

Candidates Survey - Provincial Election 2025

Completed Survey

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Brian Figueiredo	NB	Elgin-Middlesex-London
Cathy Burghardt-Jesson	Liberal	Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
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<p>The most recent Correctional Service of Canada report pegs the daily cost of maintaining incarcerated people at about \$345 per day (2019-20 statistics), or on average of just more than \$126,000 per year – slightly more than two times the average annual salary in Canada. How does your party justify the lack of investment in rehabilitation programs while prison budgets keep increasing?</p>	<p>We would like to see more investment in rehabilitation programs.</p>	<p>We don't justify it. We need to invest in rehabilitation programs and social programs that may prevent crime in the first place.</p>	<p>The most recent Correctional Service of Canada report pegs the daily cost of maintaining incarcerated people at about \$345 per day (2019-20 statistics), or on average of just more than \$126,000 per year – slightly more than two times the average annual salary in Canada. How does your party justify the lack of investment in rehabilitation programs while prison budgets keep increasing? We don't justify the lack of investment in rehabilitation programs from Liberal and conservative governments. Marit Stiles and the Ontario NDP believe it's crucial to properly fund rehabilitation programs. Ontario's jail populations continue to swell because there aren't sufficient community-based mental health and income supports. An NDP government will work to address this imbalance.</p>	<p>There is no justification. We believe there should be significantly increased investment in prevention (for example, by ensuring access to housing, education, and doubled social assistance rates), as well as increased investment in offender rehabilitation.</p>		<p>It doesn't. GPO platform supports Reform the current bail system to ensure 80% of people in jail awaiting trial have access to fair and fast trials and to prevent the overcrowding of prisons. , Reform the justice system to reduce the disproportionate representation of Black, Indigenous, and racialized people, and destroy all data collected from carding. , Ensure that court mental health workers are available in all regions of Ontario to divert more individuals living with a mental health issue and/or substance use concern out of the justice system and into mental health and addictions services and supports., Restore adequate funding to Legal Aid by boosting their base budget and develop a long-term, structurally stable funding plan., Fulfill the right of Ontarians to access expert, fair and effective justice at our provincial tribunals.</p>	<p>The Green Party does not justify it and has long called for greater investment in rehabilitation programs. Further to that, we have comprehensive policies to prevent crime from occurring in the first place by caring for the most vulnerable, especially children and those living in poverty. We do not support incarcerating those with addictions for drug use.</p>	<p>We advocate for increased rehabilitation investment</p>	<p>I cannot speak on behalf of the party, but for myself. I believe that violent crimes cannot be taken lightly and perpetrators should face maximum penalties while having a support system for victims.</p>
<p>Are you and your party supportive of supervised consumption facilities?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Are you and your party supportive of abstinence-based rehabilitation?</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If your answer to #13 was 'yes', is your party willing to invest in more affordable access to rehabilitation spaces in the province of Ontario?</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Do you and your party believe that police services in the province of Ontario are adequately addressing and responding to GBV, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and VAW?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Do you agree that there is an overrepresentation of Indigenous and racialized people in Ontario prisons?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>According to the CBC, London, Ontario is considered a hub for human trafficking due to its location between Toronto and Windsor. Roughly 73 per cent of police-reported sex trafficking cases involve children, youth, and young women, with the average age of victims recruited being between 11 and 13. Does your party recognize human trafficking as a significant issue impacting communities in Ontario?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Do you and your party have a comprehensive, long-term strategy to address Human Trafficking in Ontario?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>

<p>According to a report, the estimate for spending on Ontario corrections is over \$3.3 billion dollars. Investments in community-based programs for perpetrators is significantly lower. How does your party plan to invest in community-based interventions that will address rehabilitation for perpetrators?</p>	<p>We would like to see investments for programs that reduce recidivism, support reintegration, and address the root causes of criminal behaviour.</p>	<p>The Green Party wants to invest more in mental health services for all Ontarians that will help with rehabilitation.</p>	<p>New Democrats have raised the alarm that under Liberals, and now the Doug Ford government, Ontario's jails have become dangerously overcrowded and under-resourced. An NDP government will invest in diversion programs, as well as community mental health and wellness supports to families, communities, and individuals. We are also committed to properly resource community supervision programs, long neglected by Liberal and conservative governments. We will declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic, allowing resources to reach communities for an array of responses.</p>	<p>We will never be able to end GBV without programs to stop perpetrators from being violent. Currently, the Ontario government only funds programs for perpetrators when mandated by the courts, and only for a limited number of sessions. We believe that perpetrators who want to change their abusive behaviours should be able to access programming on a voluntary basis. The programs should be informed by research and evidence to determine optimal length and content.</p>		<p>By investing in the creation and expansion of permanent 24/7 mobile crisis response teams where mental health care workers are deployed when people are experiencing a mental health or substance related crisis, as well as rapid access addiction medicine clinics.</p>	<p>The Green Party supports rehabilitation for perpetrators. We recognize that investing in community-based programs makes greater economic sense and brings about greater social benefit for our province. Non-violent offenders should have opportunities for rehabilitation to rejoin and give back to society. Without those supports, perpetrators are more likely to reoffend.</p>	<p>investment in community programs and improved mental health services</p>	<p>We believe in improving affordability and raising quality of life for all citizens. Overall crime increases with a rise in poverty, thus address the crux of the issue head on.</p>
<p>Do you and your party believe that trans women should be able to access women only spaces for survivors of GBV and sexual violence?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If you answered 'no' to question #20, please share why, and how your party would ensure trans survivors have access to GBV services.</p>									<p>As a son who grew up with a Mother needing to use a woman's shelter, I cannot in good faith support having these facilities be shared with biological men. I also don't believe supports should be rejected by any citizen in need, but cannot support this.</p>
<p>Thank you for answering our questions. Are there details about any of the above questions that you would like to share?</p>			<p>Ontario NDP MPPs led the charge with victims and advocates to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic. This was the number one recommendation of the 86 from the Renfrew Inquest – a recommendation directed at the Province of Ontario that's been repeatedly rebuked by Ford and the Conservatives. The declaration requires bold action, and investment in the necessary resources to eradicate gender-based violence</p>			<p>GPO Platform; Support and improve rights for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities; create a comprehensive strategy to ensure equitable, inclusive and affirming access to care and treatment for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities within our healthcare system including gender-affirming procedures and medications, Dedicate resources and funding to directly support 2SLGBTQIA+ youth groups and wellness hubs. Require ongoing educational training about 2SLGBTQIA+ identities, gender and sexuality, and examine prejudice, assumptions, and privilege that builds awareness of homo/bi/transphobia and racism for those providing publicly funded services. Mandate standards to have safe, accessible, all gender washrooms in all public spaces in Ontario</p>	<p>The Green Party does not have a specific policy to deal with Human Trafficking. However, I have been acutely aware of this problem since 2018, and again in 2019 with the LAWC anti-human trafficking campaign and my discussions with the team. Since then, the problem continues to grow without sufficient support to address it by the government. I can guarantee that if I were elected MPP I would bring forward legislation to create a long-term, non-partisan solution to Human Trafficking. It is an issue that ALL parties should get behind and act on immediately.</p>	<p>Thank you for doing the work you do to support our community</p>	<p>I believe we should be victim focused.</p>

<p>Is there anything further you would like to share about Gender-Based Violence and/or Violence Against Women in regards to the province of Ontario, your candidacy, or the position of your party?</p>		<p>Listen, I'm a cis-white male with heaps of privilege and I acknowledge that. But I'm in this fight for Ontario because I believe in Fairness and equity is passion of mine. An easy google search will show I'm an Equity and Inclusion advisor and doing an undergrad in Equity, Diversity and Human Rights. I want to use my privilege to help others, and as MPP that is what you can expect of me and hold me accountable to.</p>	<p>We've called for greater investment in women's shelters, transitional housing affordable housing options for fleeing gender-based violence. We'd also increase funding to Ontario's sexual assault and rape crisis centres.</p>	<p>I have been a long-time advocate on issues of GBV and IPV, and have pushed for implementation of evidence-based measures to prevent gender-based violence, to provide survivors with the support and resources they need to heal, and to pay improve compensation and resources for GBV staff and agencies. As MPP, I successfully introduced legislation to provide paid leave for employees who experience gender-based violence or intimate partner violence. My bill is now law in Ontario. In 2024, I co-sponsored the Ontario NDP's Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, which recognizes IPV as a public health emergency to mobilize resources and policy to end it. I twice introduced the Safe Night Out Act, to protect patrons and staff of licensed establishments from sexual violence and harassment. I also co-sponsored a bill to prohibit non-disclosure agreements in cases of sexual harassment or sexual assault unless an NDA is requested by the survivor.</p>	<p>As a candidate and a member of the OLP, I am proud to be part of a team that will always advocate for victims and will be part of reforming attitudes towards GBV. Bonnie Crombie has been a leader when it comes to IPV and will bring that track record to Queen's Park.</p>	<p>GPO Platform; Develop a framework to End Violence Against Women, aligned with the 2007 report by the Ontario Native Women's Association and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres as mandated by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls report.</p>	<p>We have recently seen a sharp increase in GBV, VAW and intimate partner violence over the last few years, especially amongst young people. This issue has been felt very close to home at my kids' high school with the tragic loss of a London teen. As MPP I would like to introduce legislation to tackle the rise in misogyny and violence against girls, often fuelled by harmful content found online, through mandatory education programs in primary and high schools, courses in appropriate behaviour in relationships, signs of abuse, etc. Experts working in these areas have highlighted the importance of early education to stem violence; we need the government to get behind their recommendations immediately.</p>	<p>There is a lot of work still to be done. I am willing to be an active part of the solution</p>	
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