suspend the purchase of U.S. products by the LCBO and halt LCBO wholesale orders of U.S. products to consumers, restaurants, bars, and grocery stores</p> <p>Enhance termination and severance rights for workers affected by tariff layoffs and closures</p>	<p>Launch an Ontario Growth Strategy to make Ontario more attractive to investment</p> <p>Negotiate and eliminate the use of the notwithstanding clause</p>	<p>small- and medium-sized enterprises</p> <p>Support the auto sector to bridge any interruption in production and preserve auto jobs</p> <p>Work with the federal government to support succession planning and incentivize trusts and employee-owned cooperatives</p> <p>Promote interprovincial cooperation and remove trade barriers</p> <p>Launch a Buy Ontario campaign to promote Ontario goods</p> <p>Negotiate a joint federal-provincial income assistance program to support people whose livelihoods are impacted by tariffs</p> <p>Create a Premier's Council on the Economy with businesses, labour, and civil society</p> <p>Invest in retraining opportunities in post-secondary and the skilled trades</p> <p>Accelerate infrastructure projects to keep people working</p>	<p>Climate Adaptation Fund</p>
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<p>Ban American companies from provincial contracts</p> <p>Urge the federal government to quickly distribute retaliatory tariff revenues and expand worker protections</p> <p>Stop \$100M contract with Starlink</p>		<p>Support farmers by removing the cap from the Risk Management Program</p> <p>Fight back with a Team Canada approach and support Canada's tariff response plan</p>	
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Taxes

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<p>Fight the federal carbon tax</p> <p>Make the provincial gas and fuel tax cuts permanent</p> <p>Create a Defence Security Investment Tax Credit for the development of cybersecurity and AI technologies</p>	<p>Reduce the Small Business Tax Rate from 3.2%-1.6% and increase its eligibility threshold</p> <p>Cut the tax from 9.15%-7.15% for the \$51,446-\$75,000 income bracket</p> <p>Eliminate PST on home heating and hydro bills</p> <p>Index the Low-Income Workers Tax Credit</p> <p>Create a permanent tax credit for 20% of the cost of energy-saving technologies at home, such as heat pumps</p>	<p>Freeze income taxes for individuals making under \$220,000 annually</p> <p>Implement a Luxury Residence Tax for \$3M+ home purchases</p> <p>Increase the amount of capital gains subject to taxes from 50%-80%</p>	<p>Increase the EHT exemption threshold to \$1.5M</p> <p>Cut taxes for people making under \$65,000/year and households making under \$100,000, and raise taxes on people making over \$220,000</p> <p>Remove the beer can tax</p>

Labour

Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green
<p>Over \$1.5B to train 600,000 skilled</p>	<p>Support the creation of 40,000 new paid</p>	<p>Introduce 10-paid sick days, equal</p>	<p>Raise the minimum wage to \$20/hour</p>

<p>trades workers, plus another \$1B for the Skills Development Fund</p> <p>\$100M for Better Jobs Ontario program</p> <p>\$40M to mobilize action centres in the event of layoffs to provide immediate employment transition supports</p> <p>\$165M for a Learn and Earn initiative to help skilled trades workers receive in-class and on-site training, including \$120M to expand the Apprenticeship Development Benefit, \$30M for the Apprenticeship Completion Bonus, and \$15M for the Tools Grant program</p> <p>Launch a public labour market survey to assess market needs by sectors and region</p> <p>Advocate that the federal government work with provinces to expand federal worker protections, including Employment Insurance and the Wage Earner Protection Program</p>	<p>co-op, internship and apprenticeship positions through tax credits for employers who hire young people</p> <p>Provide opportunities for skilled trades and health care workers through union-led training programs</p>	<p>pay, anti-scab legislation, and new penalties for unsafe work conditions</p> <p>Overhaul the WSIB system with a focus on workers</p> <p>Classify app-based gig workers as employees</p> <p>Continue investment in the Skills Development Fund and workers' training centres across the province</p>	<p>and index it to inflation each year</p> <p>Legislate 10 paid sick days for all</p> <p>Ban employers from requiring a sick note from a medical practitioner</p> <p>Extend card-based certification to all sectors and implement an industry-wide bargaining model</p> <p>Legislate equal pay for equal work</p>
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Transportation

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<p>Remove tolls from Highway 407 East (i.e., Pickering to Clarington)</p> <p>Up to \$15B more over three years to speed up key capital projects, including widening the QEW between Burlington and St. Catharines</p> <p>Build a Highway 401 Tunnel Expressway from Brampton to Scarborough</p> <p>Finish Highway 413 from Halton to York Region and the Bradford Bypass connecting Highway 400 to Highway 404</p> <p>Construct “GO 2.0” to create a new line through mid-town Toronto and another from Bolton to Union Station, new extensions and stations, as well as all day service for Milton and Kitchener</p> <p>Construct a new bridge on the QEW over the Welland Canal</p> <p>Upload Ottawa’s LRT network to the province and extend the Hazel McCallion LRT to downtown Brampton</p> <p>Widen Highway 69 from Parry Sound to Sudbury</p> <p>Reinstate the Northlander train</p>	<p>Electrify and increase GO service throughout the GTA and southwestern Ontario, and expedite the delivery of planned transit projects in Kitchener-Waterloo, Toronto, Mississauga, and Brampton</p> <p>Invest in municipal and regional road repair and maintenance, widen provincial highways in congested areas, and upgrade winter maintenance of key provincial highways</p> <p>Hire 300 special constables for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), Metrolinx, and other major transit service providers, and increase funding for safety equipment such as cameras</p> <p>Install platform doors in all TTC subway stations</p> <p>Upload the Ottawa LRT and Highway 174 to the province</p>	<p>Remove tolls on provincially-owned portion of Highway 407 and open negotiations to remove tolls on 407ETR</p> <p>Expand intercity bus and rail transit including the Hazel McCallion Line and Mississauga Loop, extend LRT to Brampton, offer two-way All Day GO to Kitchener, Guelph, Brampton, Niagara, London, and Bowmanville, as well as multiple other GO Stations</p> <p>Restore 50% of provincial funding for municipal transit operational costs</p> <p>Provide rebates for the purchase of Canadian-produced new or used EVs or plug-in hybrids</p> <p>Fast track the delivery of the Northlander Passenger Service</p> <p>Widen Highways 1, 11 and 69, and build the Cochrane Bypass</p>	<p>Ban 400 Series highways in the Greenbelt, starting with cancelling Highway 413 and Bradford Bypass</p> <p>Improve road safety on Highways 11 and 17</p>
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<p>service with 16 stops from Toronto to Cochrane</p> <p>Introduce legislation to ban congestion pricing on all provincial and municipal roads</p> <p>Remove bike lanes from the busiest streets across the province and replace them on secondary roads</p> <p>Open HOV lanes to all vehicles during off-peak hours and raise speed limits to 110 km/h on all provincial highways</p>			
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Infrastructure

Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green
<p>Over \$200B to build roads, highways, transit, and other infrastructure</p> <p>\$300M to build new rinks, arenas, sports centres, and other community projects</p> <p>\$5B more for the Building Ontario Fund</p> <p>\$4B to provide high-speed internet to every community in Ontario before 2026</p> <p>\$20M for the Forest Access Roads Program for Northern Ontario infrastructure and \$20M for the new</p>	<p>Prioritize infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, roads, and public transit</p> <p>Expedite hospital repairs and expansions</p> <p>Introduce the Better Communities Fund to help municipalities cover infrastructure costs</p>	<p>Upload some municipal costs to the province such as maintaining highways, bridges, and other infrastructure</p> <p>Expand broadband internet to every community in Ontario before 2026</p>	<p>Create a long-term municipal fund for rural and northern communities to improve roads, bridges, and other infrastructure</p> <p>Upload costs like community housing, shelters and transit funding to the province</p> <p>Expand electric grid capacity in rural areas</p>

Rural Ontario
Development
Program

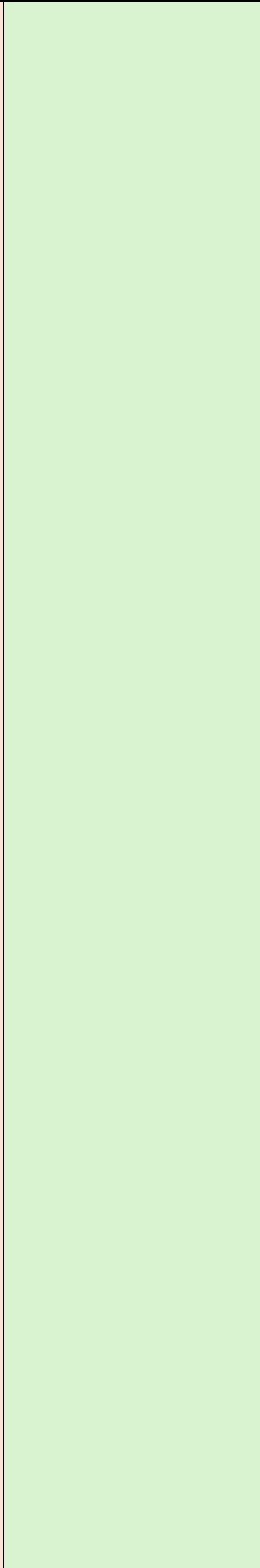
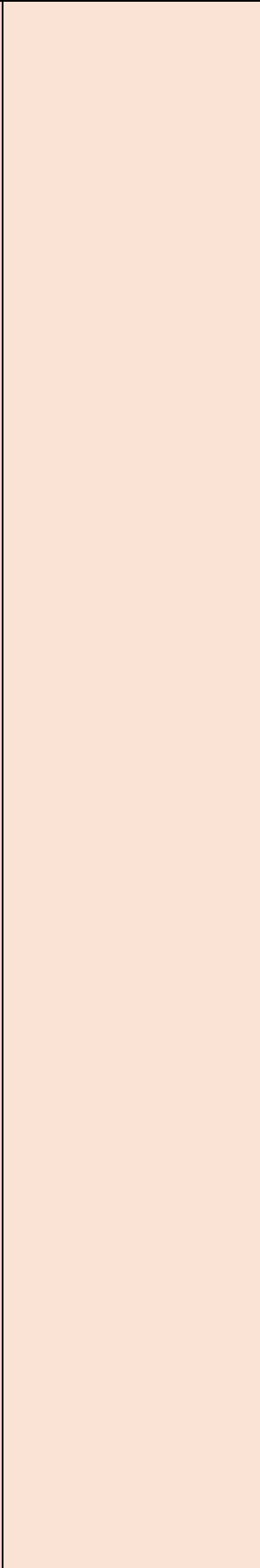
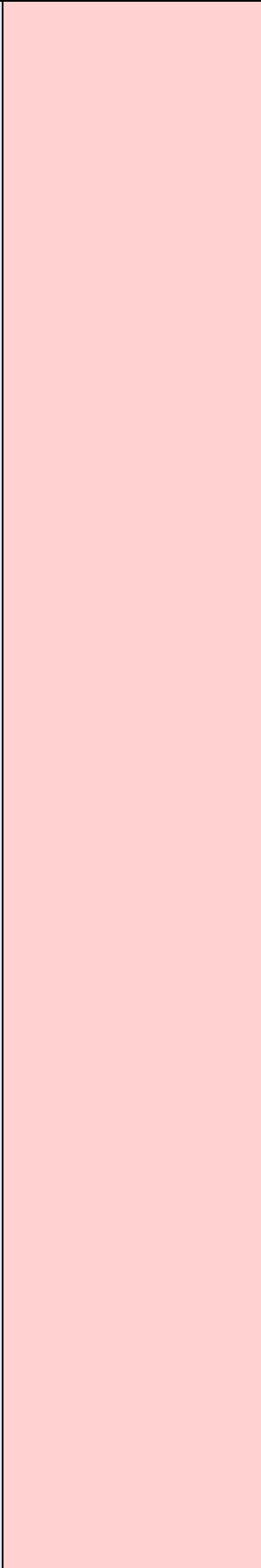
Overhaul Ontario's
permitting and
approval processes,
and rebuild the
permitting process
from the ground up

Deputize a
permitting and
approvals czar
focused on clearing
the pathway for new
job-creating
investments and
sectors such as
mining,
manufacturing, and
infrastructure
projects

Centralize all
government capital
projects under
Infrastructure
Ontario to
standardize
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speed up
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timelines and permit
approvals, and
upload municipal
building approvals
for provincially-led
projects

Scrap impact
assessment
requirements and
other federal red
tape under
provincial
jurisdiction

Refurbish and
expand nuclear
energy and
hydroelectricity
generation



<p>Build new energy transmission infrastructure across Ontario</p> <p>Develop Ontario's first integrated energy plan to prioritize energy affordability for families and businesses</p> <p>Mandate shared services between local hydro utilities</p> <p>Launch the Pothole Prevention Fund to support municipalities with road maintenance</p>			
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Housing

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<p>\$2B more for the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund</p> <p>\$50M for more factory-built homes and innovative home-building technology</p>	<p>Eliminate provincial Land Transfer Tax for first-time homebuyers, seniors' downsizing, and non-profit builders</p> <p>Remove up to \$170,000 from the cost of new builds by scrapping development charges on new housing units under 3,000 sq. ft.</p> <p>Introduce phased-in rent control like Manitoba, setting annual rent increase limits</p> <p>Reduce Landlord and Tenant Board</p>	<p>Use Homes Ontario to provide grants, low-cost public financing, public land, and fast-tracked approvals to support the construction and acquisition of 300,000 permanently affordable homes</p> <p>Enable the purchase of privately-owned rental units to be converted to permanently affordable public, non-profit, or co-op housing</p> <p>Create 60,000 new supportive housing</p>	<p>Remove the Land Transfer Tax for first-time homebuyers</p> <p>Build at least 250,000 new affordable non-profit and co-op rental homes and 60,000 permanent supportive homes with guaranteed operational funding and make provincial land available at no cost</p> <p>Remove development charges on homes, condos, and apartment units under 2,000 sq. ft. within urban</p>

	<p>disputes to two months by increasing adjudicators and support staff and extending hours for online and in-person hearings</p> <p>Modernize building codes and design rules, and establish a catalogue of pre-approved housing designs</p>	<p>units for people living in encampments or the shelter system</p> <p>Provide heat pump rebates of up to \$19,500 (with \$5,000 more for households that currently heat with propane, heating oil, or coal)</p> <p>Enhance Ontario's SaveONEnergy affordability program to provide retrofit support to renters and low-income households</p> <p>Upload shelter funding to the province and work with the federal government to boost funding for programs like the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit</p> <p>Introduce rent control for all units, and end above-guideline rent increases</p> <p>Legalize semis, townhomes, and fourplex apartments in all neighbourhoods and midrise apartments near transit</p> <p>Limit short-term rentals (e.g., Airbnb) to one's primary residence</p> <p>Build or acquire 300,000</p>	<p>boundaries and create an Affordable Communities Fund to cover municipalities' housing infrastructure costs</p> <p>Allow the construction of fourplexes and four-storey buildings across the province and sixplexes in cities over 500,000, and midrise buildings of up to 6-11 storeys on transit corridors and main streets</p>
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		permanently affordable rental homes in non-profit and co-op housing	
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Other Promises, including Internal Trade

Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green
<p>Remove all remaining party-specific exemptions under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement</p> <p>Mutually recognize regulatory standards and certifications across provinces and streamline credential recognition</p> <p>Enable direct-to-consumer sales of alcohol products from other provinces</p> <p>Remove the minimum retail price of alcohol products and keep the beer tax frozen</p> <p>\$50M for the Ontario Together Trade Fund to support the expansion of businesses to interprovincial customers</p> <p>Maintain Ontario's financial contributions to the electric vehicle and battery auto pact and ask the federal government to do the same</p>	<p>Double ODSP benefits and index them to inflation</p> <p>Introduce the Supporting Access to Funding for Equipment rebate to offer up to \$500 for homes, \$5,000 for small businesses and \$10,000 for religious/cultural institutions to purchase safety equipment that deters auto-theft, robberies, and other criminal activities</p> <p>Undertake a review of provincial auto insurance practices to bring down costs for consumers</p> <p>Protect prime farmland, including the Greenbelt, and champion a sustainable agri-food sector to support farmers and rural communities</p> <p>Train more officers and launch special Bail Courts for high-risk and repeat offenders involved in illegal drug and fentanyl trafficking, firearm offences,</p>	<p>Double ODSP and Ontario Works rates</p> <p>Create a Monthly Grocery Rebate and force retailers to publicly post when they raise prices by more than 2% in a week</p> <p>Legislate a net-zero economy by 2050 and invest in reliable, clean energy</p> <p>Reduce energy costs through on-bill rate relief for low-income homes in rural and Northern Ontario</p>	<p>Establish an Ontario Foodbelt to protect prime farmland</p> <p>Prioritize Ontario-grown food by developing local procurement guidelines for public sector purchases, establish a fund to increase local processing capacity, and invest in local food hubs to support local farmers, supply chains, and businesses</p> <p>Double ODSP and Ontario Works rates and tie all future increases to inflation</p> <p>Work with insurance providers to develop an affordable commercial insurance program for small businesses</p> <p>Implement a Commercial Renter's Bill of Rights</p> <p>Create standardized commercial leases</p> <p>Undertake a review of regulations to</p>

<p>Continue to annually increase Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rates with inflation</p> <p>Ban Chinese components from all future energy procurements, including buying/taking equity in any Ontario government-funded energy, critical mineral, or major infrastructure asset</p> <p>\$50M for two more OPP helicopters to help Niagara Regional Police and Windsor Police conduct more border patrols</p> <p>Continue investments in the OPP's/RCMP's Operation Deterrence to crack down on guns and drugs crossing our borders</p> <p>Deliver the Home Renovation Rebate program to cover 30% of everyday home renovation and improvement projects</p> <p>Create a financial literacy graduation requirement for Ontario students</p> <p>\$100M to increase the Risk Management Program for farmers responding to market challenges</p>	<p>robberies, home invasions, and carjackings</p>		<p>weed out red tape and costs that disproportionately affect small businesses</p> <p>Simply employee ownership trusts and corporation to worker co-op conversions to help new buyers or employees buy existing small businesses when the owners retire</p> <p>Establish a NextGen Ownership Fund to help entrepreneurs with business purchases</p>
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Enforce the ban on drug consumption sites within 200 metres of schools and licensed child-care centres

Pass legislation to address illegal encampments and crack down on illegal drug use in all public spaces

Mandate upfront payment of bail bond deposits

Incentivize the use of Ontario grapes to support the VQA sector

