

Green Party of Ontario Policy Book

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1. About

This policy book contains all of the policy and position statements adopted by the general membership of the Green Party of Ontario since its inception. It is updated after each Policy Conference and should, at all times, be considered a work in progress. The most recent copy of the policy book is always available at <http://gpo.ca/policy-book>

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2. List of Adopted Motions

2.1. Motions Adopted 2018

Universal Pharmacare

Amendment to 10.13.2. Ending preferential treatment of aggregate industry

Amendment to 21.1. General Policy

Amendment to 21.4. Northern and Remote Communities

Amendment to 21.10. Energy and building standards related to electric vehicles

Amendment to 9.3.2. Support for Renewable Energy Resources

Amendment to 9.5. Secure and Improved Energy Technologies

Amendment to 9.8. Energy Efficiency

Resource Extraction

Biodiversity

Brownfield Redevelopment

Social Innovation Foundation

Living Wage

Increasing OW and ODSP Support

WSIB Expansion

Increasing Affordable Housing

Restrictions on Solitary Confinement

Support of Anti-Racism Directorate

Immigration Settlement

Tax Credit For Families

Amendment: Policy 5.7. Police Carding

Improved Democratic Process

Amendment to Policy 8.4. Increased spending on education

Amendment to 8.6. Encouraging Local Curriculum Initiatives

Amendment to 8.3. Equality in School Services

Amendment to 8.5. Preservation of school buildings

Hydro Quebec

Providing Municipalities with Dedicated Funding

Better Access to Service for Transgender Ontarians and Their Families

Electrify Public Transit

Standardized testing

Investor State Dispute Mechanisms

2.2. Motions Adopted 2017

Amendment to 8.3 Safe Biking
Amendment to 6.5 Campaign Finance
Amendment to 5.1 Public Housing
Amendment to 3.8 Addictive Drugs
Amendment to 20.1 Limiting Urban Sprawl Amendment
Amendment to 2.13 Clean Soils Act
Amendment to 18.1 Ecological Tax
Amendment to 17.7.3 Community Land Trusts
11.5 Complement to Finance Policy
Inclusion of Telecommuting in Metrolinx's Mandate
Cancel Tax Rebate for Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings
Aboriginal Access to Dental Care
Enhancing the Risk Management Program for Farmers
Fully Public-Funded Post Secondary Tuition
Improved Dental Care
Police Carding
Equal Funding for Private Community Residential Treatment Residences Serving Children, Youth and Adults with Disabilities
Supporting the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
Fixing Ticket Buying in Ontario
United Nations Parliamentary Assembly
Repealing Anti-Pitbull Legislation

2.3. Motions Adopted 2016

Birth Control and Family Support Services
Early Health Strategy
Mental Health Strategy
Available Housing for All
Support for Renewable Energy Sources
Planning and Energy use
Support for Basic Annual Income
Evidence-based Program Review
Presumed Consent organ donation
Support for a Federal Energy Plan
Active Play in Ontario Schools
Labour Regulations for Teleworking
Strengthen the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act
Education Improvements for Students with Special Needs

2.4. Motions Adopted: 2015

Health Care: Treatment
Ensuring Fiscal Equality for Ontario's Temporary Foreign Workers
Including a Healthy Environment in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Mercury Mitigation in Treaty 3 Lands
Transforming the Alcohol Distribution System
Clean Soils Act

2.5. Motions Adopted: 2014

Dying with Dignity

Voting and Citizenship

Electoral Reform for Proportional Representation

Ending Preferential Treatment of Aggregate Industry

Enabling Public Participation in the Planning Approvals Process

Ontario Building Code

Unpaid internships

Abattoirs

Affirming Principles of Responsible Government

Sheikh-Larkin Social Assistance Reforms

Animals kept in Zoos, Menageries, and Aquaria

Nuclear Emergency Planning

Management of Nuclear Waste

2.6. Motions Adopted: 2013

The following policies were added or modified at the 2013 AGM.

- Prime Agricultural Lands and Areas
- Increasing Voter Turnout
- Ontario Ombudsman
- Police Accountability
- Voter Recall Initiative
- Canada-China Foreign Investment Protection and Promotion Agreement (FIPPA)
- Carbon Fee and Dividend Act
- Employer Health Tax (1): Lowering Payroll Taxes on Small Business
- Property Taxes
- Tax Resource Use and Pollution, Not Income
- Trans-Pacific Partnership
- Freedom from Corporate Influence in Publicly Funded Education
- Ontario Annual Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets
- Junk Food Tax
- Overhaul the Ontario Municipal Board
- Dedicated Revenue Streams for Public Transit
- Safe Bicycling Programs and Infrastructure for Ontario Students
- Safety and Accessibility of Public Transit

3. Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

3.1. Enhancing the Risk Management Program for Farmers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would:

1. Increase the Risk Management cap over three years to enable more adequate risk management capacity.
2. Continue to work with the federal government to ensure the sustainability of the Risk Management Program (RMP).

3.2. Agricultural research

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would change Ontario's agricultural research and policy priorities from technology development and commodity exports to low-input food production and import replacement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the development of low-input food production for local and regional markets;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would train and direct staff to provide technical training and support for low-input ecological and organic farming methods;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would change funding criteria for Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) programs and grants to emphasize low-input food production and import replacement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would invest agriculture research funding into low-input, labour intensive, ecological and small-scale food production and processing methods.

3.3. Agricultural regulatory review

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would hold a public review of agricultural regulations, actively seeking input from stakeholders, of all regulations affecting the agriculture sector;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement regulatory reforms in a way that will strengthen public health standards and ecological integrity.

3.4. Agricultural renewable energy

BE IT RESOLVED the Green Party of Ontario would support the research, development and technical knowledge for the sustainable production of crops used for renewable energies, cleaner fuels and agricultural fibres in cases where they pose no negative impact on food security.

3.5. Sustainable Farming and Food Production

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would adopt a Food and Farming strategy for the development and promotion of profitable and sustainable farming and food production in Ontario with, at minimum, the following objectives:

- To identify provincially-significant farmland on which farming would be regarded as the highest and best use;
- To facilitate the production of food for consumption in Ontario;

- To facilitate the retention of family-owned farms, farming by experienced farmers among new Canadians, and the succession of farms to a younger generation of farmers;
- To set aggressive targets for the purchase of products from Ontario farms by the Province and MUSH sector (municipalities, colleges, universities, school boards and hospitals);
- To invest in rural infrastructure supporting packaging, processing, storage and distribution facilities for Ontario produce.

3.6. Ecological goods and services payments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement a system of ecological goods and services payments to qualified farmers in Ontario.

3.7. Integrated Pest Management

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage Integrated Pest Management.

3.8. Prime Agricultural Lands and Areas

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide permanent protection for prime agricultural lands and areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no mineral aggregate resource extraction areas should be permitted on prime farmland or in specialty crop areas.

3.9. Topsoil Preservation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would tighten the regulation of topsoil removal and sales on a provincial and administrative basis according to the Topsoil Preservation Act.

3.10. Community Land Trusts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish a program to set aside a proportion of Ontario farmlands near Urban centres as community land trusts. These lands will be purchased at a fair market value as they became available and turned over to municipalities with the purpose of establishing local sources of food production;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organizations committed to the preservation of agricultural land would establish a "conservation easement program" for the preservation of land valuable to the public and liable to be removed from agricultural use, by purchasing the development rights to the land and turning them over to a public body insulated from the government of the day and from municipal governments, to be held, except in the most exceptional cases, in perpetuity.

3.11. Hemp Cultivation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the cultivation of low-THC hemp for more ecological fossil fuels, paper, cloth fibre production.

3.12. Genetically modified organisms

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would not support public investment into the development of GMOs (genetically engineered organisms) for agriculture, horticulture and forestry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports public investment in natural, sustainable and ecologically sound methods of land management.

3.13. Food Production and Marketing

3.13.1. Food labeling

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would develop a provincial food labeling system that identifies and promotes locally grown food produced in ways that are environmentally and socially responsible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish food procurement rules for all provincial food services and publicly funded educational institutions that require the prioritization of food adhering to the standards developed by the provincial food labeling system.

3.13.2. Food marketing agencies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would foster marketing and distribution systems that provide farmers with a fair share of the consumer food dollar;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage community and decentralized food processing and distribution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports farmers' markets, gate sales and other forms of farm-direct and value-added marketing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement programs to assist farmers in receiving a financially sustainable percentage of the retail price of food products;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide technical support and loan guarantees to assist farmers in developing value-added farm products;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would invest in marketing efforts that shorten the distance between farmers and consumers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work with municipalities to foster the development of farmers markets whereby farmers can directly market products grown and processed on farm.

3.13.3. Live Green, Eat Green

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario shall apply society's need for a transition towards a predominantly plant-based diet as a guiding principle throughout relevant policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario shall advocate for the removal of subsidies for unsustainable animal agriculture practices and provide transition tools for farmers to move to more sustainable forms of agriculture.

3.13.4. Healthy Food Access

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase access to healthy food to persons and families on low incomes by granting food allowances and tax credits, with an emphasis on food that is produced locally, sustainably and ethically;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tax credits would be provided to local farmers and processors who donate products to local food banks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would initiate a school meals program to support healthy eating and improved access to food for Ontario's children, with an emphasis on food that is produced locally, sustainably and ethically;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would level the playing field for healthy, local, sustainable and ethically sourced foods by reducing subsidies and green tax cuts.

3.13.5. Abattoirs

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate strongly for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to ease the regulatory pressure on small abattoirs and to work with small processors and the local food community to ensure small abattoirs are both viable and responsive to government safe food regulation.

3.13.6. Supply management

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would improve the supply management system to provide stable markets, viable pricing and easy access for smaller family farms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would reform and expand the supply management system to include more farm products and to provide easier access to the system for new growers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide education material for the public on how the supply management system works and why it helps to insure a secure supply of locally produced food.

3.14. Animal Rights

3.14.1. Hunting and Fishing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ban trapping with the leg-hold trap;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for a strategy that will re-establish predators such as the wolf and lynx in southern Ontario. We would eliminate predator bounties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase funding to conservation officers to stop illegal sport hunting and poaching, and increase the penalties for poaching;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ban hunting, trapping and fishing in all protected areas, including all classes of provincial parks, conservation areas and Crown game preserves;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ban hunting for sport (as distinguished from hunting for sustenance) including the banning of killing of wildlife for entertainment, recreation or trophies.

3.14.2. Animals in Agriculture

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish and enforce standards for the care of farm animals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will outlaw the use of furs on ornamental, as opposed to survival, clothing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would expeditiously phase out battery farming and intensive animal husbandry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ban the sale and production of milk fed veal and any other agricultural practices requiring continuous close confinement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage a reduction in meat consumption with an educational campaign;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would regulate the transport of animals where necessary, especially animals transported long distances for slaughter, to ensure their well-being;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ban the use of growth stimulants in animals and the routine use of antibiotics in animal feeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would end breeding practices that render animals in systemic, chronic pain.

3.14.3 Animal agriculture

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish regulations and standards for nutrient management practices that favour solid manure composting and curtail intensive livestock operations and open-cage aquaculture farms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would, in consultation with stakeholders, develop regulations for the ethical treatment of animals used for the production of food and other agriculture products;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Green Party of Ontario would include in these regulations the elimination of farm-raised animals whereby such practices threaten native and/or wild species.

3.14.4. Animals in Research

BE IT RESOLVED that the use of animals should be banned from all testing of cosmetics and household products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that strict care should be placed on the ethical practice surrounding animal-based research, and alternatives should be used in any circumstances where the outcome would not be affected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure additional non-invasive teaching methods are available (i.e., interactive digital and tactile models, job shadowing hours, and videos).

3.14.5. Animals as Entertainment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure that animals imported for zoos were born in captivity or are part of projects to save a threatened species;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no new forms of entertainment using animals (such as dog racing, rodeos, bullfighting) would be introduced.

3.14.6. Animals kept in Zoos, Menageries, and Aquaria

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would call for the Ontario SPCA Act to be revised to bring zoos, menageries, and Aquaria under the regulatory auspices of the SPCA with mandated standards of care specific to each type of animal kept and to provide the SPCA with the tools for supervision and enforcement of the regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the keeping of whales, dolphins (cetaceans) be prohibited and regulations created for grandfathered animals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SPCA Act be revised to require a permit for all existing and future zoos, menageries, and aquaria setting out specific standards of housing, enclosure, and care of each type of animal kept.

3.14.7. Repealing Anti-Pitbull Legislation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports repealing all provincial breed-specific legislation, while leaving intact the current Dog Owners Liability Act which sufficiently addresses the animal care, safety, penalties and control of dogs in general.

3.14.8. Strengthen the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work to reform the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* to:

- Give regard to an animal's welfare and safety where criminal abuse of animals has been alleged;

- Prioritize the interests of an animal ahead of that of the owner or custodian where there is reasonable cause to believe that said owner has caused illegal distress to said animal;
- Create an interim hearing process to consider an animal's welfare and safety prior to the conclusion of a criminal case; and
- Permit the issuance of judicial orders to transfer animals without the requirement of a criminal conviction where determined to be in the animal's best interest.

DEFINITION: "Animals" means non-human animals.

4. Law Enforcement and Attorney General

4.1. Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario continues to support the retroactivity of anti-SLAPP legislation to ensure the protection of any and all individuals and groups who are victims of SLAPP and other procedural abuses including frivolous proceedings.

4.2. Restorative Justice

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a restorative justice system that would allow victims of crime to meet their offenders in a safe, respectful, and controlled environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this meeting would be used to explore and discuss the effects of the crime and the ways in which healing can take place;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these types of meetings and their outcomes would then be used in establishing proper sentences or in determining the eligibility of parole for criminals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that restorative justice would also enable punishments for minor crimes to be more focused on helping the criminal understand why their behaviour is not acceptable to their community, and society.

4.3. Crime Prevention

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would extend crime prevention programs to at risk individuals, families, and neighbourhoods;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs geared toward individuals would include counselling, addiction relief workshops, and life management courses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that family initiatives would provide family counselling, conflict resolution skills, parenting strategies, and family bonding programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs for communities would include neighbourhood recreation, education, and infrastructure improvement programs.

4.4. Clarification of the Role of Lawyers in the Judicial System

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase the public's accessibility to the legal system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the accused would be treated with more care to ensure that they can return to a normal life if they are found innocent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require that all legal documents be written in accessible language;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide funding for legal costs in cases involving social justice, employment equity, and environmental rights.

4.5. Police Services and Incarceration

4.5.1. Restrictions on Solitary Confinement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario calls for the abolition of solitary confinement for administrative segregation, pretrial detention, medical reasons, and/or mental illness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario calls for a limit on solitary confinement to a maximum of 15 days per stay, with a per-year maximum of 60 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario call for solitary confinement of youth, pregnant women, and new mothers to be entirely abolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario calls for correctional facilities to develop and implement independent review procedures of all those in solitary confinement, to address both the legality of the confinement and also to ensure the health (mental and medical) of persons in solitary confinement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario calls for persons in solitary confinement to be assessed in person by medical staff daily, in addition to regular assessments by correctional staff.

4.5.2. Police Accountability

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the Ombudsman in the call for a more robust system of civilian police oversight through reform of the S.I.U.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for a comprehensive approach to addressing issues of police accountability that acknowledges the social, cultural, and institutional factors that inform police conduct.

5. Equity and Human Rights

5.1. Gender rights

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the specific inclusion of the terms, 'gender identity' and 'gender expression' in the Ontario Human Rights Code;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports smoother transition for transgendered persons at the beginning of their transition to change necessary official provincial identification documents that incorporate the designation of sex such as, but not limited to: driver's licenses, health cards, etc.

5.2. Police Carding

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support laws and regulations that eliminate the practice of carding, which is defined as the stopping, questioning and documenting of individuals by police when no particular offence is being investigated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all data that had previously been collected through the practice of carding will be deleted and/or destroyed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the strict enforcement of the regulation in which police are required to inform an individual that they are not required by law to show any identification and that the police must give a reason of why identification is demanded.

5.3. Support of Anti-Racism Directorate

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the Anti-Racism Directorate and supports continuous scrutiny and review of the three-year anti-racism strategic plan.

5.4. Inclusion and Equity in Ontario Schools

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the critical role of the public school system in promoting intercultural and interreligious inclusion and understanding among students from different backgrounds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure that all publicly funded Ontario schools shall be inclusive in terms of religious, cultural and gender diversity.

6. Children and Family Services

6.1. Childcare

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the universal access to high-quality, affordable, flexible, private and publicly-funded, non-profit childcare in both urban and rural areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require that remuneration of day care workers appropriately reflects the importance of their work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports parents and primary caregivers through extended paid maternity and parental leaves, by encouraging job-sharing options, flexible work hours, workplace daycare, and availability of personal days to care for sick children;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide a high quality day care system with professional standards and training required for daycare workers.

6.2. Tax Credit For Families

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support an increase in the Ontario Child Benefit.

6.3. Parental Support and Preparedness

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would facilitate access to doulas, midwives and birthing centres;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement extensive and intensive parenting education for every boy and girl before he or she reaches an age when conception is a possibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would offer early childhood specialists as a resource for parents where desired or needed to address parenting issues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work to strengthen communities to increase community cohesion, trust, and a sense of belonging which would, among other benefits, provide increased parental support.

6.4. Parents Returning to School

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the collection of social assistance by parents returning to school to cover the costs of food, shelter and childcare for their dependent children while they are in school.

7. Community and Social Support

7.1. Housing Support

7.1.1. Inclusionary Housing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports province-wide inclusionary zoning legislation that would require developers to build mixed communities that include a mandated minimum percentage of affordable housing units;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would decrease development levies and taxes for affordable house construction.

7.1.2. Social Housing Investment Fund

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would divert 50% of annual budget surpluses to accumulate a trust fund of \$5 billion dollars to be used to facilitate long-term financially sustainable housing solutions for people at risk of homelessness.

7.1.3. Increasing Affordable Housing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide incentives for owners of brownfields to remediate and redevelop their land into commercial or residential properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support and encourage the construction of cooperative housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would introduce legislation to allow for tiny homes, secondary suites, laneway housing and other innovative housing solutions

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support inclusionary zoning that requires all new development by private developers to include unit(s) of affordable housing for new housing or condo developments.

7.2. Living Wage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario support the adoption of a living wage, calculated on a regional basis across Ontario.

7.3. Social Work Service Support

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would recommend an increase in the funding made available to social workers and a reduction in the caseload of social workers such that the caseload of social workers should be reduced.

7.4. Increasing OW and ODSP Support

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports an increase of Ontario Works rates for single individuals and Ontario Disability Support Payment rates.

7.5. WSIB Expansion

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is committed to overhauling the workplace insurance standards to ensure workers receive help promptly

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support appointing a non-partisan panel that would review the workplace insurance program based on scientific and medical evidence.

7.6. Better Access to Service for Transgender Ontarians and Their Families

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports an expansion of services for transgender Ontarians and their families including transitioning.

7.7. Birth Control and Family Support Services

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support family planning clinics based in the community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would stress sex education that puts sex into a biological, emotional and social context with emphasis on respect and responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would fund research to develop effective and safe methods of birth control for both men and women.

7.8. Provincially Funded Insurance Coverage for Community Volunteers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide, at no expense to any person who assists in the development, maintenance or operation of a provincially or municipally approved recreation, social, or cultural opportunity*, a policy of all-inclusive liability insurance to protect such persons and their organizations from claims for civil damages and losses, unless they are found to be due to willful injury or negligence, as discussed in the Occupiers' Liability Act. This coverage will apply not only in public facilities and on public land, but also on private land, and to the owner(s) of such properties, where the volunteering person or group applying for coverage has a landholder's agreement with the property owner, and the activity can be classified as a provincially or municipally recognized opportunity that is openly available to the public, and beneficial to participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province should cover the premiums of workplace injury insurance for anyone who works unpaid at their regular job if they are doing so for a charity event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, while the Province would have the ability to exact due diligence in requiring certain details and information from those who apply for this program's liability coverage, it will also ensure the insurance is provided to all eligible applicants within two months of receiving their application.

7.9. Sheikh-Larkin Social Assistance Reforms

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports streamlining social assistance programs through the implementation of the remaining recommendations of the Sheikh-Larkin Commission.

7.10. Ontario Ombudsman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the ongoing adoption of improved practices by the Ombudsman for Ontario and their ongoing participation in the municipal, university and college, school boards and hospital sectors.

7.11. Ensuring Fiscal Equality for Ontario's Temporary Foreign Workers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will urge the Ministry of Finance to include a mechanism to consider Temporary Foreign Workers in the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will urge the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to consider a fiscal equality framework where temporary foreign workers (TFW) can access contributions that they may make to the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP).

7.12. Immigration Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports providing effective immigrant and refugee settlement programs and support.

8. Democratic Renewal

8.1. Provincial Electoral Process

8.1.1. Increasing Voter Turnout

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage Elections Ontario, a non-partisan agency of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, to continue to explore and implement changes to the conduct of elections that are designed to increase voter participation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports in principle the following measures designed to increase voter turnout:

- Increasing the availability of advance polls.
- Increasing the number of mobile polls that serve residences for seniors and persons living with disabilities.
- At a general election, holding regular polls on one or both days of the weekend.

8.1.2. Publication of Public Opinion Polls

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would amend the Ontario Election Finances Act to include the publication of public opinion polls about popular support for a party, party leader or an individual candidate as a form of campaign advertising in the context of the limitation of campaign advertising in the blackout period on general polling days and the day before general polling days.

8.1.3. Campaign Finance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would limit annual political donations to a maximum of \$1000 from any individual to each of the Party, the Candidate and the riding.

8.1.4. Electronic Voting

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require any automated voting systems used by the province of Ontario or its municipalities be subject to the following principles:

- All votes should be recorded on a paper ballot, for possible recount.
- That the systems should provide feedback to the voter that their vote was recorded properly
- That sample systems (not connected to the election in question) should be made available for inspection by any member of the public
- That the complete specifications for the system will be made available to the public at least one year in advance of its use. This specification to include both physical design specifications, as well as software source code used in the system.
- No modifications may be made to the specification for two months preceding the election.
- No limitations on the public will be acceptable - that is, members of the public will not be asked to sign any kind of constraint, such as a non-disclosure agreement.

8.1.5. Voting Age Reduced to 16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would amend the Ontario Election Act so that the definition of an elector includes Canadian citizens who on the general polling day have attained the age of sixteen.

8.1.6. Youth Engagement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase youth engagement in civil society and democratic decision-making by:

- reviewing, enhancing and increasing civics curriculum in elementary and secondary education, and in the community;
- partnering with and empowering municipalities, community and youth-led organization to educate and involve young people in decision-making and support mentorship programs;
- funding community-led and cultural civic education programming;
- reaching out to consult youth in provincial decision-making through the formation of youth advisory councils in ministries.

8.1.7. Increasing Democratic Involvement for Underrepresented Groups

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase democratic involvement among all Ontarians by:

- increasing voter turnout goals and plans, and measuring progress;

- supporting campaign schools to support those interested in running for provincial or municipal office;
- supporting programs which engage women and underrepresented communities in politics;
- create a commission to foster a more representative municipal voting system.

8.1.8. Voter Recall Initiative

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement legislation that enable the recall of elected members of provincial parliament and enable municipalities to enact similar recall legislation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement legislation that enable the recall of legislative acts and enable municipalities to recall municipal bylaws

8.1.9. Voting and Citizenship

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would initiate constitutional amendments necessary to allow the extension of voting rights to permanent residents to vote in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate a timely process for citizenship approval at the national level.

8.1.10. Electoral Reform for Proportional Representation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate to amend the Ontario Elections Act forthwith to provide all Ontario citizens with proportional representation in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

8.1.11. Improved Democratic Process

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would eliminate any system that allows top-down control within parties of the nomination process for candidates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would eliminate the requirement for leaders to sign off on candidate nominations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide consistency by creating guidelines that govern election leadership debates to include, at minimum, representation from all parties that achieved at least a 2% threshold in the previous election.

8.2. Local Public Input

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase the quality and quantity of local public input in provincial decision-making by creating new channels to give citizens a voice, both through MPPs and ministries.

8.3. Consultation and Accountability

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the development of regular public forums in which riding constituents are invited to speak to each other, and with their constituency MPP in a non-partisan way;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when possible, everyone attending such meetings would be invited to speak;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Green constituency MPP's would be requested to vote according to their conscience, but with due respect to the values and policy of the party, and the democratic will of their constituents.

8.4. Affirming Principles of Responsible Government

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports clarifying rules around the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would oppose any calling of a snap early election by a Premier, without the Premier either first offering resignation to the Lieutenant Governor or else receiving clear parliamentary support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a standalone constitutional amendment package including the following:

- Establish a deadline for the Legislative Assembly to be summoned within 30 days after any general election;
- Establish specific fixed election dates every four years, binding both the Premier and the Lieutenant Governor, unless a two-thirds majority of MPPs approve a motion to dissolve parliament for an early election;
- Adopt the "constructive non-confidence" procedure, whereby any non-confidence motion need be explicit and designate the alternative proposed Premier as the will-be successor to the sitting incumbent;
- Require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the Legislative Assembly in order to prorogue parliament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the above proposed constitutional package prove untenable, then the Green Party would instead support models such as those of Britain, New Zealand, and Australia in seeking all-party consensus for the writing of politically-binding cabinet manuals governing the executive's advice to the Lieutenant Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would also support amending Standing Orders to allow opposition parties to initiate non-confidence motions on any opposition days of the Legislative Assembly, according to fixed schedules not amenable to cabinet adjustment.

8.5. United Nations Parliamentary Assembly

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario endorses Canada's involvement in the Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly to facilitate the formation of such an international democratic and legislative body.

8.6. Municipal Election Rules

8.6.1. Municipal Election Financing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work to pass legislation to establish that:

- Contributions to candidates in Ontario municipal election from corporations including unions shall be illegal, i.e. only natural persons may contribute to the election of candidates in Ontario municipal elections.
- No person may contribute more than \$1000 to the election of all municipal election candidates in Ontario combined.
- Effective penalties for contravention shall be provided.
- A tax credit system for candidates for Ontario municipal elections, financed by the province and refundable in the same manner as contributions for provincial elections.

8.6.2. Municipal Vote to Non-Citizens

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would amend the Municipal Elections Act to extend the municipal vote to non-citizen residents of a municipality.

8.6.3. Municipal and Regional Electoral Reform

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work to amend the Municipal Elections Act to establish that the requirement for the use of mandatory plurality voting in Ontario municipal and regional elections shall be abolished;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would amend the Ontario Municipal Elections Act to require that in all municipal and regional councils shall be elected by the proportional form of the single transferable vote (PR-STV, otherwise known as quota-preferential voting) in multi-seat wards, and that mayors and reeves shall be elected by the alternative vote otherwise known as instant runoff voting, whether they are elected (at the choice of the municipality) directly by the citizens or by councils;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that multi-seat wards may be plural or may comprise the entire municipality in one constituency, at the choice of the municipality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be no stipulation in the Act as to the number of seats per ward other than that it shall be 2 or more.

9. Economic Development and Trade

9.1. Small and Medium Enterprises

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would review regulations affecting small and medium sized businesses and family farms using a regulatory framework that incorporates the scale and scope of an enterprise in determining regulations.

9.2. Trade Agreements

9.2.1. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is opposed to how CETA is being currently negotiated, because it restricts among others, Local Governments and communities from favouring

local goods and services and from protecting our natural resources. The GPO is opposed to the Government of Ontario enacting enabling legislation for CETA.

9.2.2. Trans-Pacific Partnership

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is opposed to how the Trans Pacific Partnership is being currently negotiated, because it is thought to restrict among others, Local Governments and communities from favouring local goods and services and from protecting our natural resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is opposed to the Government of Ontario enacting enabling legislation for Trans Pacific Partnership.

9.2.3. Free Trade Agreements

BE IT RESOLVED that free trade agreements should include consultation with, among others, local Governments and communities, including Indigenous peoples, and should favour local goods and services, where reasonable, as well as protect our environment and natural resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that free trade agreements should not include investor-state dispute settlement mechanisms.

9.2.4. Investor State Dispute Mechanisms

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario opposes Investor State Dispute Mechanisms (ISDMs) and urges the federal government to enter into negotiated trade agreements for more open and democratic dispute mechanisms.

9.3. Manufacturing Transition

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports assisting manufacturers to transition to new industrial markets through fair, transparent and consistent regulations and by providing loans that are forgivable if there are no layoffs within five years and the loans are used for equipment and training purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require that any assistance contain provisions requiring companies to employ Ontario residents and to produce and service sustainable products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would offer the same benefits to entrepreneurs and small and medium sized businesses to enter sustainable markets and provide backing to forgivable loans which are analyzed by financial institutions as acceptable risk.

9.4. Transforming the Alcohol Distribution System

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports empowering Ontario's craft spirits and wine producers to sell their products in independent off-site locations and specialty stores excluding variety and convenience stores while retaining the government oversight over the spirits and wine industries and their retail locations.

9.5. Sustainable Economy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate fiscal policies that foster ecologically sustainable businesses, green jobs, preserve ecosystems and biodiversity, conserve resources for other species and future generations, and ensures a high quality of life and basic economic equity for all

10. Education

10.1. Improving our Education system

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will merge our four (4) current Public and Catholic school systems into two publicly funded school systems, the French public system and the English public system, with Francophone and Anglophone boards that strive for the highest possible quality of education in both English and French.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will advocate for the importance of fostering excellence in French and English language education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will advocate for the importance of fostering excellence in education everywhere in Ontario for every child in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will advocate for education quality as the primary metric of the success of our publicly funded school system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will recognize that students thrive in an environment where they feel safe and welcome.

10.2. Safe Bicycling Programs and Infrastructure for Ontario Students

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports improvements to both the elementary and secondary school curriculum to provide regular instruction and demonstrations regarding the safe and lawful use of bicycles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate that publicly funded Ontario schools shall provide a series of bicycle clinics to students appropriate to the grade level, at regular intervals throughout the elementary and secondary years. Such clinics should demonstrate the correct use of the equipment necessary for safe bicycling, techniques for accident prevention, and basic bicycle maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party of Ontario supports programs in Ontario schools that encourage students, parents, guardians, school staff, and community members to frequently bicycle to school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports dedicated provincial regulations for bicycle-related infrastructure improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would improve bicycle-related infrastructure at publicly funded schools.

10.3. Equality of School Services

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would remove any corporate or private funding that could influence our publicly funded school system and represent a conflict of interest;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure that basic services are supplied equally to all schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the development of a provincial school food program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Green Party of Ontario supports greater access to mental health services for students within the education system.

10.4. Increased Spending on Education

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a \$1 billion investment into Ontario classrooms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this investment will be used to cap class sizes appropriately based on evidence and expert advice, address the current per pupil funding gap for elementary and secondary students, and to increase Pupil Foundation Grant allocations.

10.5. Preservation of school buildings

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario advocates a moratorium of school closures until clear guidelines are developed on when a school should close its door. This will include an a minimum viability threshold such that schools with over 60% enrolment and not in disrepair should be exempt from closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would not close existing school buildings where they can be used by a mixture of students in their preferred schooling streams (e.g., bilingual, French, Catholic, etc.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where an existing school building has become unsuitable it can be modified or rebuilt as required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the building would be made available to the community as an accessible community resource.

10.6. Education for the Future

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would expand curriculum to include practical life skills such as financial literacy, food growing via community garden, cooking, daily physical education, outdoor education, bicycle safety, coding and arts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure that Ontario's communities have a hand in developing education that addresses their needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would push for enhanced incorporation of race equity elements during the development of all education programs by requiring school boards to collect race-based data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the school curriculum should reflect the diversity of Ontario's population and include age-appropriate curriculum improvements on anti-racism and Aboriginal issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports age-appropriate curriculum on Aboriginal issues, including residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal peoples' historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade Twelve students.

10.7. Mandatory Gym class at all levels of K-12 schooling

BE IT RESOLVED that students at all levels of K-12 schools be enrolled in a physical education class as a mandatory part of the school curriculum.

10.8. Education Improvements for Students needing additional support

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports improved resources for children with special needs based on expert advice and research findings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this support should include children with Learning Disorders.

10.9. Standardized testing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will eliminate the current EQAO standardized testing in Ontario.

10.10. Post Secondary Education

10.10.1. Fully Public-Funded Post Secondary Tuition

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party supports a gradual increase of public subsidies to colleges, trade institutions and university tuition, eventually guaranteeing fully public tuition for all Ontario residents attending public colleges, trade institutions, and universities, except for graduate and post-graduate studies.

10.10.2. Community Colleges

BE IT RESOLVED that colleges with university-style/parallel degree programs that may appear, as seen in the poly-technical settings (i.e., Nursing BScN, and similar programs), would be treated as universities for the funding formula for those course with these designations (i.e., 40 hours \times minimum wage \times 4 weeks = tuition per term);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other non-degree courses would be free to the student but must be agreed upon with a course advisor as a progressive and workable plan for either employment or personal development if pursued full-time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that part-time courses need not have this same agreement but would be limited to 30 courses before a funding formula is initiated, that reflects; number of hours of course $\times 2 \times$ minimum wage = tuition.

10.10.3. Funding of Sustainability-Related Programs

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase research and scholarship money to fund basic research and innovation in alternative energy, climate change remediation and adaptation, and sustainable local development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage and reward post-secondary institutions that provide useful community and sustainability research supports for local governments, non-profits, social entrepreneurs and businesses.

11. Energy

11.1. Fiscal Tools and Incentives

11.1.1. Financial Incentivized Gradual Shift from Fossil Fuel Use

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would:

- Use a comprehensive array of economic instruments such as taxes and other charges on energy sources and especially on fossil fuels, to incorporate the full costs on society.
- Create provincial regulation that shall incentivize suppliers of electricity, natural gas and heating oil to sell equipment for energy saving through distributed charges over time.
- Encourage the use of taxes, charges and, when necessary, regulation, to reduce the scale of energy use, and especially of fossil fuel use, to a level compatible with our reduction targets.
- Eliminate subsidies for fossil fuel use.
- Ensure that the taxes and charges described above, other than those which would produce widespread and immediate benefits and little disruption, would be imposed gradually, steadily, and predictably over periods of years, and where appropriate, in concert with other jurisdictions.

11.1.2. Provincial Support for the development of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would develop an Ontario wide Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party of Ontario would develop a financial mechanism to enable PACE in all municipalities that wish to take part

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party of Ontario would actively encourage the development of PACE programs in municipalities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Green Party of Ontario would actively promote to and enable all Ontarians to partake in PACE programs.

11.1.3. Planning and Energy use

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would:

- Create changes in land use to reduce the need and the demand for travel and energy requirements.
- Implement measures to improve amenities and the quality of life in local communities to minimize the appeal of and demand for travel and its associated energy use.
- Create a more energy-efficient pattern of transportation emphasizing rail transport, public transit, bicycling and walking, to be accomplished in part by toll charges, by the translation of as much of the cost of car ownership or use as may be practicable, and by the equalization of the tax charges on railway and road users for the land required by the facilities which they use.

11.2. Energy Efficiency and Conservation

11.2.1. Improving Energy Efficiency and Conservation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work to create stricter standards of energy efficiency for motor vehicles, housing construction, and household appliances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that education and training in elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions shall include energy efficiency and conservation of energy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement an education program on the need for conservation of energy and understanding full cost accounting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would undertake energy retrofits of all public buildings and would provide incentive programs for homeowners, landlords and businesses for energy retrofits for those in demonstrable need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require mandatory energy labelling for residential and commercial buildings.

11.2.2. Smart(er) Meters

BE IT RESOLVED that wherever technically and economically practicable, each household and business in Ontario shall be equipped with a device which displays at direction one of the current rate of consumption of electricity, the current charge per kilowatt - hour, the rate at which financial charges are accumulating, and the accumulated charge for the current billing period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suppliers of electricity shall be so regulated as to be able to make more profit from equipping their customers with such devices than from not doing so.

11.2.3. Capture and Utilization of Waste Heat

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would use economic inducements and regulation to encourage the capture and utilization of waste heat.

11.2.4. Green Building Fund and Retrofits

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the establishment of a Green Building Fund to provide homeowners, businesses and municipalities with access to capital to fund building retrofits that increase efficiency and pay for energy demand management projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports building retrofits with tax credits, significant public education and advanced training and college programs in green building, design and renovation.

11.3. Support for Renewable Energy

11.3.1. Renewable Energy Generator Rebate

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would accelerate the generation of electricity from renewable energy by encouraging homeowners, the largest segment of electricity consumers, to take advantage of net-metering and become Consumer/Producers by providing a rebate of 25% of the cost of purchasing and installing an electric renewable energy generator to a maximum of \$5000.

11.3.2. Support for Renewable Energy Resources

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would:

- Support proven renewable energy technologies
- Identify cost- and energy-saving opportunities such as importing hydro power from other regions such as Quebec and Manitoba
- Help remove barriers to alternative energy generation on the grid
- Provide loan guarantees to facilitate community power projects
- Provide priority grid access for community projects and local entrepreneurs

11.3.3. Hydro Quebec

BE IT RESOLVED that Ontario import as needed electricity as needed from Quebec using existing hydro dams and existing transmission lines and invest in new transmission infrastructure to import the electricity from existing Quebec hydro dams as a critical component of our transition to a carbon neutral, non-nuclear, energy future.

11.3.4. Research into Renewables

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would put in place a comprehensive program of research into renewable energy technologies, solar heating, seasonal heat storage, and associated matters such as the maintenance of air quality in energy efficient buildings; and the dissemination of the information obtained to the public.

11.3.5. Renewable Energy Technologies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support research, innovation and entrepreneurship that focuses on efficient, resilient and robust energy solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the use of passive solar and other technologies.

11.3.6. Renewable Energy Users' Association

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage financially, and otherwise, the establishment of readily accessible associations of users of renewable energy converters and in particular wind turbines large and small, which shall collect information from their members on the reliability, durability, first cost and operating cost of their equipment identified by make and model, and the performance of its installers, and publish it to their members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the establishment of an international association of users of large industrial wind turbines for similar purposes, and where possible taking joint action with other interested governments.

11.4. Nuclear Power

11.4.1. Nuclear Power Generation

BE IT RESOLVED that no new nuclear power stations should be built in Ontario and existing nuclear power generating stations should be shut down as soon as may be practicable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario should use its best efforts to induce the Government of Canada to amend the Nuclear Liability Act to establish that any new nuclear generating stations should be fully insured at the expense of the operators.

11.4.2. Nuclear Emergency Planning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for changes to legislation and regulations on provincial and municipal land use planning and permitting, as well as education and healthcare, to limit the construction of residences, schools, long term care facilities in the vicinity of nuclear reactors and nuclear waste storage;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for a municipal, provincial and federal integrated emergency management plan that takes into account the possibility of a severe accident at an Ontario nuclear generating station, including multiple simultaneous reactor accidents, and to implement measures to improve notification and evacuation of residents, and mitigation of the effects of radiotoxic releases.

11.4.3. Management of Nuclear Waste

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would direct the government of Ontario to pursue nuclear waste management proposals that are based on rolling stewardship, being state custody in perpetuity under institutional control by a public custodian organization independent of the nuclear industry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would direct the government of Ontario to direct Ontario Power Generation to discontinue its plans for closure and eventual abandonment of the proposed Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) for low-level waste (LLW) and intermediate-level waste (ILW) at the Bruce site;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would direct Ontario Power Generation to prepare on-site long term storage of nuclear waste at each of its nuclear generating stations, where the integrity of the containment can easily be verified and, if needed, restored.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is opposed to current or proposed nuclear waste reprocessing or conversion technologies.

11.5. Energy Distribution and generation

11.5.1. Ownership of Power Generation Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED that any proposals for the privatization of the production and distribution of electric power must meet our objectives at least as effectively as the methods which we propose, and must provide for the effective regulation of any monopolies or concentrations of economic power capable of influencing the market for electric power in their favour.

11.5.2. Access to Transmission Capacity for Ontario projects

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement mechanisms to support Ontario businesses, cooperatives, farmers, First Nations and municipalities to access transmission capacity for projects throughout the province.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would prioritize the building of a smart grid to facilitate such projects and support a network of renewable energy, distributed energy production and storage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would mandate all large industrial energy projects to have a local ownership component that will bring a portion of a project's profits to the community or municipality.

11.5.3. Minimum Setbacks for Industrial and Fossil Fuel Energy Plants

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase minimum setbacks for industrial and fossil fuel peaker-style energy plants.

11.6. Moratorium of Hydraulic Fracking for Natural Gas in Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the enormous threat to our water, our food security, global warming and human health, the Green Party of Ontario would impose a moratorium on the process of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in the province of Ontario until it is proven beyond any reasonable doubt that it has no detrimental effect on our watersheds, our farm lands, our air quality, on human health, or that it adds to global warming.

11.7. Energy and Water Efficiency

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require that all new buildings built in Ontario achieve an established level of energy and water efficiency in order to reduce waste and maximize long-term cost savings for residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will produce incentives for industrial ecology design and distributed generation with district energy systems in commercial, housing and mixed-use developments.

11.8. Support for a Federal Energy Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the creation of a federal energy strategy.

12. Environmental Protection, Rejuvenation and Natural Resource Extraction

12.1. Carbon Fee and Dividend Act

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish scientifically-endorsed targets for reducing Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a plan, to be audited by the Auditor General of Ontario, for meeting these targets;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for the adoption of a fee for all emissions, at source.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 100% of the fees would be deposited in trust to an arms length agency to be returned in the form of dividend payments to every adult resident, and optionally to a children's fund for their future, in order to alleviate the effect of any cost increases due to the imposition of the fee.

12.2. Ontario Annual Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would set Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets such that Ontario is carbon neutral by 2050.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target strategies be reviewed and adjusted annually to reflect the latest scientific information on climate change.

12.3. Including a Healthy Environment in the Canadian Constitution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario declares support for enshrining environmental rights within the Canadian constitution.

12.4. Improvement of environmental assessment and renewable energy approvals

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would improve environmental assessment and renewable energy approvals under the Green Energy and Green Economy Act to better incorporate community feedback and community health assessments, and undertake sustainability assessments on policies, plans and programs to ensure a higher sustainability test for large government and commercial proposals.

12.5. Waste Management and Information

12.5.1. Clean Soils

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would refine the Ministry of Environment standards, reconsider parking lot requirements, promote the Best Management Practice documents of the Ministry of the Environment, and encourage municipalities to increase fees on fill;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require that earth materials be managed from a life-cycle perspective, with the full responsibility and costs of managing soil that is removed from one location to its final use on those who remove it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would change the Municipal Act to require a materials management plan as part of development and change the Planning Act as required to manage storage and zoning considerations.

12.5.2. Community right-to-know toxics laws

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would empower local decision-making and increase public awareness by instating community right-to-know toxics laws and supporting research on the impact of chemicals present in Ontario on environmental health.

12.5.3. Toxic waste

BE IT RESOLVED that the criteria for safe storage should include: no spontaneous combustion, no release of gas, no release of liquids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to simplify retrieval, different kinds of waste and substances would be stored separately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the user of the building must prove every 5 years that no method of treatment exists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ownership of the building remains in public control and the owner of the waste remains responsible for the waste and rental of the building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that above-ground storage bunkers will:

- Enforce the polluter pay principle.
- Encourage the development of alternative technologies for specific waste problems' and discourages waste exporting.
- Avoid over capacity of waste facilities.
- Promote the rethinking of products that produce waste.
- Put the market to work minimizing unmanageable waste.
- Encourage future reuse by keeping waste separated.
- Make environmentally sound management the responsibility of the producer.
- Guarantee zero discharge technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would mandate a deposit and take-back program of toxic materials by making it convenient, standardized and well publicized.

12.5.4. Waste Strategy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement a zero waste strategy for Ontario.

12.5.5. Mercury Mitigation in Treaty 3 Lands

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would promote and support mitigating the mercury problems in the Grassy Narrows and White Dog treaty lands, including the sequestration and containment of mercury polluted silt in the river system and the limitation of clear-cut forestry practices in the Whiskey Jack Forest tract to those agreed upon by the First Nation concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be continued assessment of the long-term effects of the mercury on the people of White Dog and Grassy Narrows.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of White Dog and Grassy Narrows be given priority consultation rights on the sale of logging rights and land and that they maintain their hunting and fishing rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be continuing study and implementation of all mitigation methods.

12.6. Water Quality

12.6.1. Restoration of Water Ecosystems

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish a 50 metre buffer zones to protect streams and creeks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would strengthen current wetland conservation legislation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would use ecosystem-based watershed management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would re-establish flood control basins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would withdraw provincial funding for research into or support for Water Diversion Projects.

12.6.2. Clean Water Act

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage monitoring of standards that require that no toxic contaminants be allowed into our water systems and make results publicly available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the rights of citizen groups to sue water polluters for losses as well as establishing protection for whistleblowers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide the right to seek judicial review of the Minister of the Environment for failure to perform his or her duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would enact a provincial Water Self-Sufficiency Act requiring municipalities to:

- Treat stormwater and sewage on-site or early in the system wherever possible using integrative approaches including UV light, wet ponds, infiltration systems and low impact development (LID) to minimize or eliminate untreated stormwater in our waterways,
- Set targets for site water run-off allowances and encourage use of permeable surfaces over impermeable surfaces
- Encourage the installation of domestic and corporate water conservation measures
- Encourage the Ministry of Environment Regulation #903 that wells taken out of service be capped.

12.6.3. Vision for the Great Lakes and Great Lakes Water Basin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work with the Federal government and International Joint Commission to bring a coherent vision for the Great Lakes and Great Lakes Water Basin by implementing comprehensive policies and targeting investments that address invasive species, climate change mitigation and adaptation, reduce chemical and biological waste discharge, while enhancing drinking water protection, cleaning contaminated sites and emphasizing water conservation.

12.6.4. Supporting the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

BE IT RESOLVED that a Green Party of Ontario government will provide additional funding to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in order to protect the Great Lakes and their resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will work with the International Joint Commission, the governments of Canada and Quebec, and the governments of the United States, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin—in consultation with other stakeholders (e.g., First Nations)—to push for consistent funding for the

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other programs protecting the lakes.

12.7. Biodiversity

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would remove exemptions in the Endangered Species Act that protect companies from facing penalties for harming animals and their habitats and increase oversight for industry development that affects our land, water, and wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the enforced increased protection of Ontario's land and water.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a complex provincial biodiversity reporting program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would issue a near-complete ban on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would protect the Greenbelt from infrastructure development including highways, energy generation and transmission, sewage pipes, and fuel lines.

12.8. Natural Resource Extraction

12.8.1. Resource Extraction Regulation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase support for the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that commercial logging and other resource extraction should be further restricted in Algonquin and other parks based on forest management practices to maintain ecological integrity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would fix the Permit-To-Take-Water process to prioritize community water use over commercial interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario opposes below-the-water-table extraction that impacts prime farmland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that active permits and licenses issued before 2002 would be renegotiated to ensure the protection of endangered species.

12.8.2. Mining Regulation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would develop ecological credits for landowners who preserve and/or expand ecological infrastructure that promotes biodiversity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would balance the negative and positive outcomes of mining through improved Environmental Assessment and impact studies, improved regulation related to flora, fauna and water impacts, local community and indigenous

consultation, and full life planning of the site, products and bi-products.

12.8.3. Aggregate Industry Regulation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work towards a fair, impartial review of aggregate policy and operations that prioritizes the health, safety and quality of life for rural Ontarians and the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase and standardize aggregate extraction (ARA) fees and royalties using full cost recovery metrics that cover infrastructure, administrative, planning, enforcement, rehabilitation, environmental and societal costs associated with aggregate operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports increased recycling of aggregates in Ontario with rigorous regulatory systems in place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure consultation with local Indigenous communities on all resource extraction projects.

13. Taxation

13.1. Support for Basic Annual Income Guarantee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support the development, implementation, and monitoring of a Basic Annual Income Guarantee at the provincial and Federal level.

13.2. Alternative to GDP

BE IT RESOLVED that in order to de-emphasize economic growth as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and to promote those activities which contribute to the well-being of the people of Ontario, an alternative to the provincial equivalent of the GDP should be made available.

13.3. Tax Resource Use and Pollution, Not Income

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would begin a gradual, revenue-neutral tax shift from income and business taxes to natural resource use taxes and pollution taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that natural resource use taxes and pollution taxes should be applied early in the production process in order to impact all stages of production and consumption.

13.4. Property Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a revenue-neutral shift to land value taxation which taxes the value of land irrespective of capital improvements.

13.5. Green Tax Cuts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario's Green Tax Cut would ensure that funds collected from new taxes will be balanced in the form of income, corporate, sales, and other tax cuts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all proposals would be analyzed for their effect on the provincial economy, and programs will be in place to mitigate any impacts of new taxes on persons with low incomes.

13.6. Unearned income taxation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would propose a green tax cut that distinguishes between earned and unearned income, and moves the tax burden from the former onto the latter. This shift will unburden the productive economy and instead finance government programs by collecting unearned income

13.7. Land taxation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that institutions and businesses that enjoy access to community-built and tax-supported amenities and infrastructure be required to remit fees in the amount of the economic rent to government as compensation for the privileges granted

13.8. Employer Health Tax: Lowering Payroll Taxes on Small Business

BE IT RESOLVED that the Employer Health Tax exemption be raised to make it less expensive for small businesses and entrepreneurs to create jobs.

14. Francophone Affairs

14.1. Level of Bilingual Services

BE IT RESOLVED that any designation by a Provincial Bill of a Municipality or County as bilingual must contain specific minimum criteria defining the level of bilingual services offered by this Municipality or County; and that such criteria will have been developed in advance by the Provincial Government, in consultation with the Municipality/Council and with the civil society residing in this Municipality/Council.

14.2. The Franco-Ontarian Flag

BE IT RESOLVED that organizations receiving more than a third of their funding from the provincial government shall float the Franco - Ontarian flag next to the Canadian and/or Ontario flags, in the 24 regions designated under the French Language Services Act as having a significant minority of francophones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such regions have either 5,000 Francophones or Francophones make up 10% or more of their population.

14.3. Francophone Youth and French language

BE IT RESOLVED that for areas under the French Languages Services Act (FLSA), the Green Party of Ontario would establish a voluntary recognition-based incentive program, working in cooperation with local chambers of commerce, for retailers who:

- employ youth staff who understand both English & French;
- train staff to recognize which clients prefer to use French.

15. Government Services

15.1. Open Data

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the implementation of Open Data principles, as presented below, by the Government of Ontario, the Legislature, agencies, local governments and businesses that manage public data on behalf of the Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the creation of an Open Data Portal that would be a centralized index of all open data produced under this policy. The portal will allow ministries, agencies and third party groups to register individual data sets. In addition to facilitating data discovery the portal could provide data retention services in order to guarantee long term availability of public data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would make all public data available. Public data is data that is not subject to valid privacy, security or privilege limitations. Public data includes but is not limited to administrative data, program specific data, geomatics, vital and other statistics, and maps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data would be:

- Collected as is at the source, with the highest possible level of granularity, not in aggregate or modified forms.
- Made available as quickly as necessary to preserve the value of the data.
- Available to the widest range of users for the widest range of purposes.
- Structured to allow automated processing.
- Available to anyone, with no requirement of registration.
- Available in a format over which no entity has exclusive control.
- Not subject to any copyright, patent, trademark or trade secret regulation. Reasonable privacy, security and privilege restrictions may be allowed. Where data is released under Crown Copyright the Crown will not attempt to recover costs by way of fees, redistribution restrictions or other licensing restrictions. Modifications and derivative works are permitted.
- Not restricted in licensing terms to any party of selling or giving away a work either on its own or as part of a package made from works from many different sources. The license will not impose royalty or other fees for such sale or distribution.

[Definitions “public”: The Open Government Data principles do not address what data should be public and open. Privacy, security, and other concerns may legally (and rightly) prevent data sets from being shared with the public. Rather, these principles specify the conditions public data should meet to be considered “open.”

“data”: Electronically stored information or recordings. (i.e., documents, databases of contracts, transcripts of hearings,

and audio/visual recordings of events). While non-electronic information resources, such as physical artifacts, are not subject to the Open Government Data principles, it is always encouraged that such resources be made available electronically to the extent feasible.]

15.2. An Open Source Software [OSS] Policy for Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would consider open source software (OSS) solutions alongside proprietary ones in IT procurements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contracts would be awarded on a value for money basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that open source software solutions be used within all Government of Ontario IT enterprise environments for the benefit of government agencies and public sector entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario and all public sector entities would only use products for interoperability that support open standards and specifications in all future IT developments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario and public sector entities would seek to avoid lock-in to proprietary IT products and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario and public sector entities would consider obtaining full rights to software code or custom Commercial off-the-shelf software it procures wherever this achieves best value for money.

15.3. Conflict of Interest and Public Research

BE IT RESOLVED that there is a period of time during which an individual leaving the employ of a public research institute or leaving private sector employment to join a public research institute would be prohibited from lobbying such an institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during their terms of office, a member of the governing board of a public institution in Ontario not hold a position with or have interests in corporations that benefit from research at that public institution.

15.4. Evidence-Based Program Review

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Party of Ontario would call for 1% of each major program's spending to be reserved for objectively evaluating the effectiveness of that program, and reporting the findings to the legislature and the public.

16. Health Promotion and Long-Term Care

16.1. Universal Pharmacare

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a provincial pharmacare program for all residents that would give universal drug coverage, encourage safe prescribing practices, prevent underuse and overuse and reduce workforce costs for business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would create a medical oversight body that would identify the need for, fund, and oversee research and reduce pharmacare costs by supporting only evidence-based pharmacological practices with healthy outcomes.

16.2. Health Care: Treatment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario health care policy focuses on providing greater access to a full range of proven health care systems, and on providing treatment facilities that are human-scale, community-centred places of healing to increase the emphasis on maintaining health in our healthcare system.

16.3. Health Care: Health Maintenance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would promote healthy lifestyle changes through educational campaigns and incentives to encourage better nutrition, exercise, avoidance of drugs, and techniques such as stress management;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adaptation tools for other health factors such as poor air, soil and water quality and environmentally induced diseases will be provided;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs for the cessation of smoking, drinking alcohol, or using other addictive drugs would be fully funded through OHIP provided they are reasonably cost-effective in comparison to similar programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that research and application of ergonomics will be encouraged to reduce the incidence of injury in the workplace and the home;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of a “social determinants of health” lens to review major government spending and planning that impacts personal health and well-being, especially those programs which affect the social safety net, community planning, health, environmental protection, education, work and equity.

16.4. Health Care: Accountability

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would undertake a restructuring of health care spending to prioritize funds to areas which have been shown to support an increase in human health for lower costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase funding to the Ministry of Health Promotion and grant funding to agencies and organizations that provide community-based health programs that show results in improving and maintaining personal health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as long as Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are in existence, that LHIN senior management should be hired through open and public competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports Nurse Practitioners and Extended Class Nurses to fall entirely under the Regulations and Scope of Practice that the College of

Nurses of Ontario approves, and that Physicians no longer are required to also assume responsibility for the nurses' practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports senior executive salary reform in healthcare settings, such as hospitals, with a new provincial formula that includes considerations of similar public sector position salaries, ability to pay and performance.

16.5. Early Health Strategy

BE IT RESOLVED that women would be encouraged to breastfeed by providing all prospective parents with accurate information on the advantages of breastfeeding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide public education about the benefits of breastfeeding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a woman's right to breastfeed in public would be protected;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the World Health Organization's Code of Marketing of breastmilk substitutes would be enacted as legislation in Ontario to protect women and their babies from misleading advertising;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hospitals and birthing centres would be required to satisfy the "baby-friendly hospital" guidelines of the World Health Organization and UNICEF;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pre-natal education and post-natal support would be provided;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide education to parents and children about making healthy living choices through improved prenatal classes, increased physical education in schools, and greater collaboration between daycares and local parks and recreation programs.

16.6. Mental Health Strategy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would undertake a comprehensive mental health strategy for Ontario with an aim to increase support for those affected, reduce societal stigma and increase personal health;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategy would focus on public education, increasing service delivery and decreasing underlying causes, through the use of strategies known to be effective.

16.7. Drug Abuse Treatment Services

BE IT RESOLVED that a Green Party of Ontario government would treat drug addiction through a variety of individualized, evidence-based and OHIP-funded treatment programs based on the assessed needs of the patient.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that further investments in drug abuse treatment services will be made for additional made for educators, addictions counsellors, and health care professionals as well as infrastructure (e.g., hospital beds).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that self-identified addictive drug using students seeking treatment will be offered prompt access to treatment services before any disciplinary action, if applicable, occurs.

16.8. Improved Dental Care

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide publicly funded preventative dental care, dental education, dental examinations and dental treatment.

16.9. Dying with Dignity

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would bring forth legislation that states that the will of an adult with the capacity to consent must be respected, principally by his right to autonomy. This rule applies even if refusal or cessation of treatment leads to death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a terminally ill adult patient, who is of sound mind, may request continuous palliative sedation that will lead to death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that patients would need to have an incurable illness and be in an advanced state of irreversible decline in capacities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they would also have to be in constant and unbearable physical and/or psychological pain that doctors would view as impossible to relieve through medication.

16.10. Long Term Care

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide long term care that meet the needs of the chronically ventilated in their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that long term care should be provided at the person's primary residence or through a residential group home in their community.

16.11. Equal Funding for Private Community Residential Treatment Residences

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario support increasing funding for residential treatment facilities so all people with disabilities in Ontario receive the treatment and service they require to live.

16.12. Ban Phthalates in Toys

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would call for a ban of phthalates and Bisphenol A in baby bottles and toys designed for children under the age of 5.

16.13. Aboriginal Access to Dental Care

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario, in partnership with aboriginal Ontarians, would work to close the gap between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Ontarians dental decay rates by improving access to dental care and through dental health promotion.

16.14. Junk Food Tax

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would seek to introduce and support legislation to create a tax on junk food, and that the revenues be used to fund school food programs and subsidize the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables for those with low income.

16.15. Presumed Consent Organ Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Party of Ontario would amend the *Trillium Gift of Life Network Act* and any other legislation as need be, to implement a soft presumed consent—or opt-out—organ and tissue donation system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amended law would only apply to Canadian citizens who were ordinarily resident in Ontario for at least one year immediately preceding their death;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for greater certainty, a resident of Ontario can still register their consent to be an organ and tissue donor either with the Trillium Gift of Life Network, in a proxy directive (i.e., a Continuing Power of Attorney for Personal Care) or in a valid will, in which case their consent will be binding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amended law would also apply to citizens of jurisdictions with similar legislation, but will not apply to those citizens who have registered a refusal for transplants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if a resident of Ontario, to which this presumed consent law applies, dies in another province/state/country, a transplant of their organs and tissue can take place in that jurisdiction, unless that person registers their refusal to consent with the Trillium Gift of Life Network, in a proxy directive (i.e., a Continuing Power of Attorney for Personal Care) or in a valid will;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional resources would be provided to hospitals to be able to discuss the benefits of organ donation with family members of an immediate potential donor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within 5 to 10 years after implementing a soft opt-out donation system, the Government of Ontario would review the system to look at transitioning to a hard opt-out system that may or may not include a process for families to seek a quick injunction to prevent transplants from a dying family member who did not register or express in writing either their consent or their refusal for transplants.

16.16. Active Play in Ontario Schools

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would ensure at least one hour of playful physical activity per day in the elementary and high school curriculum

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would engage education, health and other experts to develop an effective plan for ensuring a sufficient amount of active play, based on evidence from research.

17. Infrastructure and Planning

17.1. Green Planning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would direct funding to sustainable infrastructure projects including public transit, rail, ecological restoration and other projects which reduce dependence on fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gases and foster livable communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide operational funding for municipal public transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide incentives for good planning by prioritizing infrastructure funding to municipalities that undertake sustainability planning, implementation and reporting, and support an increase in planning capacity.

17.2. Population Growth and Employment Opportunities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would eliminate minimum population growth quotas imposed on municipalities.

17.3. Places to Grow

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would protect important parts of the Golden Horseshoe by adding agricultural, rural and natural heritage areas identified by municipalities through implementation of the Places to Grow Plan and the Provincial Greenbelt policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage Ontario communities to recognize the ecological carrying capacity of the local area.

17.4. Cancel Tax Rebate for Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings

BE IT RESOLVED that the GPO would cancel the existing Provincial Land Tax Rebate Program for Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings.

17.5. Brownfield Redevelopment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement a brownfield redevelopment fund to assist municipalities.

17.6. Public Transit Planning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would empower municipalities to develop and implement price mechanisms for the use of roads and parking within Ontario downtowns to encourage efficient transit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would calculate development on the basis of the full implementation of public transportation plans by provincial and municipal planning authorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would calculate development charges on the basis of public costs including environmental remediation costs generated by new development, such costs as tree-planting, open space replacement, and agricultural easements.

17.7. Selective Intensification

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would act as responsible keepers of the public trust, retaining public lands in public hands, only considering selling land to non-profit community groups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support rural property and urban community trusts to be used by responsible stewards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would establish a formula to determine the municipal infrastructure footprint of new developments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that development charges would be levied on new developments by municipalities to pay for the infrastructure needed to sustain that development.

17.8. Housing

17.8.1. Ontario Building Code

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would recommend to amend the Ontario Building Code to require all new homes to be built to a minimum of R2000 standards, and all commercial, industrial and institutional buildings, including apartment buildings, to be built to a minimum of LEED certified rating;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial portion of HST would be waived on retrofitting buildings if they meet or exceed approved standards, to be phased back in over 5 years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that housing include the provision of larger diameter conduits (and the inclusion of sufficient electrical panel capacity) in all new single family and multi-residential construction with parking spaces; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing would be encouraged to resolve the roof loading issue promptly to support the introduction of solar energy in new and existing construction.

17.8.2. Building with the inclusion of alternative fuel technology

BE IT RESOLVED that building construction would incorporate alternative energy materials in the construction that involved at least 25% of the outside building material and this energy to be fed into the grid via reversed metering or for personal use if desired.

17.8.3. Community Land Trusts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage home ownership through community land trusts.

17.8.4. Co-operative housing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports co-operative housing as a means of providing good housing that people can afford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is committed to the following principles adopted by the International Co-operative Alliance (the body representing co-ops worldwide, in September 1995) such that it fits our vision of sustainable communities which includes:

- Open and Voluntary Membership,
- Democratic Control by Members,
- Members' Economic Participation,
- Commitment to Service,
- Autonomy and Independence,
- Education, Training and Information,
- Co-operation among Co-operatives,
- Concern for Community and Future Generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide government loan guarantees and small grants as seed money needed to assist the development of housing co-ops.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would reverse the decision of the previous Ontario government that downloaded Housing Co-ops to municipalities.

17.8.5. Socially-assisted housing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is committed to policies that facilitate decent, permanent shelter for those in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would make changes to the zoning regulations of our province that would encourage a mix of housing alternatives in every community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that new communities (and renovated older communities) will be required to have as a percentage of total houses built:

- More options for temporary housing such as Group homes, temporary shelters, and rent subsidized, public housing.

17.8.6. Available Housing for All

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would take the following steps to end involuntary homelessness in Ontario:

- Pressure the Federal Government to live up to international agreements, which Canada signed decades ago, which define shelter as a basic human right. We will insist that the Federal Government provide funding for a national housing program.
- Initiate a province-wide study to determine all suitable surplus property held by the Province and Municipalities, with the intention of leasing (at slightly lower than market rates) to

non-profit housing providers, community groups or co-operatives, who can demonstrate the ability to renovate existing buildings, or build new affordable housing units, independent of any further Provincial Government funding. Of course, communities require land for uses other than residential, and these needs shall be provided for, where public land is available, and suitable.

- Provide government loan guarantees and small grants to non-profit groups as seed money needed to assist the development of Housing Co-ops, co-housing and shared accommodation facilities.
- Provide adequate funding to municipalities to build temporary shelter facilities.
- Ensure that all forms of residential buildings are taxed at an equal rate; ensuring that any savings to multi-tenant facilities would be passed on to tenants.

18. Protecting Workers

18.1. Mandatory Mediation

BE IT RESOLVED that after 60 days, or sooner under extraordinary circumstances, of a lockout or strike the Government of Ontario would appoint a third party mediator, or conciliation officer, to ease contract negotiations, and help reach a mutually agreeable contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this applies to both public and private sector labour disputes.

18.2. Vacation Entitlement Section

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would raise the minimum annual paid vacation entitlement for all workers to 4 weeks (20 days).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after 10 years of work experience, all workers would receive 5 weeks (25 days) minimum where:

- Post-secondary years of education are to count toward the 10 years of work experience.
- All work experience will count toward the 10 year qualification and will not be limited to work experience with a single employer.

18.3. Unpaid internships

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports best practices related to unpaid internships with oversight and enforcement by the Ministry of Labour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that unpaid internships must not unfairly exploit interns and therefore should be vetted according to a published set of guidelines such that they provide:

- clear benefits in terms of vocational training to the intern;
- provide minimal benefit to the organization offering the internship;
- span a limited duration in days;
- comprise limited number of non-full time hours not more than 12 hours per week in the case of longer term internships;
- preferably be linked to a program of study, vocational training, or international student training exchange;
- be registered with the Ministry of Labour;

- and shall not be used as a prerequisite to eventual employment or to replace employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a system of fast track approval by the Ministry of Labour for registered unpaid internships that fulfill the above criteria.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that unpaid internships which follow the above guidelines in the broader public sector should fall within the mandate of the Ombudsman for Ontario.

18.4. Labour Regulations for Teleworking

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support provincial funding of programs to study best practices for teleworking in Ontario communities, i.e., working remotely from a home office on behalf of an employer or client at least part of the time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would pursue partnerships and sharing of information with any private sector, not-for-profit, and community-based organizations that seek to advance best practices for teleworking in the province of Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would promote the enhancement of teleworking supports to senior citizens and to people living with disabilities in order to promote increased workforce participation while protecting vulnerable people and communities from exploitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support dedicated, stable, long-term funding for teleworking partnerships that specifically address the needs of participating indigenous communities of Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support ongoing reviews and public consultations initiated by the Ministry of Labour that would examine laws and regulations that address teleworking conditions including the following concerns:

- Working arrangements for employees and independent contractors.
- Hours of work, including
 - Limits and guidelines for daily, weekly, and monthly hours worked;
 - Duty of employers to authorize, monitor, and verify hours worked, and
 - Mutual responsibility of workers and employers to log and record hours worked and to resolve disputes within timeframes set out by regulation.
- Fair payment for work of equal value, including
 - Shift premiums, if any, for verifiable overtime worked while teleworking.
- Teleworking conditions, including
 - Key provisions required in a teleworking agreement entered into by a worker and an employer, and
 - Definition of minimum acceptable working conditions.
- Compensation standards for teleworkers, including
 - Recourse for non-payment of wages and shift premiums due to a worker that specifically contemplate work performed by teleworking.
- Health effects, including
 - Ergonomic concerns such as repetitive strain injuries, and other musculo-skeletal problems;
 - Obesity & cardio-vascular fitness, and
 - Mental health effects of social isolation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support an ongoing process of review by the Privacy Commissioner of Ontario in order to identify areas of concern and proposed policy changes related to privacy and workplace surveillance as these issues apply to workers engaged in any form of teleworking.

19. Municipal Affairs and Support

19.1. Overhaul the Ontario Municipal Board

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would significantly overhaul or abolish the Ontario Municipal Board, with public consultation.

19.2. Municipal Governance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would clearly articulate where it believes there is a compelling provincial interest and will define that interest before regulating municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that provincial legislation would be drafted with the expectation of responsible municipal government behaviour and not as a remedial tool.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resources for municipal governments would be sustainable and commensurate with the level of responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the province would commit to increasing the understanding and awareness of municipal government within all ministries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide the following recommendations:

- That the Municipal Act and accompanying Regulations be amended by deleting all requirements for "notice" and be replaced with a general provision allowing municipal councils to determine by by-law under what circumstances notice is required and the form, manner and timing of the notice. Limitations on incorporating should be repealed and replaced with a broad power permitting municipalities to incorporate corporations under either the Business Corporations Act or under Part III of the Corporations Act for any municipal purpose.
- That the restriction on the receiving and holding of shares of a corporation be removed and that Natural Person Powers be enhanced to include the use of those powers for matters related to effective management and administration of the municipality and local boards, and by the reduction or elimination of the restrictions and limitations currently in the Act.
- That all provincial legislation affecting municipal government would define the provincial interest in the legislation.
- Legislation should be enacted recognizing that municipalities are governments capable of administering their own affairs. - and should be allowed to govern based on broad authority within their areas of jurisdiction.
- That the Municipal Act be amended to permit municipalities to appoint an independent Integrity Commissioner. The legislation should include broadly worded authority permitting a municipal council to appoint an Integrity Commissioner on the terms and conditions it deems appropriate.

The only detail in the authorizing legislation may be to include adequate powers to undertake a full and complete investigation.

- That municipal councils be authorized to enact codes of conduct.
- That the principle of joint and several liability be abandoned and that section 1 of the Negligence Act be repealed to protect municipalities from frivolous lawsuits.

19.3. Providing Municipalities with Dedicated Funding

BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government meet the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) goal of providing 2.5 Billion Dollars per year in funding to Ontario municipalities to meet their infrastructure needs.

19.4. Municipal Taxes and Urban Sprawl

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement Site Value Tax, improving assessment procedures to reflect the value of the land, taking into account long -term restrictions, allowed uses, and other aspects such as ecological, cultural and zoning mandates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that assessed value shall derive from the unencumbered value of the site in relation to location;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assessed value shall ignore the market value of the structures on the land;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assessed tax shall, at a minimum, recover costs of site services, including ongoing maintenance where Site Value Tax returns are too low.

19.5. Zoning

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would allow and encourage the zoning of current single family homes into multiple family units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage infilling and intensification of our cities; discourage urban sprawl with Greenbelts around all urban centres in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the establishment of home based business, with the only zoning requirement being the approval of your immediate neighbours.

19.6. Enabling Public Participation in the Planning Approvals Process

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support the development of legislation to discourage developers from using cost applications and similar tactics to frustrate public participation in the planning approval process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for a means for the public to access financial and other resources in order to exercise their participatory rights in planning approvals and other contexts that have a significant bearing on the environment.

20. Research and Innovation

20.1. Public Funding of Research at Public Institutions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate that all research at public institutions such as universities, colleges and hospitals be supported exclusively by public funds.

20.2. Incentive Program for the Development and Demonstration of Technological Innovation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for an incentive program for public or private organizations to develop and demonstrate technologies intended to improve energy efficiency, conservation or renewable generation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for an incentive program for financial institutions to develop financial products and tools for the green energy sector.

20.3. Social Innovation Foundation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports the creation of a Social Innovation Foundation to provide grants and loans that foster the research and development of innovative technological solutions to issues surrounding climate change.

21. Arts, Heritage and Tourism

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would increase tourism dollars and promote cultural heritage resource preservation.

21.2. Arts and Culture

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports community-based arts and culture programming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario will prioritize community-based arts and culture programming with grants and support access to all Ontarians to participate in these activities.

21.3. Expanding Green Tourism in our Cities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would bring ecotourism to our own urban communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a website would be created specifically linking all ecotourism activities in the province, and would especially focus on urban ecotourism enterprises;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would introduce Green Tourist Guides allowing locals and visitors to find and support businesses and venues which promote Green Tourism goals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that treating new Green Collar jobs in the province's tourism and recreation industries. Supporting local small businesses which promote Green Tourism through tax and other incentives in all Ontario communities.

21.4. Fixing Ticket Buying in Ontario

BE IT RESOLVED that a Green Party of Ontario government will create anti-scalping bot legislation making the use of scalping “bots” software illegal in the province.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original seller cannot sell a ticket to a buyer if they are aware that bot software was used during the purchase transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exemptions regulations under the *Ticket Speculation Act* allowing tickets to be resold for more than the ticket's original face value will be repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that secondary ticket services will be allowed to add a reasonable service fee charge to the resale price of the ticket so long as that fee goes to the company for use of their service, and not to the reseller of the ticket.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amended Act will require that all tickets sold in the province be revocable as a condition of sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work with secondary ticket websites and other secondary ticket services to revoke tickets from persons who list tickets for resale for more than the ticket's original face value.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Green Party of Ontario government will further amend the *Ticket Speculation Act* requiring anyone advertising the price of a ticket for sale or resale to include in the price all costs of providing the service, and to indicate in the advertisement all fees, charges and taxes collected on behalf of another person (e.g., HST) in respect of the service.

22. Transportation

22.1. Complete Streets Act

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a Complete Streets Act that requires streets across Ontario to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario is dedicated to providing cleaner, more energy efficient and safer forms of transportation that are accessible to everyone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage a reduction in road traffic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the use of motor vehicles that do less environmental harm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would link fees, incentives, and regulations pertaining to motor vehicles to the full life cycle costs including pollution, road construction and maintenance, accidents, etc.

22.2. Active Transportation and Public Transportation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would seek to have municipalities and the Ontario Municipal Board encourage the location of places of work, living and recreation closer together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would promote safer walking, safer cycling, and accessibility for persons with disabilities through province-wide improvements to signals, signage, road markings, traffic calming, introduction of bicycle lanes and paths, and improved sidewalks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would devote at least 1% of the Ministry of Transportation budget to a fund for municipalities to use to support pedestrian infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would devote at least 1% of the Ministry of Transportation budget to a fund for municipalities to use to support cycling infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide tax incentives to employers and employees for living-where-you-work, active transportation, and the regular use of public transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would require municipalities to plan for sufficient density around any rapid transit stations to be developed with provincial funding so that the new infrastructure will be economically sustainable.

22.3. Electrify Public Transit

BE IT RESOLVED that Ontario prioritize electrifying the public transit system.

22.4. Inclusion of Telecommuting in Metrolinx's Mandate

BE IT RESOLVED the Green Party encourages teleworking, that is working remotely from home or a local office, wherever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Green Party would expand the mandate of Metrolinx to implement a new program for the facilitation of teleworking technologies and best practices to help maximize the use of teleworking in the private and public sector and to position Ontario as a world leader in this carbon neutral strategy.

22.5. Support for Transportation in Northern, Remote, and Rural Communities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide financial support specifically directed at developing active transportation and public transportation infrastructure in northern Ontario communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support transit solutions in rural Ontario that would provide shared transport to hospitals.

22.6. Rail Infrastructure

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would seek to develop efficient, electric powered rail systems for long distance haulage of goods and for inter-community personal travel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would convert Metrolinx trains (GO Transit and Toronto's Air Rail Link) to electric power at the earliest opportunity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would provide funding for rail systems through leasing or sale of some or all of the rights to the real estate situated over rail lines, where appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage public access to currently unused rail right of ways that can safely be converted to new uses such as public transportation.

22.7. Vehicles Belonging to Government Agencies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would seek to have electric and other low-emissions vehicles used wherever possible in the fleet of all agencies of the Government of Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would work to have the Government of Ontario transition its fleet to electric and other low-emissions vehicles.

22.8. Curbing Congestion Issues

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement congestion charges in urban areas and toll charges on express highways where appropriate, with greater charges applying to those classes of vehicles that pollute more;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that net proceeds derived from such charges would be directed to public transit in those areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would expand the use of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on all 400 series highways and similar multi-lane highways, where appropriate

22.9. Dedicated Revenue Streams for Public Transit

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would advocate for dedicated revenue streams that would provide adequate money to fund public transit, expanded GO service, and Ontario Northland.

22.10. Automotive Emissions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would implement licensing fees that are lower for vehicles that pollute less, for example, based on a designations such as the Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would enhance enforcement of automobile emission regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would enact stricter standards for emissions from motor vehicles;

22.11. Automotive Safety

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would promote regular safety checks on all vehicles

22.12. Supporting a shift to electric vehicles

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would support the adoption of electric vehicles, and encourage the development of supportive infrastructure across the province

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage that electric vehicles are powered by renewable energy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would have standards bodies and municipalities support the use of plug-in electric vehicles through building codes and the issuance of building permits

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would link fees, incentives, and regulations pertaining to motor vehicles to the full life cycle costs to society.

22.13. Pay as you drive auto insurance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage pay-as-you-drive car insurance to encourage the increased use of public transportation.

22.14. Expansion of car-sharing opportunities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage and expand the use of car-sharing programs, to reduce automobile ownership and resulting incentives to drive;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would remove carpooling restrictions

based on vehicle ownership and/or trip purpose;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario would encourage the development and use of carpool matching services.

22.15. Public Trails

BE IT RESOLVED that public trails should be closed to all motorized recreational vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-motorized recreational equipment should be tax-free, while motorized recreational vehicles, should be discouraged through taxation and banned from parks and protected areas.

22.16. Safety and Accessibility of Public Transit

BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports stable, ongoing provincial government funding for infrastructure, equipment, and public education measures used to improve the safety, security and accessibility of our public transit systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Party of Ontario supports a periodic review of the safety, security and accessibility of public transit systems that receive funding from the Province of Ontario.