

COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (ONTARIO) A PEOPLE'S ALTERNATIVE FOR ONTARIO

AN ECONOMY THAT PUTS WORKERS FIRST

- Increase minimum wage to a liveable level of \$23/ hr indexed to inflation.
- Enact price controls on food, fuel and housing; prosecute price fixing and price gouging.
- A 32 hour work week with no loss in pay.
- A full employment strategy: expanded manufacturing, social programs, social housing construction and public infrastructure and public ownership of key resources and industries.
- Repeal Bill 124 and ban legislation that would place limits on free collective bargaining.
- Introduce a guaranteed livable income program to raise social assistance and disability rates to a livable level and fight to expand Employment Insurance to cover all unemployed workers.
- Ban temporary employment agencies and extend all employment standards to 'gig work'.
- Plant closure legislation to prevent relocation to low-wage jurisdictions.
- Anti-scab laws, bankruptcy protection, and card check union certification for all workers.

DEVELOPMENT THAT IS PUBLICLY OWNED AND CONTROLLED

- All P3 (privatized) developments replaced by publicly owned programs.
- Energy resources and industries under public ownership.
- A single, publicly-owned provincial electrical utility that includes production, distribution, and transmission.
- Scrap Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs) and expand environmental assessments.
- Abolish the Land Tribunal and replace it with local, democratic land-use and planning.

EXPANDED UNIVERSAL PUBLIC SERVICES Health

- Increase health and hospital funding to above the national average.
- Full, free and universal dental care, vision care, pharmacare, mental health care and long-term care.
- Put all Long-term care facilities under public ownership, with funding for adequate and well-paid staff and sufficient PPE.
- Bring Big Pharma under public ownership and develop a generic pharmaceutical industry.
- End the opioid crisis by decriminalizing drug use, expanding safe consumption and supply programs and humane treatment, rehabilitation and public education programs.

Housing

- Rent control to cover all rental units and enact rent rollbacks to ensure no one has to pay more than 20% of income on housing.
- A provincial social housing program that treats housing as a public utility and delivers it according to need: build 200,000 units and upgrade existing ones.
- Provide regular inspections for all rental housing and enforce stiff penalties, including expropriation, for landlords who do not meet standards.

Childcare

- Province-wide universally accessible and quality public childcare, free of charge.
- 24-hour childcare, for parents who work shift schedules.

Education

• Stable, needs-based for public schools and lower class sizes.

Continued from the other side

- End public funding for Catholic schools and enact • a single, secular public school system.
- Eliminate tuition fees for post-secondary • education and cancel student debt.
- Restore positions and programs at Laurentian and • fully fund post-secondary education.

Transportation and Transit

- Expand municipal and regional public transit, and • eliminate fares.
- Build a province-wide electric highspeed rail • network and a publicly-owned bus transportation.
- Public auto insurance, to provide full coverage at • affordable rates.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Impose strict legal limits and penalties for • pollution and emissions.
- Develop a publicly-owned green energy industry. •
- Reject fossil fuel based pipeline projects and ban • fracking.
- Guarantee jobs for displaced carbon industry • workers in the renewable sector and other sectors at comparable wages in the same community.

JUSTICE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- Recognize Indigenous self-government and self-• determination.
- Stop corporate, private or public development on • lands with Indigenous claims.
- Equitable standards and funding for housing, job • creation, quality education and healthcare for Indigenous people living on or off reserves.
- Immediate cleanup of poisoned Indigenous land • and water, and compensate families.

FOR FULL EQUALITY & AGAINST OPPRESSION

- Enforce pay equity laws to eliminate the gender wage gap, and introduce employment equity for Indigenous people, women, people with disabilities, and people from racialized and 2S/ LGBTIQ communities.
- Strengthen enforcement and penalties for hate • crimes, ban hate groups, and increase funding for anti-oppression and equity-seeking programs
- Work to end to all forms of violence against women, and provide adequate funding for social and economic supports.
- Sharply reduce police funding, demilitarize the police, disarm most police units.
- Strengthen strict civilian control of police by replacing the SIU with public hearings, and appoint special prosecutors to prosecute police officers.

PROGRESSIVE TAX REFORM

- Enact tax reform based on ability to pay, to shift the tax burden onto corporations and the very rich.
- Double the corporate income tax rate, to 23%.
- Abolish the provincial/harmonized sales tax. •
- Eliminate taxes on personal incomes under \$40,000.
- End market-based property tax assessment and • remove education from the property tax.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL REFORM

- Mixed Member Proportional Representation (MMP) for provincial elections, introduce 'rightto-recall' legislation for all elected offices and restore the rights of unions to participate in elections.
- Lower the voting age to 16 and allow all residents to vote.

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