

Patrick Brown, Leader of the Official Opposition

Key Facts and Statements

Canadian Club with Patrick Brown – May 17, 2017

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- Ontario's Affordability Crisis
- Are you better off today than you were a year ago? Is your job safe? do you have funds at the end of the month?
- After 14 years, Ontario is now a "have-not" province.
- Patchwork policies and quick billion dollar decisions.
- Fictional Budget: \$5 billion hidden deficit with \$312 Billion in net debt.
- Balanced budget but debt is going up \$34 billion. Off Budget spending.
- Each person owes \$22,000 in debt, plus annual interest.
- Getting value for the money spent. Little shown for all the money spent.
- Government waste. Throwing money away.
- Credit downgrade three times.
- Ontarians should be treated with respect.
- The Fair Hydro Plan is a hoax. It is an election gimmick.
- HydroOne CEO is being paid \$3.7 million when Quebec CEO is being paid \$400,000.
- Government is not fixing the hydro problem; they are borrowing to give short-term rate relief. Hydro rates are going to skyrocket after the election.
- Release the energy contracts. Stop signing new contracts when Ontario has a surplus of electricity. Recently signed 1,100 new FIT contracts a day after their Fair Hydro Plan.
- They hide all the bad deals hidden in the Global Adjustment.
- Could of gotten out of the Samsung deal to avoid more than a \$1 billion in added costs.
- I would renegotiate the existing contracts.
- Affordability of Health Care: Getting value for money; spending too much on health administration; firing 1,600 nurses; spending in the wrong area; in home care alone, 39% is going to administration; 80 more health VPs in administration; money needs to go to patients.
- Carbon pricing: I get our youth care about the environment and they want us to help. We need to do it in the correct way. Government is expected to raise \$1.9 billion (a year) that is going to what they already announced.
- Free tuition for low-income students: No new money; packaged existing spending.
- We need more people in the skilled trades. Computer coding and programming.
- Waterloo Engineering School turned away 2,500 students that got over 90%.
- Law and order: Probation system – Carolyn Jarvis expose - it was horrifying. Asked Attorney General to resign. 4,513 convicted individuals that are out on parole.
- Mental health: We don't do enough on mental health. Funding has been cut. Waste times are increasing. 40% of police calls are related to mental health and tied up at emergency. Hamilton is playing a leadership role in having a nurse riding with police.
- What do you stand for: Committed to making Ontario is a job creation engine. I'm going to work day in and day out to get jobs.

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- Patrick's Mother sent him to St. Michael's High School.
- Four-pillars of economic development:
 - Cut Red-Tape: An audit of each ministry;
 - Investing in Infrastructure;
 - Affordable Electricity Prices by cutting high salaries; and
 - Address Skill Mismatch by promoting skill trades.
- Patrick's Mother sent him to St. Michael's High School
- Calling for an Accountability Act. The feds have one.
- Close the remaining loopholes in fund raising under the Elections Act.
- Go back to the previous Government Advertising Act.
- Respect Municipal Decision-making.
- Regulate the sale and consumption of Cannabis to ensure safety and the health of our youth
- Not confident with how Metrolinx is doing. We have a lot of clean up.
- Transparency leads to good government. Open the books.
- Province has cut 50 physician education positions, whereas 9,000 teachers are being trained for 5,000 positions.
- 600 schools on the chopping block – Vaughn, Barrie,
- Religious Accommodation. Allow Sheiks to wear
- Black Lives Matter – big supporter of marriage equality. Support LGBTQ. How can you exclude some when you are promoting inclusion?
- Housing affordability – need competition to encourage more supply.
- I will be pragmatic, realistic and reasonable.
- I want to create a province where it is easier to create a business.
- No monopoly on good ideas. Open to ideas from other parties.
- Want to govern in the style of Bill Davis.