

1. Stage 2 LRT Provincial Funding Commitment

The City of Ottawa, in partnership with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada, is currently procuring Stage 2 of Light Rapid Transit, scheduled to begin construction in 2019. Stage 2 will bring LRT farther East, West and South. It will reduce commuting times for Ottawa residents and families, contribute to a long-term reduction in GHGs and support the City's economic diversification. Stage 2 procurement also includes the extension of the Trillium Line from South Keys to the Riverside South Town Center.

1.a Does your party support the Province of Ontario honouring its \$1.2 Billion funding commitment to the City of Ottawa for the full buildout of Stage 2?

Yes.

The last Conservative government cut the provincial government's funding for municipal transit, and Kathleen Wynne refused to restore it. The Wynne Liberals have created chaos by politicizing transit decisions to serve the interests of their party and their friends. Funding approvals are ad hoc, making it impossible for municipalities to make long-term plans to ensure that the right transit is built where it will best serve the public interest.

Conversely, a New Democrat government will get Ontario moving again with better transit and safer roads and bridges.

We will honour all existing commitments to which the province and the City of Ottawa have agreed.

The NDP will restore the province's 50 per cent share of funding for municipal transit operations – improving service and helping make fares affordable. That means spending more than \$800 million to improve transit and paratransit service across the province.

1.b Does your party support the Province of Ontario honouring its \$50 million funding commitment to the City of Ottawa for the extension of the Trillium Line from Bowesville to Riverside South Town Center.

Yes.

2. Province of Ontario Commitment to increase City's share of gas tax

In 2017, the Province of Ontario announced an increase in the Provincial share of gas tax to be shared with Ontario Cities. For every litre of gasoline sold, Ontario currently provides two cents to municipalities to help fund local public transit improvements. Beginning in 2019, Ontario will gradually increase the municipal share of gas tax funds up to a total of four cents per litre in 2021-22, as follows:

- **2.5 cents per litre in 2019-20**
- **3.0 cents per litre in 2020-21**
- **4.0 cents per litre in 2021-22**

In 2021, the City of Ottawa's contribution is estimated to increase to \$73 million from \$36.5 million in 2018, an average funding increase of approx. \$12.2 million annually, over three years. The planned increase will allow the City to continue to invest in and fund much needed public transit needs.

Does your party support honouring the Province of Ontario's commitment to increasing the municipal share of Provincial gas tax revenue, as outlined above?

Yes.

The NDP has long fought for increased funding for transit projects in Ontario. As mentioned above, it is also important to note that an NDP government will commit to funding 50 per cent of operating costs for municipal transit and paratransit.

3. Affordable Housing Funding Commitment

On April 30th, 2018, the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario announced they have reached a bilateral agreement under the National Housing Strategy. The 10-year agreement will invest more than \$4.2 billion to protect, renew and expand social and community housing, and support Ontario's priorities related to housing repair, construction, and affordability. The governments of Canada and Ontario will also work together on the design and implementation of a new Canada Housing Benefit in Ontario. This new bilateral agreement will support long-term and predictable funding starting April 1, 2019.

Does your party support honouring the Province of Ontario's commitment to the National Housing Strategy with a commitment to the successor program to the Investing in Affordable Housing Ontario Program?

Yes.

Andrea Horwath and the NDP believe housing is a human right. Our goal is to ensure every Ontarian can access safe, affordable housing.

In addition to maintaining existing commitments, an NDP government will build new affordable homes — 65,000 of them over the next decade. Andrea Horwath will sign on to the federal National Housing Strategy, which will fund the construction of about 20,000 units, including non-profit and co-op housing. Our 10-year capital plan will make additional investments to build the remaining 45,000 units. And we will provide the co-op housing sector with \$3 million to seed co-op bid development.

Does your party also support the continuation of the following two provincial programs recently announced:

(1). The Development Charges Rebate Program, where \$18.5M was committed over a 5 year period to support the development of new purpose-built rental housing in the private and not for profit sectors; and,

Yes.

(2) The provincial Home for Good Program, where, Ottawa was allocated a total of \$11.3M in operating funding and 19M in capital funding for new supportive housing for people struggling with physical and mental health challenges.

Yes.

According to Addictions and Mental Health Ontario, as of 2018, "there is a staggering shortage of supportive housing in Ontario.

Andrea and the NDP will invest in 30,000 new supportive housing units over the next 10 years, starting by spending \$1.4 billion to build 12,000 supportive housing units within its first mandate, as recommended by Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions Leadership Advisory Council and leading mental health advocacy organizations.

This commitment is over three times as large as the Wynne Liberals' commitment in the 2018-19 budget. We will fund ongoing rent supplements and support staff costs.

4. Supporting Long-Term Care

Does your party support honouring the Province of Ontario's commitment to fund more direct, one-on-one patient care for long-term care residents?

Yes.

Andrea Horwath and the NDP know that too often, long-term care homes themselves are failing to protect the dignity, health, and even the safety of those who live there.

We will build and fund 15,000 more long-term care beds over the next five years — rising to 40,000 new beds by 2028. Our investment will focus on expanding the not-for-profit and municipal sector, where funding goes to patient care instead of profit. This will include investment in culturally-appropriate care: offering seniors greater access to care in their primary language, eating food they are familiar with, and engaging in activities they know and love.

Andrea Horwath and the NDP will also restore a legislated minimum standard of care for every long-term care resident in Ontario, and fund long-term care homes so they can meet it. That standard will require every long-term care home to give each resident a minimum of four hours of hands-on care every day on average.

We will support the work of local health organizations to build community programs for the most vulnerable people, and we will work with long-term care providers to ensure their residents have full access to publicly funded dental services.

4. Maintaining Uploading Agreements

The Province of Ontario began "uploading" approximately \$1.5 billion in social service costs in 2008. This program has been implemented and saved the City of Ottawa approximately \$25 million a year. I am sure you would agree that it makes more sense to fund provincially mandated social services for the larger and more diverse provincial revenue base than from the municipal property taxes.

Do you personally agree that the Province of Ontario should maintain the uploading program?

Yes.

Does your political party commit to maintaining the uploading program?

Yes.

Ontario has not yet recovered from the damage caused by the Conservative government's decision to download billions of dollars in provincial costs onto municipalities nearly two decades ago. Under the Wynne Liberals, municipalities are still paying what used to be provincial costs, such as social housing, ambulance services, transit, and the maintenance of provincial highways within city boundaries.

Andrea Horwath and the NDP will deliver change for the better – enhancing the existing program. The NDP understands and respects local government, which is the closest to the people and provides services and infrastructure that people depend on every day.

An NDP government will undo the damage caused by decades of disrespect and downloading by Liberal and Conservative governments.

Andrea Horwath and the NDP will stop and reverse the downloading of provincial expenses and responsibilities to local governments – this means fairly sharing responsibility for transit, housing, and child care costs. As mentioned, the NDP will cover 50 per cent of municipal transit and paratransit operations, cover our one-third share of costs of social housing capital repairs, and restore funding to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

Further, the NDP understands that one-size-fits-all does not work for Ontario municipalities. We will develop policies that respond to the unique needs and challenges of small communities, while also empowering larger towns and cities.

5. Traditional Infrastructure

Residents understand that the last seven years have seen the Province focus more heavily on transit infrastructure – which required a massive catch-up effort. Today, residents are asking us to shift some of that focus to our other built infrastructure needs. What we are hearing – at public meetings or in informal conversations - is the need to continue to do more about the state of our roads, infrastructure, buildings and parks. The infrastructure gap is a significant challenge for municipalities nation-wide. For every \$1 billion dollar invested in new infrastructure, 10,000 person years of employment will be generated in Ottawa, including 5,500 new jobs in the construction sector.

Will your party consult with Ontario municipalities on the need to establish a traditional infrastructure program for roads, bridges, highways, pedestrian and cycling facilities?

Yes.

Communities across Ontario have seen the impact of decades of cuts to public services. The most obvious examples are roads, schools, or hospitals that need repair.

The Ontario NDP will keep down the costs of transit, hospitals and schools by making infrastructure planning and procurement decisions based on the long-term public interest, not the needs of profit-seeking private financiers.

The NDP believes that infrastructure is a public good, and that it should serve the public interest.

We will invest over \$180 billion in infrastructure and will ensure it remains public, avoiding P3s. Additionally, we will expand Community Benefits Agreements, making them integral to all infrastructure projects. These agreements give experience to Ontario apprentices and give growing companies a chance to supply projects with their goods and services — while setting standards for efficiency and climate-resilient construction.

As mentioned, we will also restore funding to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, allowing local governments to make long-term plans. We will also work with lower-tier municipalities to ensure they can get funding for important local priorities.