

## Questions received from residents

### 1. MUNICIPALITIES

- a. How would your party boost predictable, long-term funding to municipalities so that they can deliver the services our community needs?

**Grant municipalities autonomy to implement revenue tools to fund critical infrastructure needs and services.**

**Provincially fund 50% of shelter and community housing costs while allowing municipalities to maintain management control.**

**Restore the 50% provincial cost-share for transit operations and support electrification plans for all municipal transit systems.**

- b. What can the provincial government do to help reshape and revitalize our downtown?

**A green government would help municipalities in developing plans for their downtowns that focus on complete development. Keeping our focus on our goals of creating communities that are livable, affordable and connected. Not merely a concrete jungle operating from 9 to 5 that doesn't provide the products and services required for downtown residences to live within their neighbourhoods.**

- c. Given the problems with the LRT do you feel the Ontario govt should stop using P3s.

**Public infrastructure should remain public: cost overruns and delays can be mitigated with proper planning, the vision to offer the best solutions for the long term, and the determination to follow through. We need much better oversight. Relying on consultants creates a disconnect and then it just becomes a job.**

### 2. INFRASTRUCTURE

- a. What will you do to ensure access to school boards in communities where there is a significant lack of community centres and facilities? (Gyms, fields, etc.)

**We should aim to maximize the use of any public infrastructure to benefit the community in general. Once a school is closed due to lack of enrollment, we should repurpose it while maintaining the community's needs in mind. There are many uses such as mental health support, public health, training, meeting spaces, emergency response, sheltering, community organizations, office space, co-working spaces, specialized classes, training, meeting spaces, community market... the list goes on and on. We should not be looking at merely selling it off to the highest bidder.**

### 3. ENVIRONMENT and CLIMATE

- a. Is your party in favour of Ontario tapping into hydroelectricity from QC ? refurbishing decaying nuclear power plants.

**A resilient electrical grid needs to be interconnected. Getting power from Quebec is a solution that doesn't get enough attention. The Ontario Greens favor more localised power production and storage. There is an abundance of clean, safe and accessible energy: more than enough to replace production**

from nuclear generators over time. We can maximize the usefulness of the nuclear generators we already have, extend their life cycle, but only if necessary. These nuclear plants will eventually need to be shutdown, fully decommissioned and cleaned up. We can dream of a world of free, limitless energy, but it won't be done with Fossil Fuels or Nuclear. These are either too dirty or too dangerous.

b. What is your environmental plan  
15-minute neighbourhoods, connected communities, emergency preparedness it's quite detailed in our platform, safeguard and use water sustainably, stand strong on environmental justice, protect biodiversity and strengthen animal welfare rules.

c. How will you protect wetlands?  
By expanding the green belt and introducing a water belt to protect marshlands and their tributaries such as rivers, creeks and streams.

d. If elected, what is the most important action you will take locally to improve the climate issue?  
Protect the tree canopy we already have, look into new and old technologies to relocate trees instead of simply cutting them down and planting new ones. Look beyond our noses and see that there many solutions that we are looking for that are already being implemented successfully.

e. How are you planning to proceed with climate change ?  
The time to act was years ago, we must plan ahead to make sure people have the coping skills and support to minimize the effects of each disruption that we will face in the future. The best way is to bring back local resiliency by producing and sourcing more of our needs closer to home. Refocusing our economy on disaster management, climate resiliency and developing systems for adapting.

f. The intense, but short-lived (20 min) storm last week knocked out power to more than 1/3 of households in Ottawa, which equals to ~40% of the city's population. The Premier referred to this as once in a lifetime storm: however, climate change means increased instability of weather systems. There will be more of these and other climatic events. So, if your party is in power, how do you build environmental resilience in Ottawa?

**There is a real human and economic cost to not making our cities and towns more resilient to disruptions: a cost that is far greater than investing in control measures now.**

**The Green party of Ontario commits to creating a \$2 billion fund to help municipalities with emergency preparedness and response, and to ensure each area has a local crisis center that is built to withstand such events now and to be adaptable to worsening effects we will be facing in the near future.**

**A \$200 million fund to help municipalities with flood protection and climate resiliency.**

#### 4. MINORITÉS

a. Comment contribuerez-vous à la revitalisation du Quartier Français de Vanier ?  
**Faire en sorte que le caractère du quartier se maintienne. On doit à la fois reconnaître, encourager à développer des attractions qui reconnaissent la valeur des contributions des francophones dans le quartier, mais aussi reconnaître l'importance des contributions autochtones. Travailler avec nos partenaires dans la communauté pour en faire une destination, un quartier à visiter. Apporter de la vie dans le quartier.**

b. What does your party intend to do to increase access to French language education across the province (50/50) to ensure everyone can learn French and become bilingual ?  
**By putting a greater emphasis on French immersion. Working together to develop a curriculum that seeks to promote continued use of two languages. To recognize the benefit of multilingual instruction. Desegregation by language. At the very least, to have a minimum conversational level.**

c. Que ferez-vous pour revitaliser la culture et les arts francophones et autochtones ?  
**En les supportant avec nos Hub communautaires, donner de l'espace pour développer et présenter leurs talents. Les villes et les communautés sont des endroits pour vivre, nous avons tous des besoins et nous avons tous des talents à partager. Travaillons ensemble à se développer, à s'encourager à faire du mieux qu'on peut.**

#### 5. LONG TERM CARE and HEALTH

a. What role should the private sector have in sustaining our senior homes  
**The Green party of Ontario fully supports a strong and publicly funded system. We need to make the system better by ensuring the best care is provided and the best preventative measures are implemented. The private sector's role is in supplying and supporting our Health system. We are people, not objects and not clients.**

b. Interested in Long Term Care. What are we doing right and wrong? How do you propose to improve it?  
**Putting a greater emphasis on home-based care, offering the financial support necessary to those who provide the care. Make the health care system more adaptive. Dedicate more to research. Finding alternative care strategies.**

c. What priority will you give to long term care homes and will you regulate them with standards  
**Regulations are pointless without oversight. The biggest failure in long term care was assuming that private industry put the interest of the people first. There was a lack of inspections, lack of follow up, and lack of enforcement. Furthermore, the lack of enough staff, and overwork of existing staff, was a disaster waiting to happen. And, it became a disaster. Privatization was introduced in the mid 90's. Successive governments have failed Long Term Care.**

- d. What will you do to reduce the number of children on the waitlist for autism services?

**By working with the existing network of caregivers and hiring more front-line staff.**

- e. Que proposez-vous pour améliorer notre système de santé ?

**Bâtir un système qui est résilient, adaptable et compréhensif. On doit mettre une plus grande emphase sur la prévention, les soins alternatifs, les connaissances autochtones. Inclure la santé mentale en général. Continuer à encourager la recherche et de promouvoir l'innovation.**

- f. What does your party propose to address the shortage of family doctors in Ontario ?

**Recognise the skills of new immigrants who were medical professionals in their previous country. Help them to upgrade their qualifications if necessary, while keeping them involved in the medical field at the very least while doing so.**

- g. Nurses are very unhappy, they are understaffed and underpaid. What will your party do about that?

**Our society is based on providing better pay and working conditions to those who we value the most. The current government doesn't seem to value health care as much. It's hard to feel valued when you require longer commutes due to affordability. These are front line essential workers. They cannot work from home. We need to retain and attract more people to the field, the best way is through better working conditions. We will repeal bill 124 and some sections of bill 106 to guarantee worker rights to better conditions. We are human beings not machines.**

- h. What improvements will you make to long term facilities?

**A minimum of 4-hours of direct care. In person, more comprehensive inspections, use resident surveys, follow ups and strengthen laws relating to compliance. Restore bargaining rights, increase minimum pay to \$25/ hour for PWS and \$35 for nursing until bill 124 and sections of bill 106 are repealed.**

## 6. EDUCATION

- a. Will you & your party ensure Min of education guidelines to school boards for shared public use of school facilities is enforced ?

**Yes, as much and as often as we can, the province should get back to providing the equipment needed to support students and to have it available to community organizations.**

- b. Two of the candidates running in Ottawa-Vanier have been or are School Board trustees. Would these two candidates identify what initiatives they instigated with the School Board to improve student learning and safety during their tenure. And would all the candidates identify what steps they would take as an MPP to improve the learning environments in our schools.

**Inclusiveness, outdoor learning, interactive learning, more focus on history and cultures of all peoples by all peoples, focus on what brings us together, make sure it's adaptive to changing needs.**

- c. What will you do to reduce the number of children on the waitlist for autism services

**There is a varying level of care needed by children struggling with autism, the current funding formula does not put the best care within reach of those who need it most.**

## 7. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

- a. What is your opinion of a proportional representation electoral system, compared to the First Past the Post system?

**Proportional representation is a necessary reform to ensure a strong democracy. There will always be divergent opinions. The idea is to work together, collaboratively, not against one another.**

## 8. HOMELESSNESS

- a. What are your plans to deal with the homelessness epidemic that's going on in Ontario. How will you create solutions that will last and help people stay housed

**Work with community partners and experts in Housing-First to implement a province-wide strategy. We need to lower the reliance of large shelters and put people in homes so they can have the stability of a roof over their heads while getting the care and support needed to fully integrate into society. These homes could be as simple as a shipping container outfitted with sleeping, eating, cooking and cleaning. Connected to existing water, sewer and power and used until a more permanent solution is found. At least it provides an address, a home and a safe space.**

## 9. COALITION GOV

- a. Would your party agree to join in a coalition government and not form a one party government

**The Green party is committed to working across party lines to ensure the best level of care and service can be provided to all constituents. We will work to always keep the interest of people and the protection of our environment at the forefront of any decisions. Making coalitions **power se**, should not be necessary if we always work together.**

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Equity in learning, adaptive, more balanced, more practical, geared towards a life long model that is adaptive to changing and future needs. Support research in education.

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OTHER

a. Why should I vote for you ?

As your Green party representative, I will always put the priority on people, where and how we work, and how we live and play.

b. What are the top three priorities that must be addressed in Ontario?

1. **Mental Health is health.**
2. **Addressing the climate emergency by giving the tools and the support they need to make better choices that reflect communities that are livable, affordable, resilient and accessible to all with solutions that are for the long term.**
3. **Cancelling expensive, destructive highways that are counterproductive.**

**c.** How will your party manage the debt ?

A society that is resilient and looks after its citizen's most pressing needs must do so in a sustainable way. Greens will always strive to live within our means. Saving money requires investments for the long term. It's the short term thinking of cancelling previous programs, introducing programs that benefit the few but make for a popular headline. These tactics are irresponsible and lead to more waste and more debt.

12. LICENSE PLATE AND ENVIRONMENT

a. Both the NDP and the Liberals voted with Doug Ford to scrap the license plate sticker fee. Why? They didn't have to since the measure would have passed with a Conservative majority. At a time when Canada needs to be reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and the provincial government is so cash-strapped, this strikes me as irresponsible.

**The Green Party was the only party to vote responsibly and reject an obvious election gimmick. What will replace the \$1.1 billion in forgone revenue? Which programs get underfunded and cut?**

**Where do your priorities lie? The green plan puts priorities on helping those who need it the most, not just the ones that draw the most attention.**

13. QUEBEC AND HEALTH CARE -

a. Would your party consider starting to refuse Quebec people receiving services from Ontario doctors and hospitals. Ontarians are having trouble finding doctors as well as facing long wait times for procedures in hospitals, because of all the Quebecers using our doctors and hospitals. As well the Quebec government never pays the full amount billed by doctors and hospitals, because doctors and

hospital services cost less in Quebec. Therefore we, Ontario taxpayers are subsidizing Quebec people for medical services received in Ontario.

**I think better collaboration is needed. We have to realise that the reality in Toronto or Windsor, is not the same as in Ottawa. Greens would work with the federal government to ensure better access and coordination of services on a regional basis to maximize efficiency and offer overall better care. I would be against refusing care over cost, but one should not be penalized for doing the right thing.**