

ONTARIO ELECTION - PARTY QUESTIONNAIRE

We believe voters need to know how your party would link protecting our environment to creating a dynamic, competitive economy and healthy people and communities. The three questions below and the issues listed for each can help voters understand your vision for an Ontario that embraces environmental protection as a cornerstone of growth and prosperity.

You are welcome to provide a single up to 500 word answer to each question or address the issues listed below each individually. We will post responses on the [GreenProsperity.ca](https://greenprosperity.ca) website and member groups will share through their social media feeds, etc. Responses will be posted verbatim with no further commentary or rating.

For insights into our joint policy recommendations, [please visit https://greenprosperity.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Ontario-future-final-compressed.pdf](https://greenprosperity.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Ontario-future-final-compressed.pdf)

How will your party address the affordability problems facing Ontarians, including:

- The housing shortage and barriers to building housing in infill locations with denser urban formats that would help lower costs and better match what families need.
- increasing the frequency and reliability of public transportation and improving active transportation options to reduce dependency on costly personal vehicles.
- Taking full advantage of low-cost solar and wind power and efficiency measures and working with Quebec to deliver power storage services to lower energy costs.
- Still rising grocery bills and growing food insecurity that may be increased by climate change and development on vital foodlands.

How will your party improve the liveability and health of our communities in a way that reduces exposure to toxins and protects vital natural areas, specifically:

- The huge infrastructure challenges facing municipalities, including the need to increase climate resilience and access to healthy green space combined with the need to get maximum value from public infrastructure dollars.
- The need for more robust and comprehensive waste diversion programs that retain resource value and avoid toxic emissions.
- The destruction and deterioration of the natural areas and farmland that protect communities from flooding and other climate-driven disasters.
- The need to protect globally important natural ecosystems with high ecological integrity in northern areas and remaining wetlands everywhere.

How will your party seize opportunities to grow Ontario's economy and jobs, specifically:

- Building a more circular economy that reduces over reliance on single-use products.
- Making the most of energy transition possibilities while ensuring impacts do not outweigh benefits for workers or the environment.
- Better recognizing the immense value of ecosystem services like climate control, clean air and clean water and the linkage of these to human health.
- Using GHG emission reduction efforts to drive new economic opportunities and jobs across the province.



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