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INTRODUCTION

Ontario families have been through a lot the last few years. The cost of living is skyrocketing, and families need a break. New Democrats have a plan to make critical investments in key sectors of our economy to help Ontario families while driving economic growth.

Our plan to build transit, make childcare universally accessible, reinvest in our healthcare and education systems, and raise wages will strengthen jobs and the pandemic recovery. We will freeze taxes for the working class, cancel wasteful projects, and invest instead in infrastructure projects that will actually cut commute times, the cost of transit, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Our plan is prudent, not based on fictitious federal dollars, and it reflects Ontario's economic reality. It is also ready to go, so we can deliver on it now, not years into the future.

Andrea Horwath and the NDP have based our fiscal plan on four principles:

- We will make investments that make life better for everyone.
- We will protect middle-class families from tax hikes and fee increases.
- We will ensure the wealthiest people and most profitable corporations pay their fair share for our public services.
- We will make sure our investments are financially sustainable.

Our changes:

- We will undo the Liberal corporate income tax cut and return the corporate rate to 13% in a fair manner that allows businesses to plan.
- We will maintain the small business rate at 3.2%.
- We will ask the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share by raising income tax on amounts earned over \$220,000 by one percentage point, and on earnings over \$300,000 by two percentage points.
- We will add a surtax on luxury vehicles of 5% for vehicles between \$90,000-100,000, and 7% on vehicles over \$100,000.
- We will tax the richest 1% by raising capital gains that are included in taxable income from 50% to 100% on corporations (excluding small businesses), and individuals with a net worth over \$3 million. This new capital gains adjustment includes a primary residence exemption.
- We will cancel Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass and redirect funds to social and health infrastructure.

Fiscal approach

Our new costs and revenues use Ontario's Budget 2022 as the base. We have kept our projections cautious and prudent.

Our investments are targeted in areas that need it most. Over just the next three years, New Democrats will invest:

- \$13.6 billion in our healthcare, homecare, and long-term care systems to ensure that healthcare services are there where and when you need them, including
 - \$2.4 billion in a universal mental health care program
 - \$1.8 billion for comprehensive dental coverage for families
 - Nearly \$1 billion towards pharmacare
- \$18 billion to radically transform social assistance by doubling ODSP and OW in year two
- \$3.1 billion in our schools, plus \$4.8 billion in capital expenditures to clear the school repair backlog
- \$2.9 billion towards new and affordable housing






Capital Plan

The New Democrat capital plan will match the government budget's planned \$158.8 billion in infrastructure investment. However, an NDP government will make different choices. Rather than proceeding with \$12 billion to construct projects like Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, an NDP Government will invest in school repair and construction, and desperately needed additional health care infrastructure.

Green New Democratic Deal

Our Green New Democratic Deal is a stand-alone costed plan for tackling the climate crisis. We expect that the new funding generated from re-entering the cap-and-trade market and additional financing from ramping up Green Bonds is \$39.6 billion.

How We'll Fix It

New revenue	Amount	Program delivered
Asking the 2% of individuals earning over \$220,000 a year to contribute more in taxes	\$500 million annually 	A Pharmacare program that will help every family save on prescription costs
Restoring corporate income tax rates to 13% for profitable large corporations	\$2 billion annually 	Universal mental health and dental coverage will help families save up to \$2,000 a year
Allocating funds identified by the Auditor	\$5.5 billion annually 	Lifting 650,000 people out of poverty by doubling social assistance rates
Closing capital gains loophole for multi-millionaires	\$1.7 billion annually 	Building 250,000 new affordable homes
Deficit spending	\$3 billion 	Eliminating the surgical backlog, fixing our schools and healthcare, hiring nurses and education workers, and helping small business recover from COVID

Detailed Financial Tables

Fixing Our Health Care System	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Pharmacare	100	375	485
Dental Care	680	548	645
Bring mental health care into the public system by covering counselling and therapy services provided by regulated health professionals under OHIP	500	720	940
Mobile crisis services teams and safe beds programs to support mobile crisis teams.	17	18	19
Improve access to children and youth mental health services and cap waitlists at 30 days	15	58	58
Increase funding to community-based, frontline mental health and addictions service providers	24	25	26
Increase hospital funding to keep up with increasing acuity and aging population	207	216	226
Fund a Return to Nursing Now program and reinstate the Late Career Nurse Initiative to bringing back retired nurses to serve as mentors to new graduates and IENs	132	132	132
Connect nursing graduates and internationally educated nurses to local nursing jobs	60	60	60
Clear the backlog of 15,000 internationally-trained nurses	1	1	1
Increase enrolments and funding to nursing education programs	5	14	25
Improve access to primary care by increasing the number of nurse practitioners in Ontario	5	10	6
Increase access to primary care by funding Nurse Practitioner Led Clinics	5	5	5
Increase funding to Community Health Centres, Aboriginal Health Access Centres, and Community Family Health Teams to sustain services	254	265	277
Add 20 new centres in communities where they are needed most	160	160	160
Tackle the Surgical Backlog	600	400	
Addictions Strategy	50	50	50
Covering the cost of take home cancer drugs	31	31	31
Prostate Cancer PSA Screening	3	3	3
Bring 300 doctors and specialists to practice in Northern Ontario	106	111	116

Provide funding for people living in Northern Ontario to receive training and education to join the local healthcare workforce	5	15	20
Long COVID Research Fund	10	10	10
Expand hospice network		15	
Increase funding for Eating Disorder prevention and treatment	8	8	9
Universal Access to Contraception	61	61	61
Covering the cost of medication to prevent and treat HIV	32	32	32
TOTAL	3,071	3,343	3,397

Helping Ontarians Age In Place	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Home Care Basket of Services Enhancement	568	568	568
Caregiver Benefit Program	182	190	199
Seniors' Home Safety Grant Program	20	45	65
PSW wage boost of \$5-an-hour	299	474	662
Establish a Seniors' Advocate	3	3	5
TOTAL	1,072	1,280	1,499

Making Life Affordable	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
100,000 new units of affordable housing, including 22,000 Indigenous-owned and operated community housing units		493	624
Implement the ONPHA/CHF plan to extend the life of 260,000 affordable homes	104	104	104
Implement the ONPHA/CHF plan to provide rent subsidies to 311,000 tenants	280	280	280
Unlock the potential of co-ops, including restoring the co-op seed fund	5	10	10
Deliver 60,000 new homes with supports over the next 10 years	100	100	100
Housing First Strategy	65	100	100
Land trust seed funding		10	
Increase funding for Licensed Home Child Care	4	8	8
Increase wages for Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Workers	161	246	334
Increase funding for Autism services	75	100	125
Consumer watchdog	2	2	4
TOTAL	796	1,453	1,689

Fixing Education and Schools	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Cap class sizes for Grades 4-8 at 24	153	157	161
Cap Kindergarten classes at 26 and maintain the Teacher-ECE Team	27	28	28
Ensure one ECE for every kindergarten class	53	54	55
Reverse Ford's changes to secondary class sizes, end mandatory e-learning, and support destreaming	112	115	118
One more Educational Assistant per school	142	218	297
Double the Mental Health and Well-Being Grant	125	125	125
Increase in-school supports by hiring more mental health workers, child and youth workers, and other education workers	90	92	95
Hire more maintenance workers and training to address repair backlog	13	13	13
One new custodian per school to help address school repair backlog	142	218	297
Increase funding for Community Use of Schools	5	5	5
Increase funding for the Indigenous Languages Grant	5	5	5
Double the Rural and Northern Education Fund	22	22	22
Debt interest loan forgiveness for people with existing or future student loans		236	
Convert loans to grants	41	42	43
Reverse cuts to OSAP	355	771	834
On-campus mental health support for post-secondary students and staff	10	10	10
Properly funded on-campus supports for survivors of sexual violence.	6	6	6
Increase funding for Francophone, Indigenous, and Northern students and institutions	21	21	21
Double Ontario's Career Ready Fund for work-integrated learning opportunities	14	14	14
Provide funding to Universite de Sudbury	5	5	5
Return midwifery program to Sudbury	5	5	5
Expand number of seats at NOSM University		7	7
TOTAL	1,346	2,169	2,166

Fixing Ontario's Social Safety Net	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Increase ODSP by 20% in year 1, double in year 2 from current rate, and then index to inflation	1,101	5,525	5,800
Increase OW by 20% in year 1, double in year 2 from current rate, and then index to inflation	535	2,619	2,752
Re-launch the basic income pilot	10	35	46
Complete review of the Assistive Devices Program, and increase staffing for the program	5	5	5
Re-instate the office of the child advocate, and expand their investigative and oversight powers	7	7	14
TOTAL	1,658	8,191	8,617

Equity	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Re-instate an independent French Language Services Commissioner	1	3	4
Anti-Racism Fund	30	30	30
30% funding increase for Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Centres	5	5	5
Increase and stabilize funding for Supportive and Transitional Housing	30	31	32
Ten days of paid leave for women escaping violence	60	60	60
2SLGBTQIA+ Grant program	10	25	25
Reverse cuts to Legal Aid, and invest in access to justice	113	168	168
TOTAL	249	322	324

Good Jobs That Pay The Bills	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Affirm Support for Farm Risk Management, and raise cap on program	50	75	100
Establish a non-profit support fund	90		
Increase Library Base Funding	14	21	21
Reverse cuts to the Ontario Arts Council	30	30	30
Restore and make permanent the Indigenous Culture Fund	5	5	5
Increase festival funding	3	3	3
Support First Nations libraries	2	2	2
Create an Ontario Digital Public Library	6	9	9
Increase Community Museum Operating Grant	3	5	5
Support for Francophone institutions	2	3	5

Continue the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit		270	270
Provide one more year of the Ontario Tourism Recovery Program	100		
Provide hardest hit small businesses with support through a Small Business Recovery Grant	292	292	
Launch a designated COVID-19 fund for Black small businesses and entrepreneurs and those who face systemic barriers to accessing capital.	20		
Total	617	715	450

Honouring the Inherent Rights, Treaties and Ways Of Life Of Indigenous Peoples	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Grassy Narrows Care Home	2	2	2
Mercury Disability Benefits		18	18
Indigenous Primary Health Care Supports	34	34	34
First Nations Infrastructure	39	39	39
Nishnawbe Aski Nation Health Transformation	69	69	69
Establish a Treaty Commission of Ontario	5	5	5
Total	149	167	167

Climate, Jobs, Justice: The Green New Democratic Deal Select Operating Commitments	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
50% of Net Transit Operating Costs	898	898	898
Northern Rail and Transportation Strategy	25	25	25
Home Energy Retrofits	1,250	1,250	1,250
Zero Emissions Vehicle Rebate, including E-Bikes	206	463	558
Restore funding to Conservation Authorities	4	4	4
25% of cap-and-trade revenue to rural, Northern, and low-income families	1,016	1,298	1,793
Plant one billion trees by 2030	80	80	80
Investments in Fire Ranger Training	25	25	25
Funding from cap-and-trade	-3,504	-4,043	-4,633
TOTAL	0	0	0

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	8,958	17,640	18,309
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Revenue and Savings	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Income Tax Increase on High Income Earners	507	553	595
General Corporate Income Tax Increase on Profitable Corporations		2,391	2,443
Raise capital gains that are included in taxable income from 50 percent to 100 percent on corporations (excluding small businesses) and individuals with a net worth over \$3 million	1,736	1,813	1,895
New Taxes to address the Housing Crisis	300	300	300
Repeal Ford/Del Duca Gas Tax Gimmick	600		
Luxury Vehicle Tax	49	49	49
Tobacco Cost Recovery	44	44	44
Auditor General's unallocated government funds, re-allocated	3,100	5,500	7,100
Budgetary Offsets - Commitments contained in government projections	1,073	853	458
TOTAL	7,409	11,503	12,884

Net new NDP program spending	1,548	6,137	5,425
Government deficit	19,900	12,300	7,600
Projected NDP deficit	21,448	18,437	13,025

