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Six in Ten (61%) Ontarians Say Hydro Prices Will Impact Their Vote

www.ipsos.com - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**
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According to a new Ipsos poll conducted exclusively for Global News, six in ten (61%) Ontarians agree (25% strongly/36% somewhat) that the current price of hydro in Ontario is impacting their vote.



Public money 'shouldn't pad profits'

National Post - Fri Jun 1 2018

Tone: **Positive**
Byline: Tom Blackwell

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The word profit appears often in the **Ontario** NDP's election platform, and not in a nice way. From daycare to home care, nursing homes to winter road maintenance, the party promises to devote government funding solely to not-for-profit ...



Ontario's carbon parties

National Post - Fri Jun 1 2018

Tone: **Negative**
Byline: Todd Myers And Christine Van Geyn

Ad Value: \$10,667
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If fighting **climate change** is a priority for **Ontario** politicians, they have a funny way of showing it. Whether the **cap-and-trade** carbon tax should be kept or scrapped is a key issue ...



'If you put this to a climate test, it would fail,' expert says of pipeline, increased oil sands production

thestar.com - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**
Byline: Ainslie Cruickshank
Reach: 999000

VANCOUVER-The Trans Mountain pipeline(<https://www.thestar.com/> ») expansion project - or any project that could increase oil sands production - will make it increasingly unlikely that we'll meet our **climate** targets, says ...



Liberals listened to rural Ontario

Owen Sound Sun Times - Fri Jun 1 2018

Tone: **Negative**
Byline: Francesca Dobbyn

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From the minute I put my name forward and said I'd like to represent the people of Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound at Queen's Park as MPP, people have been asking, "Why did you choose to run Liberal?" It's a question I still get every single day as I'm going ...



Pros and cons of reviving Energy East | CTV News

www.ctvnews.ca - Fri Jun 1 2018

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Editorial: Playing pipeline politics | Editorials | Opinion | The Sackville Tribune Post

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Ottawa is playing favourites by investing billions of dollars in the Trans Mountain pipeline in Western Canada after snubbing a similar project on the East Coast. Last fall, the federal government sat idly by when the Energy East pipeline was ...



Warkentin reacts to Kinder Morgan | Daily Herald Tribune

www.dailyheraldtribune.com - Thu May 31 2018

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Grande Prairie–Mackenzie MP Chris Warkentin excoriated the Liberal government's purchase of the Trans Mountain Pipeline, blaming the prime minister for creating uncertainty in the energy industry.



Steve Simons: Resource towns never asked for a war on their way of life

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Natural resource industries in Canada are facing challenges unlike any other industry on the planet.



Don Martin: Trudeau gambles against his partisan self-interest | CTV News

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I knew Peter Lougheed, having covered him as a much younger journalist.



N.S. premier joins call to restart Energy East pipeline project pitch | Globalnews.ca

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With the federal government laying down billions to save the Trans Mountain

pipeline in western Canada, there's a movement out east to restart a pipeline project of their own. The Energy East pipeline was scrapped after TransCanada decided to ...



Tory MP critical of Trans Mountain purchase | Fort Saskatchewan Record

www.foresaskatchewanrecord.com - Thu May 31 2018

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As Alberta cheered the Liberal's purchase of Trans Mountain, the Fort's Conservative MP believes this will be the last pipeline the federal government will see go forward.



5 reasons why environmental reform matters after Canada's controversial pipeline purchase - APTN News

aptnnews.ca - Thu May 31 2018

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The federal government is buying the Trans Mountain pipeline and infrastructure from Kinder Morgan for \$4.5 billion, pledging to "immediately restart construction" on the project, which was halted by the company in April.



Trudeau wanted climate change and his pipeline, too. Now, he can't have both - The Globe and Mail

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MP critical of pipeline purchase | Sherwood Park News

www.sherwoodparknews.com - Thu May 31 2018

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As Alberta cheered the federal Liberal government's purchase of the Trans Mountain pipeline, at a cost of \$4.5 billion, Sherwood Park's Conservative MP has a different perspective.



Resting my case on carbon tax theft - Cochrane Eagle

www.cochraneagle.com - Thu May 31 2018

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The recent letters from Mr. Lee and in particular economist Mr. Perras have left me scratching my head. These gentlemen have missed the point entirely.

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It lists the cost of some Ford election pledges but is silent on others. It gives little idea of what Ford might cut to achieve his promised \$5.6 billion in annual government savings. In fact, it doesn't mention that promise at all.

It gives no information about Ford's interesting pledge to bring back \$1 per bottle of beer to **Ontario**.

It calculates the cost of its proposed corporate, individual and **energy** tax cuts at about \$7.3 billion per year, once fully implemented. But it gives no idea as to whether the resulting revenue loss will be offset by borrowing or spending cuts.

It commits an additional \$5 billion to the **Toronto** subway system. But it is silent on the cost of its main transit promise - which is to upload responsibility for **Toronto**'s subway system onto the provincial government.

It does not calculate the size of the fiscal deficit it proposes to run. Nor does it specify when a Ford government might eliminate this deficit, saying only that the PCs will "return to a balanced budget on a responsible time frame."

In short, for those seeking a detailed blueprint of what a Doug Ford government might do, it is not very helpful.

But it's not clear that this matters a whit. The notion that political parties must produce fully costed platforms at election time dates back to 1993 and the so-

called Red Book of Jean Chrétien's federal Liberals.

The idea was that voters would be able to see exactly what trade-offs were involved when parties made election promises.

While few voters were expected to read these detailed platforms, it was hoped that their very existence would make the parties seem more credible.

From the Red Book onward, those writing these platforms had to walk a difficult line. They had to provide enough detail to let the platforms have their totemic effect. But at the same time they had to be vague enough to give the politicians manoeuvring room.

The original Red Book was a classic in this regard. It said a Liberal government would eliminate **Ottawa**'s fiscal deficit over time. But it didn't say the government would do so by gutting welfare, medicare and what was then known as unemployment insurance - which is what the Liberals did. The Red Book critique of the immensely unpopular GST was so subtle that even Liberal candidates in that 1993 election were uncertain of whether the party was for or against the new tax.

One Liberal, Sheila Copps, promised to quit her Hamilton seat if the Chrétien government didn't kill the GST. She eventually had to keep that promise (and was handily re-elected in a byelection).

Mike Harris's manifesto for the 1995 **Ontario** election, the Common Sense Revolution, was a Tory version of the Red Book - designed to show that he was not an unthinking troglodyte but rather a man with a **plan**.

As platforms go, the Common Sense Revolution was a brilliant piece of work. But it, too, was carefully vague, not mentioning for instance that the Tories might curtail spending by scaling back hospitals - which is what they did.

Sometimes, party platforms contain hidden traps, as did Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne's manifesto for the 2014 **Ontario** election. In that platform she made a vague promise to look at maximizing the value of government assets - a pledge she later used as justification for privatizing **Hydro** One.

Sometimes, governments simply renege on their election platforms, as Bob Rae's New Democrats did in 1991 when they abandoned plans for **public** auto insurance.

Ultimately, governments - once elected - will do what they think is best, regardless of platform promises.

So does Ford's failure to produce a full-scale platform matter? My guess is: Not much. The very fact that he's done anything should be enough to satisfy wavering Tory voters.

Should these be enough to propel him into office, a Ford government will not be defined by a platform, no matter how detailed. It will be defined by Doug Ford.

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Local Supporters Rally Behind Ford

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The hall at the Fogolar Furlan was packed half an hour before Ford arrived, with more chairs being set up and people lining the side and back walls. By the time he arrived, between 250 and 300 people were shoulder to shoulder, with more spilling out the door. Blue PC baseball caps and signs stating "Doug for the People" and "Help is on the Way" dotted the **crowd**.

Standing on a stage, in front of a bank of **Ontario** flags, he gave a classic populist speech punctuated repeatedly by applause, cheers and shouts of "Yeah!" Former leadership rival and now **Newmarket**-Aurora candidate Christine Elliott, who many believe would have been a more moderate leader, joined Ford on the stage.

"Together we will turn this province around," he told the **crowd**. "A new day will dawn with growth and prosperity the likes of which this province has never seen."

He repeated his **plan** to cut **hydro rates** 12 per cent, fire "the \$6-million man" - referring to **Hydro** One CEO Mayo Schmidt, who earned more than \$6 million last year - cut taxes for middle income earners by 20 per cent and eliminate taxes for minimum wage earners.

"We believe people can spend money a lot wiser than the government," he said. "People are a lot smarter than the government."

He also repeated his **plan** to reduce some of what he called the province's 380,000 regulations.

"We will make sure we're the most competitive region in **North** America," he said. "We're going to go down to the border and we're going to put up that big sign we've been talking about - '**Ontario** is open for business.' We will be booming once again."

The **crowd** ate it up, cheering and waving signs.

Ford repeated his promise to add 30,000 new long-term care beds, spend \$1.9 billion on mental health care, addictions and housing and provide dental care for seniors. He didn't say how he'll pay for these measures, and he said nothing about his promise to cut four per cent or \$6 billion from **Ontario's** budget.

But he did say, "No one - no one - will lose their job."

He attacked both the Liberals and NDP, repeating his promise to conduct "a complete audit top to bottom, line item by line item, going through all the solesourced deals making money off all the hard-working people in this province," suggesting something untoward by the Liberal government.

He said the province was being "destroyed" by the highest sub-national debt in the world that costs \$12 billion a year in interest.

He warned that the NDP would be "ten times worse," calling them "radical anarchists" and raising the memory of the Bob Rae government. NDP candidates are attacking the military and police, he said, referring to a candidate who once posted on social media she refuses to wear a poppy on Remembrance Day and another who criticized **Toronto's** police chief.

He received a standing ovation when he finished.

"I want to go shake his hand," a woman declared, marching off to the stage.

Half an hour after he finished, people were still lined up the length of the hall waiting to meet him. He shook hands, posed for photos, signed shirts and signs, pulling out a handkerchief to mop the sweat dripping down his face.

"We're Ford Nation," proclaimed Catharine Winkler, a 56-year-old semi-retired executive assistant who lives in Belle **River** and posed for a photo with Ford.

She and her husband Greg moved here a year ago from **Toronto**. Doug Ford's late brother Rob was their councillor. When he became mayor, Doug was their councillor. When Doug ran for mayor, his nephew Michael became their councillor. They've been to Doug Ford rallies in Kingsville and Chatham.

"When you call them, they return the call and fix the problem," she said. "Work ethic is No. 1."

"I love him," said 80-year-old Natalina Capannelli. "We don't have a choice. We cannot support the Liberals any longer. I never trusted the NDP. They ruined **Ontario** when Bob Rae was in."

"I like everything he was talking about," said Randy Tansley, a 57-year-old retired truck driver from Windsor, referring to Ford's promises to cut **hydro rates**, taxes and the price of **gasoline**.

He lives on an \$1,100 a month pension, he said. He has \$200 left after he pays his bills.

"Every time somebody wants more, that's less left," he said.

Much of his money goes to pay for insulin, he said. He pays for that or he eats - "it's a toss-up," he said.

He asked Ford about the cost of auto insurance, and Ford told him he'll investigate that.

"Make **Ontario** great again - I think that's what he's going to do," said 25-year-old Olin Ashak, borrowing U.S. President Donald Trump's campaign slogan.

"I'm incredibly happy with the turnout," said Chris Lewis, the PC candidate in **Essex**. "It's very supportive. People know change needs to happen. They're open to Conservative voices."

It was Ford's second straight day in Southwestern **Ontario**, a battleground for the Conservatives and NDP, the two top parties. ajarvis@postmedia.com

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Ontario voters wishing to elect a government that believes in fiscal discipline are being left without a party.

In 2017, the Liberal government announced the budget would be balanced in

2017-18, and they set a target of bringing the bloated debt burden back to where it stood prior to the 2008 financial crisis. It seemed **Ontario's** fiscal woes were being put in the rear view mirror. An obstacle to economic growth was being tamed and the day could be seen when more of taxpayers' dollars would be available for **public** services as less would be squandered paying interest on the debt.

What a difference a year can make. The Liberals decided to drive off the path of fiscal discipline with a 2018 budget that featured so much new spending that the deficit was projected to average almost \$6 billion over the next five years. If proper accounting conventions had been used, as urged by the auditor general of **Ontario**, the average would have been more like \$12 billion.

Instead of declining, the debt burden would resume its upward march, reaching well above anything recorded during the 1990s, when it was generally accepted **Ontario** was in fiscal crisis.

Voters disliking the willing return to deficits and huge debt burdens offered by the Liberals will naturally look for a party with an alternative fiscal perspective. They will not find that in the NDP. Its platform, corrected for the error made concerning the contingency reserve, features deficits averaging \$4.6 billion over the next five years and that does not include anything for the **plan** to re-purchase half of **Ontario Hydro**.

Furthermore, the NDP platform uses the same accounting conventions the auditor general criticized the Liberals over. If proper accounting is applied, the NDP's deficits would be similar to the Liberal's **plan**.

Proponents of fiscal discipline may find appealing the Conservative's reference to balancing the budget by the end of the mandate, although on the party's website that initial pledge has morphed into balancing over a "responsible period." Yet it is not clear under what accounting conventions they envision doing this.

The major budget savings being offered is a \$6 billion per annum spending cut to be found by tackling inefficiency. That would be enough of a challenge on its own, but the exercise becomes highly dubious under the rider that no civil **service** jobs would be affected.

Even if the savings were secured, they would not be enough to offset the cost of promises made: a middle-income tax cut that seems more lucrative for higher-income individuals; scrapping **cap-and-trade** for greenhouse **gas** emissions and hence foregoing the revenues from permits; a corporate income tax cut; a **gasoline** excise tax cut; a 12 per cent **electricity** price reduction on top of the Liberal's **plan**; and the elimination of personal taxes for those earning around minimum wage.

Those alone exceed the proposed saving or just balance the savings if all the environment spending associated with **climate** change were also scrapped. But other pledges have been offered, including new spending for mental health, long-term care, **Toronto** transit infrastructure and uploading to the province the municipal operating costs of transit.

Putting it mildly, new or old math, this doesn't add up to deficit reduction, never mind elimination. We may never be able to check the Conservatives math because the earlier promise of a fully costed platform seems to have been replaced with a tally of initiatives and no explanation of how they fit with balancing the budget.

So none of **Ontario's** three major parties stand for fiscal discipline. But the piper must be paid and hence the stage is merely being set for future tax increases or cuts in services. And in the meantime, a lot of money will be wasted on interest on the **public** debt.

If the NDP or the Conservatives form the next government, wait for that tired old refrain of how the books look worse from the insider perspective than the previous government let on. Voters will not fall for that. Everyone knows the fiscal situation is worrisome.

Everyone except the three major parties that is.

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One may have expected someone from **Toronto** to wax nostalgic for Kathleen Wynne, but no one in this area ever will. "Brilliant," "compassionate" and "integrity" are words that should never be used to describe Wynne or any member of this Liberal government who have run roughshod over the people of **Ontario** for 15 years.

In the last 10 years alone, Dalton McGuinty and Wynne have more than doubled our provincial debt to \$350 billion. The interest on the debt is \$12 billion a year, equal to the third or fourth-largest ministry in the government and behind health care and education. Mr. Nichols, can you imagine how much money could go to health care and education for Ontarians if there had even been a modicum of fiscal restraint by the Liberals? Instead they choose to waste money or buy votes through the teachers' unions or **public service** unions or whatever kind of a scheme they can come up with.

Cleaner and greener **electricity**? Ask the people of Chatham-Kent who have had their water wells spoiled while having windmills jammed down their throats.

Ontario's auditor general states that Ontarians paid \$37 billion more for **electricity** over eight years than they should have due to overpriced "green **energy**" and poor government planning. Now to cover up the mismanagement, Wynne has doubled down on the mess by foisting the debt to future generations by "giving people reductions" on their **hydro** bills in a bid to get re-elected.

The latest scam this government has created is the carbon tax, where the cost of everything we use or buy has increased while they export \$450 million of taxpayers' money a year to Quebec and California to help reduce carbon emissions in **Ontario**. It is a scheme that would be so laughable if it didn't hurt Ontarians everyday of their lives. Yet the Liberals just use it to squeeze more tax dollars from everyone.

E-health, **gas** plants, selling **Hydro** One, carbon tax, election scandals, 300,000 good manufacturing jobs gone, school closings, hospital mismanagement.

I ask anyone who reads this to just think of all the people who could have been helped in this province if the last 15 years of Liberal government waste hadn't occurred.

And Mr. Nichols, it is not surprising to see the last line in your letter where you ask anyone who is a Liberal to vote for the NDP. With Andrea Horvath and the NDP, you will get exactly the same. There is no difference in either of those left-

wing ideological driven parties that feel they know what is best for you and they will take your money and spend it on their ideologically-driven social engineering plans.

I ask voters to take a look at the history of the Liberals and the NDP: Do you want more of the same government waste, which in fact actually hurts people in the long run or do you want a government that will respect what you the taxpayer are providing for the good of all?

Karl Vanderzwart

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I'd like to point out on the **climate**-change front, one party really stands out. One party has outlined no comprehensive **plan**, other than scrapping **cap and trade** and going to court with the feds over carbon pricing. Oh, and promoting innovation, somehow.

Yes, that'd be Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives.

Elaine Blacklock

Sudbury

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The stakes are high for Ontarians who'll go to the polls on June 7 to decide what kind of government - and, more importantly, what kind of future - we want in the province.

Another four years of Liberal governance under Kathleen Wynne would be unpalatable to most Ontarians. Hers is a record of failure that's made life much more difficult for many of us.

Interestingly enough, Wynne extended a mea culpa in her latest election ad, suggesting 'I can do better'. Well, the time for doing better started four years ago. Polls suggest most Ontarians have lost confidence in Wynne's leadership.

Voters need only recall the Liberals' poor record of stewardship when they cast their ballots. There is a record of year-over-year deficits, mangling the **energy** file where **hydro rates** ballooned to astronomical heights on their watch, only to be reined in temporarily by a deal to stretch **hydro** debts over a much longer period of time.

The Wynne Liberals also made the lamentable decision to sell **Hydro** One assets during their term in office, taking a prized **public** asset and selling it to the private sector. The sale will do nothing to stabilize **hydro rates**.

The Liberals added to our collective woes by taxing **gasoline** to an even higher degree in the name of a carbon tax that was also extended to our heating bills. This carbon tax fills government coffers, but doesn't make life any easier for **Ontario** residents, or measurably improve the environment.

And, let's not forget health care where wait times for care have become even more unacceptably long under the Liberals.

A national newspaper has reported the province's deal to sell three casinos, including two Durham casinos - Casino Ajax and the Great Blue Heron in Port Perry - fell well below market value, an estimated \$1.5 billion below what should have realized for taxpayers in **Ontario**.

Change is needed.

The NDP? They seem bent on giving everything away for free. As we all know, nothing is free; everything comes at a cost. For a province already on unstable fiscal ground, NDP policies are a recipe for disaster.

A reasonable alternative is the Progressive Conservative party under leader Doug Ford. Yes, he's a neophyte to provincial politics, but he's a fiscal conservative whose platform includes returning **Ontario** to a more sound, sustainable financial footing.

Ford plans to cut **hydro rates** and scrap **Ontario's** carbon tax to name a few of his initiatives. These policies would put more money back into the pockets of Ontarians and lessen their financial burdens, and that's never a bad thing.

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Whitby candidates face off in provincial election forum

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WHITBY - The need for a stronger, better connected and more sustainable community was the theme of a recent provincial election forum hosted by the **Whitby** Chamber of Commerce.

Local candidates from each of the four major parties, including the Progressive Conservatives, Liberals, NDP and Green party, weighed in on various topics relevant to **Whitby** voters, including infrastructure investment, business competitiveness and job creation.

"I want to make **Whitby** a place where businesses choose to locate, invest in our community and create jobs," said incumbent MPP Lorne Coe, who's carrying the PC banner in next month's election.

"We should be focused on making it easier for businesses to thrive - not harder. Between skyrocketing **hydro rates** and strangling red tape, **Ontario** is no longer open for business."

To improve the situation, Coe added that "it starts with lower **rates**, cutting red tape and reducing **hydro** bills for individuals and businesses alike."

Green party candidate Stacey Leadbetter agreed that the province is at a crossroads and that status quo is not working.

"The Green party has a vision to take **Whitby** and **Ontario** forward. The Green party understands that you need a balance, you need to have sustainability in your industry; in your housing; in your food production; in your health care; in your schooling, and that it's all interconnected - and if anything's out of balance, we're in trouble."

Niki Lundquist, who's running for the NDP, said residents and businesses want to see an enhanced partnership between municipalities and the province in order to benefit everyone in the long run.

"If we are going to actually attract strategic investment, if we are going to encourage investment in our communities and create livable towns and cities, we need housing and transit, child care, health care - the things that will make investors want to invest in this community."

To support businesses, she said the NDP's **plan** includes reducing **hydro rates** by 30 per cent and funding infrastructure to keep people and goods moving. She discussed lessons she's learned from her challenging past as a young mother working her way out of poverty, particularly the importance of long-term decision-making.

"I've decided to run in this election because I am tired of being frustrated by politicians who ... try to convince us that they're on our side while they offer giant corporate tax breaks, and widen gaps between the wealthy and the poor," she said.

"It matters that we invest in us, it matters that we invest in long-term care and health care and education - that we invest in people."

Liberal candidate Leisa Washington, who was the first WNBA/NBA agent in Canada and was instrumental in bringing the **Ontario** Basketball Association's headquarters to **Whitby**, said she wants to see "more towers and less homes" built to draw major companies to the area.

"When we look at Vaughan, City of Richmond Hill, Mississauga and Markham, we are definitely behind economically, so to (ensure) investors (are) attracted to our region, we have to work together with the municipality ... listen to the constituents' voice and take it back to Queen's Park."

Leadbetter said she feels that **Whitby** needs a stronger representative to allow it to keep up with other major cities in the GTHA.

"Durham Region, I've always felt is sort of like **Ontario's** dumping ground. Doesn't get respect at Queen's Park, doesn't get funding ... I would make sure that the province pays attention to **Whitby** and to Durham."

Looking ahead to the next four years, all candidates noted that their top priorities for the area are related to housing, transit, and the economy.

"There's been no major investment in affordable housing in **Whitby** or in Durham for over a decade," said Leadbetter. "Transit in town, if you're not trying to get somewhere during rush hour, it's going to take you over an hour at any other time of the day and that puts a great burden and takes a lot of time out of people's days."

Lundquist said her party has committed to building 65,000 affordable units across the province over the next decade.

"We have also indicated that we would fund \$180 billion worth of infrastructure investment so certainly the kinds of projects that are important to the town, like the innovation hub in downtown **Whitby**."

Voters head to the polls on Thursday, June 7.

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Six in Ten (61%) Ontarians Say Hydro Prices Will Impact Their Vote

www.ipsos.com - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

According to a new Ipsos poll conducted exclusively for Global News, six in ten (61%) Ontarians agree (25% strongly/36% somewhat) that the current price of hydro in Ontario is impacting their vote.

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Public money 'shouldn't pad profits'

National Post - Fri Jun 1 2018

Tone: **Positive**

Byline: Tom Blackwell

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The word profit appears often in the **Ontario** NDP's election platform, and not in a nice way.

From daycare to home care, nursing homes to winter road maintenance, the party promises to devote government funding solely to not-for-profit providers of **public** services, signalling a sweeping shift in how government programs are delivered.

The NDP has drawn much attention for its pledge to buy back the privatized half of **Hydro** One, but that's just one way the party aims to diminish the role of private business in the **public** sector.

With less than a week until the June 7 election, polls indicate it is in a tight race for government with the Progressive Conservatives.

As well as largely barring profit-making companies from offering taxpayer-funded services, the NDP is vowing to end the private-**public** P3 projects often used to build hospitals and other infrastructure, and launch the biggest expansion "ever seen" of non-profit community health centres, an alternative to private doctor's offices.

"**Public** child care dollars should go to not-for-profit and **public** providers," says a typical statement, explaining how New Democrats would spend billions in new daycare funding. "Funds shouldn't pad the profits of private companies." The party and its union allies say the shift is justified by research suggesting non-profit organizations usually offer better-quality services than firms driven by the bottom line.

But business groups and at least one academic expert said Thursday that's not always the case, and that governments should be open to all possibilities.

"What is currently in the platform appears to be very ideological," said Steve Hobbs of the **Canadian** Council on **Public**-Private Partnerships. "What would be worrisome ... is to rule out an option that has a proven record of success without even looking at the evidence."

One of the NDP's most generous pledges is to add 220,000 new daycare spots, at an estimated \$3.8-billion cost by 2022. All would be not-for-profit and **public**, the platform says, though private centres now run about a quarter of government-licensed day-care spaces in **Ontario**.

A major expansion in long-term-care beds would similarly be focused on nonprofit and municipal homes, "where funding goes to patient care instead of profit," the platform says. And a promised \$300-million boost to home care would flow "directly to better care instead of higher profits."

There is some evidence to support such a thrust.

A 2009 University of British Columbia **review** concluded non-profit nursing homes deliver better care, while a 2015 University of **Ottawa** study found residents of for-profit homes were more likely to end up in hospital or die within a year than those in non-profit ones.

But it's not always so clearcut The NDP platform says it would end P3s, claiming the auditor general found P3s had cost taxpayers billions more than if the government had borrowed the money and overseen the building itself. But the watchdog actually concluded those higher construction price tags can be more than offset by the lower long-term financial risk that P3s offer taxpayers.

The New Democrats also say they would bring winter road maintenance "back to the **public** sector," citing an auditor's report. But that 2015 report said reduced maintenance quality was the result of a change that had lessened oversight of contractors and mandated accepting the lowest bid. Outsourcing roadwork started in the 1980s and had worked well before the new system, the auditor suggested.

Dionne Pohler, a professor with the University of **Toronto Centre** for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, said It's wrong and unproductive for parties to insist one type of organization has a monopoly on efficiency or quality.

"Any kind of statement like that is just not backed up by the evidence in all cases," she said. "Profit can sometimes get in the way of achieving the **public** or social good, but it doesn't necessarily have to."

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Ontario's carbon parties

National Post - Fri Jun 1 2018

Tone: **Negative**

Byline: Todd Myers And Christine Van Geyn

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If fighting **climate** change is a priority for **Ontario** politicians, they have a funny way of showing it. Whether the **cap-and-trade** carbon tax should be kept or scrapped is a key issue in the **Ontario** provincial election, with the NDP's Andrea Horwath and the Liberals' Kathleen Wynne in favour of keeping it, and PC leader Doug Ford in favour of repeal.

But what's strange isn't the idea of repealing it - after all, the auditor general found that **cap-and-trade** would cost \$8 billion by 2020, and achieve no meaningful greenhouse **gas** reductions. Rather, what's bizarre is that both Wynne and Horwath want to keep cap-and-trade while simultaneously favouring policies that are explicitly designed to undercut the purpose of the tax.

The theory behind the carbon tax is that increasing the price of greenhouse **gases** will change behaviour, so people reduce their CO2 emissions. When asked if Canadians should expect higher fuel prices with a carbon tax, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau responded that high prices are "incentives" for "behavioural change," and this is "exactly what we want."

This is a hard pill to swallow for Canadians now facing record **gas** prices. But

the prime minister's logic is right: A carbon tax is intended to create higher prices to drive behavioural change. But Wynne and Horwath are undercutting this driver by supporting perverse pricing policies.

First, the Wynne government is intentionally hiding the carbon tax from Ontarians' bills. The tax is not listed on our receipt at the **gas** pumps or on bills for **natural gas**. Instead, the carbon tax is lumped in with the "delivery" charge for **natural gas**. By obscuring the cost of the carbon tax, consumers aren't being given the pricing information that pushes them to reduce their **gas** and heating bills. Instead, consumers see a higher price, and assume it is part of broader price fluctuations.

To its credit, the NDP favoured disclosing the cost of the tax, and joined with the PCs to support a private member's bill requiring that **natural gas** companies disclose the price as a separate line item. The bill ultimately failed, but if the NDP forms the next government and keeps **cap-and-trade** intact, it should uphold its commitment of cost transparency by requiring disclosure of the tax on bills.

The second perverse policy move by the Wynne government is even more problematic, and it is a policy supported and doubled down on by Horwath. The Wynne government is borrowing money to lower **electricity rates** driven up by the carbon tax. The government said it would pour \$1.32 billion into **electricity** subsidies to offset price increases. The auditor general found that, despite these subsidies, **electricity** prices would still increase by 23 per cent by 2020.

Hearing this, the government poured even more money into subsidies and took on tremendous debt. The "**Fair Hydro Plan**" will cost upwards of \$93 billion, all to save \$24 billion in higher **electricity** costs the government itself imposed. The NDP is going further, by pledging to use 25 per cent of **cap-and-trade** revenues to subsidize low-income households and trade-exposed industries, so they don't even feel the cost of cap-and-trade. So much for behavioural change.

Why would these politicians spend billions to undermine their own policies? The simple answer is politics. Carbon taxes come with a political cost, but they also earn credit with green groups. Adopting a carbon tax, but then hiding it from voters, offers the best of both worlds politically. For taxpayers and the environment, however, it is worst of all worlds - the environment doesn't benefit, and taxpayers find themselves further in debt after the government attempts to bribe them with their own money.

Rather than trusting politicians to protect the environment, it is time to give families tools so they can choose how to reduce their own impact. Smart thermostats, smartphone apps that track **electricity** use, and other technologies give consumers the information they need to cut **energy** use. These are the policies all of **Ontario's** political leaders should favour while scrapping the carbon tax.

Todd Myers is the director for the environment at the Washington Policy **Centre**. Christine Van Geyn is **Ontario** director, **Canadian** Taxpayers Federation.

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'If you put this to a climate test, it would fail,' expert says of pipeline, increased oil sands production

thestar.com - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Ainslie Cruickshank

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VANCOUVER-The Trans Mountain pipeline www.thestar.com expansion project - or any project that could increase oil sands production - will make it increasingly

unlikely that we'll meet our **climate** targets, says a UBC **climate** scientist who wants the federal government to start levelling with Canadians.

The political math might look good that we can build a pipeline, support the oil sands and still meet our **climate** targets, said Simon Donner, a climatologist at the University of British Columbia.

"All I'm saying, as somebody who studies this stuff for a living, is the actual math doesn't work," he said. "If you put this to a **climate** test, it would fail."

The federal government announced this week that it would buy the Trans Mountain www.thestar.com pipeline and expansion project for \$4.5 billion to ensure the new pipeline gets built.

The project, according to federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau, would create thousands of construction jobs www.thestar.com and ensure a **fair** price for **Canadian** oil.

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Federal government's mission to save Trans Mountain jobs divides B.C. and Alberta www.thestar.com

Trans Mountain money better spent on Canada's vulnerable peoples, say human rights advocates www.thestar.com

'This changes nothing': B.C. politicians and activists to fight Trudeau government's decision to buy Trans Mountain www.thestar.com

While government modelling from December shows Canada was not on track to meet its 2030 commitments based on the initiatives in place as of September 2017, the federal government has committed to meeting its targets and said the pipeline won't prevent that.

In a statement, Caroline Thériault, a spokesperson for federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna said, "the project fits within our government's commitment to tackle **climate** change, create jobs and be a leader in the transition to a low carbon economy."

"Modelling shows that Canada's clean growth and **climate** action **plan** gets us on track to our target after factoring in the impacts of the Trans Mountain expansion and a growing oil and **gas** sector," she added.

But Donner said meeting those targets would go from "quite unlikely" to "almost impossible" if the pipeline is built. He said he understands the political trade-offs at play, but he wants the government to "be upfront with Canadians" about the costs of the project beyond the \$4.5 billion price tag.

In 2016, Canada emitted 704 megatonnes of greenhouse **gasses** and oil and **gas** across the country accounted for 26 per cent. Under the Paris Agreement, the government committed to reduce overall emissions to 517 megatons or 30 per cent below 2005 levels.

As part of its **review** of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, the **Canadian** Environmental Assessment Agency examined the potential emissions from increased oil sands production resulting from the additional transport capacity the pipeline would provide.

The agency found that the pipeline could result in 13 to 15 megatons of greenhouse **gasses** from new oil production. That's equal to two per cent of Canada's overall emissions in 2016 or between 21 and 25 per cent of B.C.'s total reported emissions for the same year.

At minimum, Donner said, the pipeline would "lock in" the current level of oil

sands production and possibly lead to an increase.

The industry itself is predicting a major bump in production over the 12 years.

The **Canadian** Association of Petroleum Producers forecasted a 53 per cent increase in oil sands production between 2016 and 2030, said Elisabeth Besson, a spokesperson for the organization, in a statement.

But "innovation can break the link between **energy** growth and emissions growth," she said, adding that substantial emission reductions have already and will continue to be achieved across the sector.

Donner said it's true the industry is acting, but there's only so much efficiency they can achieve.

The Alberta government has also imposed a cap on oil sands emissions of 100 megatons. It leaves room for the industry's emissions to grow by 30 megatons.

Donner said the issue isn't continued oil production, it's expanding an industry that's contrary to long-term **climate** goals.

The federal government is giving preferential treatment to one industry and making the challenge in other industries harder by building the Trans Mountain pipeline and allowing increased oil sands production, he said.

Statements from spokespersons for both McKenna and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley's office pointed to a number of green initiatives their governments have brought in to reduce emissions. The federal government has invested in transit, green infrastructure, cleaner **fuels** and low-carbon innovation, Thériault said.

Notley's government has brought in to reduce emissions, including ending pollution from coal-generated **electricity**, cutting emissions, and developing more **renewable energy**, said Shannon Greer in a statement.

Still, Donner said the best-case scenario is that Canada barely meets its 2030 target.

But to achieve the longer-term targets the international community is aiming for in the face of catastrophic **climate** change, Donner said, "we need to be running past home base."

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Liberals listened to rural Ontario

THE SUN TIMES

Owen Sound Sun Times - Fri Jun 1 2018

Tone: Negative

Byline: Francesca Dobbyn

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From the minute I put my name forward and said I'd like to represent the people of Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound at Queen's Park as MPP, people have been asking, "Why did you choose to run Liberal?" It's a question I still get every single day as I'm going door-to-door and meeting constituents at events and on the street.

Participating in the planning around the reduction in **electricity rates** inspired me to find a way to get more proactively involved in the decisions affecting our rural communities. I'm often part of the "clean-up crew," tasked with trying to find

seemingly impossible solutions to persistent problems such as income inequity, unattainable/unaffordable housing, conflicting regulations and government red tape. It's rewarding work, yet I'm convinced there's room for **greater** impact earlier on in the process. I've now sat on three provincial committees representing **electricity** customers and have been able to advocate for stronger **consumer** protections, an increase in the **Ontario Electricity Savings Program (OESP)** monthly credit, and a ban on winter **disconnections**.

What I learned in working with our current government is that the Liberals have the capacity to listen to the needs of small town and rural Ontarians, when we bring solutions to the table. My dedication to fiscal responsibility, having built and managed a \$1 million+ budget to benefit Bruce and Grey communities, meant there was no way I could get behind the PCs' lack of a platform and promises to slash services. And while there are pieces of the NDP platform I can live with, Grey and Bruce are just too vulnerable to the economic devastation that would result from an anti-nuclear party coming to **power**.

We've been growing here in Grey and Bruce, where unemployment is less than four per cent. **Ontario** is growing under the Liberal government, too; we're outpacing the growth **rate** of the entire G7 for the third year in a row.

The Liberal government has begun implementing policies that level the playing field for all Ontarians, not just the wealthiest one per cent. The new minimum wage, tuition reforms and the OHIP+ program are ways in which this government protects and supports the most vulnerable in our province. Publicly funded prescriptions for youth, massive investments in health care and developmental services, publicly funded tuition, are all working to improve the lives of Ontarians in real, tangible ways.

With over 3,000 farms and more than half a million farmed acres of land, Grey County is the number one producer for hay, apples, sheep and lambs and is the second top producer of cattle in all of **Ontario**. And in Bruce County, our farms generate more than \$255 million annually in gross sales including corn, soybeans, string beans, canola, winter wheat, beef, lamb, pork and more. Agriculture is complemented by a variety of support and processing industries, giving us local food in our restaurants and shops.

In **Ontario**, we care for each other. All of us are work together - through government - to do the things we cannot do by ourselves.

I've spent my lifetime in community work, the past 13 years as the executive director of the United Way (currently on leave). Helping people navigate our systems is both a joy at being able to make a difference, and a frustration that I see so much more to be done. Some voters I've met have said they're sorry that this particular election is the one I chose to run in, but the bottom line is that I'm #sorrynotsorry. There's a lot at stake, and this is exactly the right time for me to step up and make sure our voices are heard when the decisions that affect our lives are being made at Queen's Park.

Thank you to all of the supporters who've stepped up and volunteered your time and skills to my campaign. It truly takes a village. And thank you to everyone across the riding who gets out and votes in this election. Exercise your right to be heard on June 7! Francesca Dobbyn Liberal Candidate for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

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Pros and cons of reviving Energy East | CTV News

www.ctvnews.ca - Fri Jun 1 2018

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Editorial: Playing pipeline politics | Editorials | Opinion | The Sackville Tribune Post

www.sackvilletribunepost.com - Fri Jun 1 2018
Tone: **Neutral**

Ottawa is playing favourites by investing billions of dollars in the Trans Mountain pipeline in Western Canada after snubbing a similar project on the East Coast. Last fall, the federal government sat idly by when the Energy East pipeline was cancelled, delivering a severe blow to provincial economies in Atlantic Canada — especially New Brunswick and the port city of Saint John.

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Warkentin reacts to Kinder Morgan | Daily Herald Tribune

www.dailyheraldtribune.com - Thu May 31 2018
Tone: **Neutral**

Grande Prairie–Mackenzie MP Chris Warkentin excoriated the Liberal government's purchase of the Trans Mountain Pipeline, blaming the prime minister for creating uncertainty in the energy industry.

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Steve Simons: Resource towns never asked for a war on their way of life

www.alaskahighwaynews.ca - Thu May 31 2018
Tone: **Neutral**

Natural resource industries in Canada are facing challenges unlike any other industry on the planet.

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Don Martin: Trudeau gambles against his partisan self-interest | CTV News

www.ctvnews.ca - Thu May 31 2018
Tone: **Neutral**

I knew Peter Lougheed, having covered him as a much younger journalist.

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N.S. premier joins call to restart Energy East pipeline project pitch | Globalnews.ca

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Tone: **Neutral**

With the federal government laying down billions to save the Trans Mountain pipeline in western Canada, there's a movement out east to restart a pipeline project of their own.

The Energy East pipeline was scrapped after TransCanada decided to back out. The decision disappointed many who felt the project would've provided a widespread economic boost.

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Tory MP critical of Trans Mountain purchase | Fort Saskatchewan Record

www.fortsaskatchewanrecord.com - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

As Alberta cheered the Liberal's purchase of Trans Mountain, the Fort's Conservative MP believes this will be the last pipeline the federal government will see go forward.

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5 reasons why environmental reform matters after Canada's controversial pipeline purchase - APTN News

aptnnews.ca - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

The federal government is buying the Trans Mountain pipeline and infrastructure from Kinder Morgan for \$4.5 billion, pledging to "immediately restart construction" on the project, which was halted by the company in April.

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Trudeau wanted climate change and his pipeline, too. Now, he can't have both - The Globe and Mail

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MP critical of pipeline purchase | Sherwood Park News

www.sherwoodparknews.com - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

As Alberta cheered the federal Liberal government's purchase of the Trans Mountain pipeline, at a cost of \$4.5 billion, Sherwood Park's Conservative MP has a different perspective.

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Resting my case on carbon tax theft - Cochrane Eagle

www.cochraneagle.com - Thu May 31 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

The recent letters from Mr. Lee and in particular economist Mr. Perras have left me scratching my head. These gentlemen have missed the point entirely.

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