



2025 Liberal Election Platform **LIBERAL**

Key Takeaways*

- Originally, the Ontario Liberal Party announced [six policy commitments](#) and have been focusing on addressing issues in healthcare.
- Municipalities were mentioned once with regards to housing and development charges with other promises related to transit and tariffs having several implications for municipalities.
- In the recently released costed platform, municipalities are mentioned four times.

**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

The Ontario Liberal Party's 2025 election promises:

- More For You Tax Cut
- Guarantee a family doctor for everyone in Ontario
- Make housing more affordable
- Make transit safer
- Tariff relief plan to fight for you and your paycheque
- Double Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Context

In the 2022 election the Ontario Liberal Party gained another seat for a total of eight, but with changes to the party status legislation increasing the seat requirement to 12, the Liberals did not obtain official party status in the Legislature. The party worked to rebuild, choosing Bonnie Crombie as leader in December 2023. Most recently the Mayor of the City of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie also served as a city councillor and was a former Member of Parliament (MP).

AMCTO 2025 Provincial Election Priorities

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. The party committed to a fair, “New Deal for Municipalities” at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, and it was mentioned again during the Ontario Northern Leaders’ Debate. Though not in the party’s policy announcements, we did receive a commitment from the Liberals during delegations at the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference that should they form the next government, legislative changes to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) and the *Municipal Elections Act* (MEA) would be on the table.

Local Government Perspective

Provincial-Municipal Relationship

- Sustainable funding for municipalities for locally provided services, and upload some health and social services currently paid for by municipal property taxes to the province; specifics have not yet been shared

Economy

- Cut the income tax rate for middle-class Ontario families (from 9.15% to 7.15% for the \$51,446-\$75,000 income bracket)
- Eliminate sales tax (HST) on home heating and hydro bills
- Cut the small business tax rate from 3.2% to 1.6% and increase the eligible income threshold
- End the consumer carbon tax
- Create a “Fight Tariff Fund” to give Ontario businesses lower interest rates and work to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers
- Create 40,000 new paid co-op, internship and apprenticeship positions through tax credits for employers who hire young people.

Health Services

- Invest \$3.1 billion to attract 3,100 family doctors by 2029
- Educate, attract and retain thousands of new domestic and internationally trained family doctors
- Improve the Ontario Health Team network to expand access to family doctors practicing in teams close to your home within four years
- Modernize family medicine, put an end to fax machines once and for all, and make appointments available on evenings and weekends
- Stop penalizing patients and doctors if they seek care at walk-in clinics
- Create two new medical schools and expand existing ones
- Offer a \$150,000 bonus for Canadian nurses and doctors working in the U.S. to move to Ontario

Housing and Homelessness

- End development charges for new homes under 3,000 sq ft and replace them with the Better Communities Fund
- Eliminate the provincial land transfer tax for first-time home buyers, seniors and non-profit housing developers
- Re-introduce rent control for all units, resolving Landlord-Tenant Board disputes within two months, and establish the Rental Emergency Support for Tenants (REST) Fund



Infrastructure

- Ensure stimulus spending on infrastructure is focused on the community projects Ontario needs most – hospitals, schools, roads and transit

Transportation

- Build platform edge doors at Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) subway stations to improve safety
- Hire 300 special constables for transit systems around the province
- Create a stream of funding for transit services to add safety equipment like cameras and establish the Crisis Assistance and Response Enhancement (CARE) Fund to double investment in mobile crisis intervention teams that operate on transit systems
- Deliver all-day, two-way GO train service between Kitchener and Toronto

Social Assistance

- Permanently double Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits and index them to inflation

For more information on this note and our 2025 provincial election priorities, please contact advocacy@amcto.com.