

Key Themes Comparator

Area	Liberal	NDP	Comment
Fiscal/ Economy	Commitments: - Budget will set out investment plan and path to balance - Economic growth is generated by investing in people, and creating an attractive investment environment - Continued work with First Nations of Ring of Fire - Ring of Fire/Transportation - Build a year-round access road and make upgrades to existing highways and bridges as part of a \$1 billion commitment to the Ring of Fire	Commitments: - Raise income taxes for Ontarians earning more than \$220,000 - Increase tax on corporate profits - Housing speculation tax for foreign and domestic speculators - Address auto insurance affordability and inequity (e.g., 15% premium reduction) - Economic cluster strategy - Invest in Ring of Fire - Implement revenue sharing	Significant overlap Key differences: - Income tax - Corporate tax - NDP focus is more segmented, with narrower focus e.g. taxes for specific individuals/groups, regional strategies Signi
	Other potential areas: Auto insurance reductions		
Business Supports	Commitments: - Good Jobs and Growth Plan – revamping existing business support programs - Investments in (re)training programs - Trade opportunities at sub-national level and international to support export and growth	Commitments: - Support for small and medium-sized businesses (e.g., government procurement) - Jobs and Prosperity Fund investments (e.g., manufacturing, trades, mid-career education/training)	Significant overlap - Training & development Key differences: - Regional approach vs. broader, global approach overlap
Labour/ Employment	Commitments: - Labour reform implementation, including minimum wage increase to \$15 as of Jan. 2019 - Basic income Other potential areas: - Expansion of WSIB presumptions/coverage	Commitments: - Raise minimum wage to \$15 and then index to inflation - Basic income - Various workplace measures (e.g., paid vacation, card-based union certification, first-contract arbitration) - Enhanced access to pension plans & greater protection during insolvency	AlignedAli

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Education/ Training	Commitments: • Accessible and affordable child care (including free child care for preschool-aged children) • Investment in high needs areas in K-12 to ensure equitable outcomes, including special education • Modernize K-12 curriculum and assessment and tools (including next steps on Independent Review of Assessment and Reporting) • Postsecondary affordability through OSAP • Highly skilled workforce initiatives including apprenticeship modernization	Commitments: • Free child care for low-income families and average \$12/day for others • New education funding formula • Moratorium on school closures until new funding formula • Class size cap for kindergarten • End EQAO testing • Support for debt free postsecondary education • Faculty renewal strategy • Support job placements for students, skills training, and trades	Significant overlap • Post-secondary support, in principle • Investments in education for supports • Support for apprenticeships/trades Key differences: • Income testing on free child care • Education funding • School closures • OSAP/post-secondary funding delivery • Support for post-secondary faculty
Health Care	Commitments: • Hospital operating funding increases • Investment in mental health and addictions • Expansion of benefits (e.g., OHIP+, dental) • Care for seniors (including home and community care, long-term care)	Commitments: • Ministry for mental health and addictions and new investments • Universal dental care (through workplace benefits plan(s), and public dental care for seniors and people receiving social assistance) • Universal pharmacare by 2020 • Increase hospital funding to fix overcrowding and reduce wait times • Long-term care (e.g., create more beds, hands-on care, inquiry) • Improve Indigenous health care • Support health care professionals • Invest in home care and community care services • Eliminate wait times for palliative care • Expand stem cell transplant capacity •	Significant overlap • New ministry specific to MHA • General alignment on pharmacare & dental care • Home & community care & seniors Key differences: • Scope of hospital funding • Wait times

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Energy	Commitments: - Continued implementation of current fair hydro plan - Create a gas-price watchdog to make sure oil companies aren't price fixing Other potential areas: - Opportunities for trade agreements to provide clean energy supply	Commitments: - Bring back Hydro One to public ownership, buy back the shares through dividends - Re-establish independent oversight of Hydro One - Reduce hydro bills by 30% - Eliminate HST on bills - Consumer Protection/Fuel Price - Bring stability and transparency to gas prices through legislation, especially in Northern Ontario - Will bring stability and transparency to gas prices, based on legislation put forward in NDP Private Member's Bills.	Moderate overlap - Hydro rates Key areas of difference: - Hydro One ownership - Eliminate HST on bills - Approach to gas price oversight
Environment	Commitments: - Continued WCI participation and investment in CCAP - Strengthen role of GreenON (e.g., vs. IESO) Other potential areas: - Use of (free?) allowances to support sectors - Water taking permits – increase fee/tax? - Action on adaptation (with financial sectors)	Commitments: - Cap and trade revenue - invest 25% in northern, rural, and low-income Ontarians, and trade-exposed industries, and \$50M in home-efficiency retrofit program - Update the Environmental Bill of Rights - Develop provincial food and water Strategy	Significant overlap: - Continue cap & trade Key differences: - Provincial food & water strategy
Land Use Planning	Commitments: - Implement changes to local planning and decision-making (replacement of OMB with Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) - Continued implementation of the Fair Housing Plan and developmental roundtable recommendations - Greenbelt boundary review	Commitments: - Replace Far North Act - Overhaul inclusionary zoning regulations (e.g., to require inclusion of affordable units in new developments) - Encourage housing options including development of missing middle housing	Significant overlap: Affordable housing

Transportation/ Infrastructure	Commitments: - Long-term infrastructure plan (e.g., life-cycle assessment; broadband strategy) - Recent federal/provincial agreement including initial project list - Review Toronto/regional transit ownership - Fare integration - High-speed rail	Commitments: - Invest in infrastructure focusing on public projects (including northern/rural infrastructure and broadband) - Transit investments including to support 50% of transit operating costs for municipalities, GO service, and Toronto downtown relief line - Repair schools	- Significant overlap: - Infrastructure investments - Key differences: - Transit funding
Social Supports	Commitments: - Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy - Fair Housing Plan - Income security and basic income - Care for seniors - Investment in developmental services - Implementation of Ontario Autism Program	Commitments: - Increase affordable housing - Rent affordability; strengthen rights of tenants - Allow seniors to defer property taxes until house is sold - Income security and basic income - Ontario Anti-Racism Fund - Do not require adults with disabilities to re-apply for supports - Comprehensive autism-support strategy	General alignment
Justice/Legal	Commitments: - Invest in community justice centres - Transforming corrections – expanding prevention and diversion - Support for police training - Implement legalization of cannabis	Commitments: - Repeal laws that allow privatization of policing - Police accountability and training - Community policing - Ban carding - Resourcing for correctional and community facilities - Clear up court backlog - Modernize bail rules & operations	Alignment - Supports for corrections & policing - Key differences: - Scope of commitments

Government Service Delivery	Commitments: Continued Service Ontario modernization	Commitments: - Review services that are delivered by private sector – should they be public (e.g., Carillion and highway/road maintenance) - Restore funding for Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund - Changes to oversight/roles of Ontario Ombudsman and Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth (e.g., health care, children’s aid societies) - Strike electoral reform commission	
Northern	Commitments: - Increase Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corp funding to a total of \$150 million in the next three years and expand its programs to better support infrastructure projects and large-scale investment opportunities - Interim Social Emergencies Response Protocol - Implementing an Interim Social Emergencies Response Protocol: Deliver a faster and more effective response to the youth suicide crisis in many northern Ontario First Nation communities - Strengthen health care for people in Northern Ontario - Strengthen education in rural and northern Ontario	Commitments: - Strike electoral reform commission - Northern Hospitals - Fund hospitals, including support that recognizes the unique needs of Thunder Bay and communities across the north - Northern Rail Strategy that includes reviving Northlander Rail	Significant overlap: Infrastructure & health care

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