

1.0 Preamble

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2.0 Principles Guiding the Accord

This agreement establishes the basis for which the XX Caucus will provide confidence in an Ontario YY Government. It is not intended to lay out the full program of a Government, nor is it intended to presume Ontario XX Caucus support for initiatives not found within this agreement.

Both the XX and the YY parties campaigned for a government that put people at the centre of their decision making. Our policy proposals included many points of agreement, including:

1. Delivery of better health care
2. Strengthening income security
3. Making Ontario a more affordable place to live
4. Protecting the environment and taking action on climate change
5. A commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples

This agreement sets out a new relationship between the two parties who agree:

To provide a sound and stable government.

To accept that each Party has an identity that is legitimate and to recognize this Agreement as a mechanism by which both parties can focus on their similarities and common goals in order to serve the best interests of the province as a whole.

To support sound social and economic policies, in accordance with provincial resources, and to promote the implementation of these policies in a fair and equitable manner.

To uphold the principle of a professional, politically neutral public service based on merit.

Commented [MK(1)]: Health and social services?

Commented [MK(2)]: This sticks out a bit as being about the civil service, not the agreement between the parties?

3.0 Term of Accord

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4.0 Definition of Support

It is understood that the traditions, practices and precedents of the Ontario Legislature are that individual bills are not considered matters of confidence unless so designated by the Government.

We undertake the following:

1. The Leader of the XX will not request a dissolution of the Legislature during the term of this agreement, except following defeat on a specifically-framed motion of non-confidence.
2. The XX will neither move nor vote non-confidence during the term of this agreement.

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3. While individual bills, including budget bills, will not be treated or designated as matters of confidence, the overall budgetary policy of the Government, including the votes on supply, will be treated as a matter of confidence.
4. To advance the initiatives identified in Schedule 1 and 2. These objectives are not an exhaustive list of the initiatives the Government or XXCaucus will advance, but are areas where we agree on shared values and outcomes for Ontarians.

5.0 Dispute Resolution

[PLACEHOLDER – Secretariat Function? Consultation processes?]

Schedule 1: Legislative Reform

Employment Standards Act – Public Holiday Pay, minimum wage increases

Labour Relations Act – card-based certification, first contract arbitration

Schedule 2: Policy and Program Initiatives

Pension Reform – reduce barriers to joining the existing public Jointly Sponsored Pension Plans and lobby the federal government for greater protection of pensions during insolvency.

Autism – develop a comprehensive autism-support strategy, in full collaboration with families, caregivers, people with autism and experts in the field.

Auto Insurance – address affordability and inequity; end neighbourhood discrimination and provide a 15% premium reduction.

Basic Income – create and implement a new basic income program based on the conclusions of the basic income pilot.

Reform Tarion Warranty Corporation

Housing Affordability

Revenue sharing

Duty to Consult