

ANISHINABEK NATION PRIORITIES AND POLITICAL PARTY PRIORITIES



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Governance


- **Self Governance Agreement:** The Anishinabek Nation maintained self-sufficient governments with sustainable economies, distinctive languages and diverse cultures within a defined territory prior to the establishment of Canada. The Anishinabek Nation has never given up its inherent right to govern itself. This inherent right to self-government exists independent of the self-government negotiations with Canada.
- **Citizenship:** Law-making powers for First Nations to determine its citizenship within the self-government process – incorporate our sovereign approach to self -government
- **Education Agreement:** As established in the Education AIP, the draft Final Agreement on Education includes provisions for the exercise of each First Nation’s law-making authority over primary, elementary, and secondary education and the maintenance, promotion, and development of Anishinaabe culture, spirituality, and language; in the education system

Education

- the Anishinabek Nation continues to pursue fairness and equity in funding and services for First Nation students and prospective students
- resource and capacity building opportunities and accessibility within our communities is insufficient; hinders ‘ability’ to ensure proper services are provided to our citizens

Health

- status quo remains for health but status quo means decreased services for our citizens; ie: transportation (medical drivers) for our seniors and other person(s) with challenges; especially remote communities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-insured Health Benefits remains inadequate; impacts are great amongst our citizens living below poverty line; single parents and seniors • inadequate First Nation and PTO service delivery funding <p>Economic Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inadequate infrastructure, capacity and/or resource issues hinder opportunities to develop and attract business(es) • uncertainty about the First Nation and Crown relationship with respect to consultation and accommodation <p>Resource Revenue Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • negotiation of a real Resource Revenue Sharing agreement reflective of Anishinabek Nation principles
 <p>Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario Tim Hudak</p> <p>www.ontariopc.com</p>	<p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure First Nations are full partners in building and benefitting from a ‘strong Northern economy’ • two meetings annually between First Nation leaders, Ontario Premier and senior cabinet ministers • will work with federal government to harmonize the environmental assessment processes that bog down important projects • remove barriers by cutting red tape, getting energy costs under control, ensuring fair and strong land tenure and developing partnerships to bring the investments in infrastructure that a strong mining industry requires • repeal Far North Act • will champion the Ring of Fire; ensure Minister of Northern Development and Mines is responsible for moving this initiative forward • will promote the concept of ‘open government’ to bring forward citizens innovative ideas on public policy • aggressively tackle ‘illegal tobacco sales’ by increasing enforcement efforts including at the US border • reduce the authorized volume of unmarked tobacco produced on reserves • work with reserve police agencies and band councils to close unauthorized cigarette manufacturing facilities and prevent delivery of manufacturing materials used by illicit factories • increase police search and seizure authority relating to tobacco products <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create up to 60, 000 new spaces for Ontario students • raise the threshold on financial support to make it more accessible for middle-class families to send their children to college or university

Health

- increase annual investments in health care by more than \$6 billion by the end of our first term
- introduce a series of patient- centered reforms that make the patient the focus of our health care system
- strengthen the mandate of Ontario's Health Quality Council to monitor and report on the performance of our health care system
- reduce emergency room waits
- make emergency room wait times available in real time through Tele-health and online
- support seniors and free up hospital beds by expanding long term care with 5,000 new long term care beds; added to the 35,000 renovated beds to come over the next 10 years; will give more seniors additional privacy and dignity
- increase residency placements for medical students from Ontario who have pursued world-class medical training outside Canada and want to return home to practice
- target the costly health bureaucracies that take money from direct patient care

Economy & Resources

- allow all ***Mining Tax revenue from new mines to stay in First Nations*** and local communities
- help forestry industry; create a forest tenure system that is 'transparent' and fair to ensure job creation
- ***stumpage fees will be directed to First Nations*** and local communities once forest industry 'is profitable again'
- double the tax credit for those who choose to care for a loved one in their own homes
- make Ontario's business tax rates competitive by reducing them to 10%
- modernize the apprenticeship system by delegating more responsibility for signing up apprentices to the colleges who will also match apprentices with employers
- increase the dedicated revenue from the provincial gas tax to transit, roads, and other infrastructure projects - no municipality will receive less funding - every municipality will receive some level of investment; this will be a permanent commitment
- increase funding to expand land acquisition for the Bruce Trail
- support local conservation efforts in protecting Ontario's many signature rivers such as the Thames, Don, French, and Ottawa-this will include activities like protecting riverbanks, cleaning debris, and stocking fish
- ensure Ontarians get a fair deal from their government if their land is required for public purposes
- offer fair and reasonable incentives or compensation to encourage Ontarians to help protect sensitive environmental land
- ensure 100% of hunting and fishing license revenue is dedicated to conservation; those on the frontline of conservation like hunters and anglers will have a real say in how these funds are spent



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Education

- full-day kindergarten
- enhanced loan repayment plans for post graduates employed at not-for-profits organizations or who have low-income jobs

Health

- create a new risk management program to provide stability for farmers and ensure healthy local food for Ontario families
- continuation of implementation of 'the toughest' drinking water standards in North America to help ensure clean, safe drinking water for all Ontarians

Economy & Resources


- provide up to \$1,100 annually per child to low-income families through the Ontario Child Benefit
- build and repair more than 270,000 affordable housing spaces
- increase Ontario's general minimum wage to \$10.25 an hour, an increase of almost 50 per cent since 2003
- protect clean air and water
- provide tax cuts and tax credits for Ontario families
- cut taxes for businesses
- fast-track the closure of more coal units in 2011
- proposed the Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit to provide relief from both sales tax on energy and for property taxes for low- to middle-income Ontarians, including seniors
- Northern Ontario Energy Credit; up to \$130 for a single person and \$200 for a family (including single parents)
- Implemented HST for province



New Democratic Party of
Ontario

Governance

- **Aboriginal People:** Encouraging the participation of Aboriginal peoples in Canadian politics and giving a voice to them within the Party are the founding principles of the **New Democrat Aboriginal Commission**. This Commission welcomes all Aboriginal People, First Nations, Métis and Inuit into the party as members, supporters and candidates.

<p>Andrea Horwath</p> <p>ontariondp.com</p>	<p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cut emergency room wait times in half • cap CEO health salaries and invest the savings in frontline healthcare • support seniors to accommodate them living in their own homes • no ambulance fees <p>Economy & Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get rid of HST on hydro and home heating • get rid of HST on gasoline; gas pump gouging • create jobs in natural resources industry • provide 'rewards' for job creators • stop corporate tax giveaways • lower small business taxes • raise minimum wage to 11%
 <p>The Green Party of Ontario Mike Schreiner</p> <p>www.gpo.ca</p>	<p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fight for good jobs and a fiscally responsible government • focus on local ownership, local decision-making and local benefits to stimulate job creation in communities across the province • ensure open, transparent and accountable government • end backroom deals and no-bid contracts • open government consulting contracts up to scrutiny by posting details of all public contracts online • streamline freedom of information requests • remove barriers that prevent citizens from being heard • implement a community engagement process and restore local decision making for energy projects • give citizens a greater say in public consultations, including strengthening the Environmental Bill of Rights, reforming the Ontario Municipal Board and ending lawsuits that prevent citizen participation in planning decisions • ensure public officials are held to the highest standards • strengthen conflict of interest rules for provincial and municipal officials

Education

- develop youth employment opportunities by updating and strengthening our education system
- freeze tuition for the 2012-13 school year while maintaining university and college budgets; index tuition increases to the rate of inflation from 2013-15
- expand training and certification programs in job growth areas such as green buildings, biomedical technology, renewable energy and sustainable transportation
- increase investments in apprenticeship, co-operative and mentorship programs

Health

- reform health care delivery to ensure all Ontarians have access to quality community health services
- re-prioritize funding to support doctors, nurse practitioners and other health professionals for family/community care clinics that are integrated with public health
- put communities back in charge of local health care decisions
- honour our seniors by improving the care available to Ontario's aging population
- support all long-term care facilities to provide services in compliance with provincial standards
- ensure that residents have a say in community health care decisions

Economy & Resources

- lower income taxes on families and local businesses to stimulate job creation
- support entrepreneurs, innovation and strong local economies
- generate long-term, sustainable savings on our energy bills is to eliminate waste and prioritize efficiency and conservation