

Q1. Premier, I hear you and your government say all the time Ontario has the safest roads. Why then do we have our very own “Carnage Alley” in Elgin County? When will you build the barrier? Not just cables but concrete?

We will be building concrete barriers on this stretch of highway. It takes time to do the planning work and the environmental assessment for the concrete barriers so while that work is getting done we'll put cable barriers in place.

We know that this will improve safety in the short term while we get the long term work done in order to put the concrete barriers in place.

Q2. Hello, I drove in today from Lambton Shores. I have lived here my whole life but I don't recognize it. These wind turbines have ruined our landscape and they are poisoning our communities. Our water is full of silt and dirt. It's BLACK in some places. Now these monstrosities are falling down and breaking. When will you halt all wind turbine development? When will you fix the damage you've already done?

Thank you for the question. The short answer is that we suspended the procurement of large renewable energy projects back in 2016, a decision that saved up to \$3.8 billion in costs. We came to this decision because we had reached a point where after years of necessary investments in clean, reliable energy, there was no longer any need for further procurement.

The reality is that we inherited an electricity system that had been badly neglected under the previous Conservative government. As families and businesses across Ontario remember, brown outs, black outs, and smog days put our economy and our people at risk. We took that dirty, unreliable electricity system and we made it clean – and one all of us can count on. Thanks to our leadership, Ontario already benefits from 90% emissions-free electricity generated by a diverse supply of generation sources including wind, solar, nuclear, hydro-electricity, and bioenergy.

The key now is keeping this clean, reliable system affordable, which is why our Fair Hydro Plan is lowering bills by 25% on average for families and as many as half a million small businesses and farms.

Q3. Premier, our province is in \$300 billion of debt. You've leveraged our future to bring down hydro rates, or at least you claim. My bill hasn't gone down. But our roads here aren't better. Our hospitals are fuller than ever. You're closing schools in our rural communities. Why on earth do you think we should keep you in the Premier's office.

First I want to say that if you're struggling and need assistance, we are here to help. Whether it's health care, income support or something else, we have programs in place that you may be eligible for. I'll have a member of my staff speak with you afterwards to make sure you get the help you need.

Now this is a great question because I know there are many others out there who feel the same way. With a strong and growing economy like Ontario's, the cost of living has gone up and sometimes outstripped the pace of income growth. That's exactly why we're stepping in to increase fairness and create more opportunity by phasing in a \$15 minimum wage.

We know many people like you have seen prices go up and seen their incomes stagnate. That's not fair.

And it's why we're also taking action in other ways to help all Ontarians who feel like they're struggling. Our Fair Hydro Plan is lowering bills by 25% on average with lower-income families and those in rural and remote areas seeing decreases as high as 40-50%. Our plan also keeps rates consistent, holding them to inflation over the next four years. So whether it's lower hydro bills or the Ontario Electricity Support Program to keep your costs down, rent control to protect you from unfair increases, free tuition to help your son or daughter go to school, OHIP+ to cover your children's drug expenses or expanded childcare to give working parents more flexibility – everything we're doing will help you no matter where you live in Ontario.

Q4. Premier, I'm an environmentalist from Pelee Island. I know the threat from climate change is real and I applaud your government's work, though I think it could go much further. That said, I am concerned about the impact of wind turbines on migratory birds. I know we need green energy, but we also need birds. What are you doing to protect endangered birds from being cut to pieces by giant turbines?

Well first of all thank you for understanding the threat we face in climate change and the work you're doing to fight it. As you may know, we've made great progress in building out a clean, reliable energy system that now produces over 90% emissions-free electricity by a diverse supply of generation sources including wind, solar, nuclear, hydro-electricity, and bioenergy. Thanks to years of necessary investments, we're now at a point where we've suspended the procurement of large renewable energy projects, which could include wind turbines, because we no longer need more power.

In terms of the impact on birds, Ontario does have clear rules in place to protect birds, bats, and their natural habitat. This includes environmental impact studies, protection of significant wildlife habitat and mandatory post-construction monitoring – all requirements that we expect the wind industry to follow. Additionally, Environment Canada has further requirements for applicants to meet regarding potential impacts to migratory birds.

Q5. Premier I'm a farmer and my family has been working this land for generations. Never before have we faced a government that has been so hard on us. From taxes and eco fees and high hydro, then you go and ban neonics for no real reason other than Toronto environmentalists decide it's the new threat. It's junk science. Fake news. Well, I have lived on this land longer than most people in this room have been alive. I care about it. And I'm telling you neonics are no threat. Will you reverse this ban?

Thank you for your question and for all the work you do. This is an important question because when it comes to issues like this I think we need to find a balance. We need to find a way to protect our pollinators but to also make sure that we don't make things too onerous for farmers.

We consulted broadly on our pollinator health strategy and what we put forward is a strategy that has reduced the use of neonics but also provides farmers with strategies to increase yield while better managing their pest populations.

But as with everything we do, if there are ways that we can improve a strategy we're always open to suggestions.

Q6. I'm glad you're here tonight Premier Wynne because I have something you need to hear. I want to know when you're going to call a full inquiry into long-term care in Ontario. We all read the headlines about the killer nurse who ran rampant and unchecked. But her actions are part of a much, much bigger problem. The inquiry cannot focus on Elizabeth Wettlaufer alone.

So I want to start my answer by expressing my deepest condolences to the victims, their families and the communities in Woodstock, London, and the surrounding areas. What happened was truly a tragedy that should never have happened and should never happen again.

That's exactly why we've established a public inquiry led by the Hon. Justice Eileen Gillese to ensure that we get the answers we need to prevent a tragedy like this from ever happening again. As to your question, this inquiry will go beyond the circumstances of the Wettlaufer case and will provide us with recommendations to improve the safety and well-being of residents by reviewing the policies, procedures, practices and oversight mechanisms for long-term care homes. In particular, Justice Gillese has been asked to inquire into the circumstances and systemic issues which may have contributed to the assault and death of residents who were under the care of Elizabeth Wettlaufer. A final report, including recommendations, will be delivered to the Attorney General by July 2019 and shared with the public.

Q7. Hello, thanks for coming tonight Premier. I want to ask about affordable housing and inclusionary zoning. I was thrilled when your government took up this long-time NDP policy, but now I see the details are full of holes. When will you draft a real inclusionary zoning policy, one that will actually ensure affordable units are being built?

Thank you for the question. I'm well aware that it's tough out there for too many people to find a decent place to live. This is both a social and an economic problem. I'll be frank: what governments have tried until now is not working. I want to find the right tools to help foster liveable, affordable, mixed-income cities.

One way to do that is with Inclusionary Zoning, which is what we're proposing. Our Minister of Housing started consultations in December and has had an enthusiastic response so far. Some people think our proposal does not go far enough, and I hear their concerns. This is a new tool that we need to get right. It will help create more affordable housing, but it is not a panacea. It must be used alongside tools like rent control, portable housing benefits and an increased minimum wage.

Housing advocates have told us our proposal does not require enough affordable housing units to be created within each development. But it is a proposal – the final version won't be ready until we hear more from the public and housing experts. We need to strike a balance between creating affordable housing and not disincentivizing developers to build. We also cannot squeeze out middle income households in the process. But we hear this concern and take it very seriously.

There is no question that having a stable, affordable place to call home opens up possibilities for better education, health and work outcomes. That's why I want an Inclusionary Zoning program that gets this balance right—so more people can realize that dream.

Q8. Hello Premier, I want to thank you for standing up for workers in the fight for a fair \$15. But I want to know why, if you're so concerned about workers, you passed back-to-work legislation last fall?

Thank you for the question. I want to be clear that throughout the entire college strike, our focus was on students. Students were in the middle of that strike for far too long and that was not fair.

We wanted nothing more than to see a negotiated settlement reached between faculty and colleges that would have kept students in the classroom for the entire semester. Like other public sector negotiations, there is a process in place that ensures both sides are treated fairly. I'm a firm believer in collective bargaining and had hoped an agreement could be reached at the negotiating table.

But when it became clear this standard process was exhausted, we acted immediately and quickly by bringing in legislation to get students back in the classroom in time to salvage the semester.

I feel we acted responsibly. The Conservatives would have trampled over the collective bargaining process and the NDP would have let it go on forever. The Ontario NDP actually voted **against** our legislation and tried to keep you out of the classroom for longer.

Ninety percent of students went back to class. That's exactly what I wanted to see all along. Still, students and their families were understandably upset about how long the strike dragged on. That's why we required colleges to establish a dedicated support fund to assist them. Students can apply for assistance until the end of their winter term and I encourage everyone to do so. We've already disbursed almost \$1.5 M to over 3,000 students and we're in the midst of processing thousands more.

Q9. Premier, how do you think picking a trade war with New York State is going to help workers here in Windsor. Aren't you poking the bear when we are all terrified Trump is one day going to decide to tweet he's ending NAFTA?

I will always stand up for Ontario workers and businesses - even in the face of U.S. protectionism. I've said all along that if any jurisdictions took actions to harm Ontario workers and businesses that we would respond in kind.

I believe in free trade and the importance of an updated NAFTA agreement. That's why I've been working so hard to connect with my US counterparts to stress the importance of this agreement and the beneficial two way trade that occurs because of it.

But as I've always said if a US state attempts to take actions that would harm people in Ontario, I won't hesitate to stand up for our workers and businesses.

Q10. Premier, why do you keep letting Justin Trudeau sell out workers? The TPP was a bad deal before, it's a worse deal now. The auto sector simply can't take it.

The Federal Government's decision to sign TPP will bring new opportunities for trade, investment and job creation in Ontario. However, I do share your concerns as they relate to the auto sector.

That's why I recently held a roundtable discussion with leaders in the auto sector because I know how essential this industry is to the economic health of our province. We're working closely with our federal partners to understand the potential impacts of the latest TPP, and will continue to tirelessly promote Ontario's interests at the NAFTA negotiating tables especially as it relates to the auto sector.

Q11. Madame Premier, I appreciate your time tonight. I want to ask you about your comments a few weeks back about Patrick Brown. You talked about supporting women. But what about the men? Should anonymous, unverified

accusations really be enough to ruin a man's career? Do you think Steve Paikin is a predator now, I know you talk to him all the time.

So I'm not going to comment on any specific situations but I do think that it is always brave for these young women to come forward. It is a difficult and brave thing to come forward and to talk about their experiences that they've carried with them for many years. We can't just assume that that will change everything. That alone is not going to make the change that we need to see. We all have to be vigilant and we have to shine a light in all part of our lives to create those safe places that we know are possible. But for whatever reason we have not yet been able to successfully create that safety that allows anyone wherever they are in their lives to know who to speak to, to know that they're safe to speak up, to prevent those behaviours from happening in the first place. That has to be our objective.

So really the sum of what I want to say is that I stand with all of the people, all over the province who are trying to create those safe places. And there are many, many people who are struggling with this and I will continue to do everything that I can. But I recognize that I am in this with so many people. We all have a responsibility and will continue to work together to create that safety wherever, wherever you are in Ontario.

Q12. Premier Wynne, when will you stop taking NDP ideas, watering them down and feeding them to the public as if they are helping? I'm a pharmacist and I know OHIP+ isn't helping. It's made things more complicated. And the people who needed drug coverage the most weren't kids. Any kids with extreme needs were already covered. The people who need it are middle aged, usually single and often male. They aren't filling diabetes or cardiac medicines. Then they end up in hospital. They cost us more because we aren't investing in their primary care. When will you admit the NDP had it right and cover the 100 most-used medications in the province?

So I think it's clear that we both agree that increasing access to pharmacare is a good idea and we both understand that this is an extremely important issue for Ontarians. Being a parent can be such a scary, stressful and hard job sometimes, and I know parents here tonight and watching at home don't need any more complications on their plate. We are extremely proud to be expanding our universal health care system through OHIP+. This is a program that is making health care more affordable for families by making prescription medications free for youth in Ontario. I know many people in this province are excited about this new program, but they also have big questions.

First, I want you to rest assured that the vast, vast majority of people have been immediately covered through OHIP+ because their medications fall directly within

the more than 4,400 drug products already approved and listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary. Since January 1st, more than 950,000 prescriptions have been filled for children and youth for free.

This plan is our government's first step towards a universal pharmacare plan for everyone in Ontario. We believe that every young person in Ontario, regardless of income or social standing, should have the same access to healthcare. That is why we have been the leading voice in this country advocating for a pharmacare program that would ensure that Ontarians have access to the medications they need and deserve. We thank the NDP for coming to the table with their ideas on pharmacare. I think it's clear that we both agree that increasing access to pharmacare is a good idea and we both understand that this is an extremely important issue for Ontarians.

Q13. Premier, thank you for coming tonight, but I want you to know I'm angry. And angry might be putting it mildly. I have been living in pain for two years now. I was scheduled for a knee replacement last month. Then it was cancelled because Windsor hospital was so overcrowded. When are you going to seriously invest in health care in this province? I can't wait another year for this surgery.

I'm very sorry to hear you've been dealing with that. All Ontarians deserve access to high-quality health care and no one should have to wait as long as you have.

I want you to know that patients always come first and every decision we make is centered that. While specific cases like yours are unacceptable, Ontario's health care system today is better than when we came into office.

Here in Windsor, we've increased the number of doctors by 30% under our watch. There are 700 more nurses working here since 2010 as well. We've increased our investment in the system each and every year. At Hotel-Dieu Grace, this meant a \$9-million boost in funding last year. Overall, these consistent increases are allowing us to treat more patients, provide better care and reduce wait times to some of the shortest in the country. The results speak for themselves. More than a million more people – and 94% of all Ontarians – now have access to a primary-care provider. Wait times are down, with both the Fraser Institute and Wait Time Alliance consistently ranking Ontario as having some of the shortest in Canada. Health Quality Ontario also notes that people are seeing doctors more quickly upon arriving in emergency departments, with overall wait times being shorter as well.

It's important to know that the new Windsor-Essex Regional Hospital redevelopment project is moving forward too. The new hospital will serve over 400,000 people and will provide advanced acute care services designed to meet changing health care needs of the region's residents.

As always, I know there's more work to do and I promise we'll keep doing our best to make sure you get the health care you deserve.

Q14. Premier, you may have heard we have a lot of tomato farmers out Leamington way. I'm one of them. And I was hurt badly when Heinz closed. The new plant just isn't buying as much from us. Now the new minimum wage is going to make things even worse. I bring in migrant workers from Jamaica each year, the same crew. Good men. Hard working men. Men who farm at home and know my land now. They work hard, I feed and shelter them well. But a \$15 minimum wage will mean I can't bring as many. I won't be able to pick as many tomatoes. When will you stop trying to force so many policies on us here in the south? You're strangling our businesses, our farms.

Ontario's economy is growing and we're seeing that growth right here in Windsor where the unemployment rate has fallen to 6.1%. However, we know that not everyone is benefitting from this growth.

That's why it's important that we continue to create a competitive business climate and partner with business. When the Heinz plant closed we stepped in to find another business for that facility and we continue to make investments through our Southwestern Ontario Economic Development Fund. We invested in Chrysler and many smaller businesses like Select Tool Inc., Windsor Mold and Saturn Tool & Die among others to create and retain thousands of jobs in the region.

I know there's economic uncertainty right now and we're committed to creating fairness and opportunity throughout this province by partnering with business.

Q15. Premier, I used to like you. I liked your defense of public services. I even voted for you, even though I'm a registered New Democrat. Then you went and sold-off Hydro One. What happened to you being the defender of public ownership of public good? Will you admit that was a mistake, or at least that you lied to us all about your core values?

So we were always clear that we'd be looking at ways to maximize the value of our existing assets in order to make the critical investments in infrastructure our province so desperately needs. Through the broadening of Hydro One's ownership, we're on track to invest billions in important infrastructure projects, all of which are part of the \$190 billion we're investing across the province over the next 13 years. These investments will mean shorter commute times, newer classrooms, safer roads, new and renovated hospitals, better access to natural gas for rural communities, and more. Broadening the ownership of Hydro One allows us to do this without increasing debt, taxes, or cutting public services.

There's a clear difference between our approach and what the Conservatives did with the 407. While they gave the 407 away in a fire sale, every dollar realized

from our current assets will be reinvested in new infrastructure. We will also remain the single largest shareholder of Hydro One and will continue to benefit from its dividends. Everyone in this room knows we need to make important investments in infrastructure and broadening the ownership of Hydro One was the way to do it.

Q16. Hi, I own a lake front property about an hour outside of Windsor. I drove in today Premier because I'm at my wits end. I'm 75 years old, my family has owned this property for longer than Canada has been a country. Now, thanks to the idiots at MPAC, I can't afford to live there anymore. Will you help people like me stay in our homes? Will you lower our property tax increases?

I'm sorry you've had to go through this. We know there's a lot of economic uncertainty out there right now which is why we continue to upload costs from municipalities so that they can keep their property taxes down.

What I would suggest to you, if you haven't done this already, is to appeal the MPAC assessment. Sometimes they get their valuation wrong and so there is an avenue for you to appeal that decision to see if you can get a lower assessment.

Q17. Premier, you have made a lot of empty promises to the southwest in recent years. I have family in Kitchener still waiting for all-day GO and a highway 7 expansion. I have been waiting for my auto insurance rates to drop or my hydro bills to go down. So I admit I'm more than a little skeptical when you promise high-speed rail to Windsor.

We are 100% committed to bringing high speed rail to Windsor. We recognize how important it is to connect Windsor with the rest of the province and that's why Windsor is part of the on-going environmental assessment.

I get that there is some concern about the phasing of the project but this is an enormous project that will take time to get done. As our special advisor has concluded the Windsor portion could be completed by 2031 and we're committed to getting it done.

Q18. Premier, why won't you dump an Ontario Liberal candidate who engaged in predatory collection practices?

As part of our candidate vetting process, Deanna was upfront and made us aware of this situation. The interactions that led to the ruling from the Law Society were clearly unacceptable. Deanna took full responsibility for her staff, apologized and worked with the Law Society to address these matters at the time. She is a passionate advocate for her community and will be a strong representative for Humber River-Black Creek. This matter has been dealt with and Deanna remains a lawyer in good standing with the Law Society.

Q19. Hello Premier, you talk a lot about protecting women. But does that include women in our prisons? Delilah Blair's family is still looking for answers after she died in the South West Detention Centre. Five people have killed themselves in our jails here in the Windsor area. When will you realize Coroner's inquests aren't enough?

My sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of this individual. I know that there is still a lot of work to do to improve our correctional system – that's why our government is already engaged in bold and comprehensive reforms.

To ensure lasting change, we are enhancing staff and mental health supports for those in our custody and care and we continue to hire more new correctional officers. We also intend to introduce new legislation that, if passed, will help us enhance corrections in Ontario by ensuring our system is centred on rehabilitation and supports better outcomes for those in our custody and care.

I am committed to continuing to work closely with frontline staff and managers, as well as partners across the justice system to ensure that any future changes meet the needs and safety of all our staff and inmates.

Q20. Premier, you might not realize this from your cozy spot in Toronto but we live on the border here. It's not as bad as Quebec or Manitoba but the flow of illegal immigrants who would leech off our system is getting worse. I guess you and your buddy Justin Trudeau are OK with that as long as you get big city photo ops. But we aren't down here. When will you stop letting illegal immigrants in, especially when there are so few good jobs left.

Well, thank you for that question, and as I'm sure you're aware the federal government in charge of immigration policies. With that being said though I believe that Ontario must remain an open and welcoming place - a place where people come from around the world can come to create a better life for themselves and their family. Yes, it's important that people follow the rules but other than our indigenous people, every one of us came from somewhere else.

In terms of good paying jobs, I know that even though our economy is growing not everyone is benefitting from that growth. That's why we're raising the minimum wage, making university and college tuition free and make prescription drugs free for everyone under the age of 25.

Q21. Hello Premier, thanks for driving down from Toronto. I'm a new homeowner and a new mom. My husband works in auto manufacturing, at least for now. I'm an ECE in a local school, but we are worried about costs. And now our house has already gone down in value. It's already worth less than what we bought it for just 6 months ago. I want to know why you imposed housing policies to help rich kids in Toronto buy homes on us down here in the southwest?

Thank you for your question. Housing costs are a concern not just here in Ontario but across the country and internationally as well. When the rising cost of housing is making more and more people insecure about their future, we knew we had to act.

While a strong housing market was reflective of Ontario's strong economy - affordability was a real and growing concern. That's why we introduced the Fair Housing Plan to stabilize the market for home buyers and renters. Through the 16 measures we introduced we're making buying and renting a home more affordable and fairer. We're expanding rent controls to protect people against sudden, dramatic rent increases that force them out of their homes. These measured set of responses were meant to ease the enormous pressure people are under right now when it comes to housing.

Obviously housing prices will go up and down over time but what we want to see is a degree of stability throughout the market. Yes, Toronto has been the focus for many people but the reality is that communities across the province – Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo, the 905, Ottawa, and Thunder Bay to name a few – were seeing prices spike. The goal of the plan was to make buying and renting a home more affordable and recent data shows that our plan is having its desired effect.

Q22. Hi, I wanted to ask about the new bridge to Detroit. I have family across the river, and I sometimes go there for work. We really need this bridge and soon. Now I'm hearing it won't even be done by 2020. Is that true?

I completely agree with you that this is a badly needed project. The completion of this bridge will not only benefit this region but increase economic opportunity throughout the province and the country. While the Federal Government is in charge of this project, I agree with you that the sooner we get this done the better. I'm pleased that this project is finally moving forward after years of delay, it's time we get this bridge built.

Q23. Premier, I want to know where this promised 25 per cent reduction on my hydro bill is? My bill might not be going up as fast but it sure as heck isn't any lower now than it was when you Liberals brought in that awful green energy scam.

That's a good question, thanks for bringing it up. I know the cost of hydro remains a concern for many people across the province, so I'm happy to address it here in Windsor.

It's why lowering bills by 25% on average for families and as many as half a million small businesses and farms across the province was so important to me as part of our Fair Hydro Plan.

This is the single largest rate reduction in Ontario's history. Rates are also going to stay down — that means no more unexpected big spikes — as we're holding them to the rate of inflation for the next four years. On top of that we've also

expanded or introduced investments like the Ontario Electricity Support Program and the new Affordability Fund, both of which provide further assistance to Ontarians who need it.

So bottom line is that you should already be seeing that reduction on your bill and there may be other programs you qualify for to help you save even more money.

Other topics that will come up but we don't need to prep the Premier on:

- College strike
- General affordability
- Minimum wage
- Sexual violence
- Marijuana either about amnesty or about safety and communities not wanting stores
- Auto insurance rates