

# QUESTIONS FOR YOUR PC MPP

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## The Community Sector

Ontario's nonprofit sector creates \$50 billion in economic impact and employs over one million people - that's more to the province's GDP than the automotive and construction industries combined. It builds strong, inclusive communities, and provides resources for those struggling to achieve success in their lives. It is also closely connected to people with lived experience of pressing issues, whose insights can contribute to more effective and efficient policies that ensure resources are spent where they will make a difference.

**Q: How does the PC government plan to work with nonprofits and charities to expand opportunity to those in greatest need?**

**Q2: How does the PC government ensure policy decisions are informed by the insights of stakeholders with lived experience? How can we help connect you with these stakeholders as you form new policies?**

## Housing

Outside of the North, Ontario has the highest rate of core housing need of any province. It is even worse in the GTA, where almost 1 in 5 residents pays over 30% of their income on shelter. The number of those without a home at all continues to skyrocket.

**Q: How is the PC government creating incentives for developers to increase the supply of affordable, safe, and adequate housing for people with low incomes?**

**Q2: In 2013, the federal Conservatives made Housing First a priority in the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, based on a recognition that Housing First is a more effective and efficient way of helping people move from the street and into homes, jobs and communities. How will the PC government support the Housing First model in Ontario so that resources spent on homelessness have the greatest impact?**

## Truth and Reconciliation

Of the 94 calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, 24 require provincial action. These recommendations cover critical areas such as health, education, and justice. Further, the recommendations of the TRC are the beginning, not the end of our country's reconciliation journey. All policy issues can and should be viewed through the lens of reconciliation.

**Q: Which of the 24 calls to action is the PC government prioritizing?**

**Q2: How does the PC government plan to work alongside Indigenous peoples to further reconciliation?**

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## Decent Work

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**Q: How does the PC government plan to reduce barriers for racialized and marginalized people and newcomers to find decent work?**

**Q2: How can we help you engage with organizations working with temporary workers to support the continued expansion of workers' safety regulations for temporary work?**

## Income Security

A strong income security system is vital to achieving equity, dignity and income adequacy for all. Low-income Ontarians need health and housing outside the social assistance system. Social assistance programs do not provide adequate incomes, are alienating for applicants and recipients, foster social and economic exclusion, and do not recognize First Nations sovereignty over program design and delivery.

**Q: How can we work with you to ensure social assistance reform produces the most effective results for those experiencing poverty?**

**Q2: How does the PC government plan to ensure that families on minimum wage are earning enough to make ends meet?**

## Inclusive Communities

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**Q: What does the PC government plan to invest to ensure that public programs and services can continue to help diverse people reach success in their lives?**

**Q2: What is the change you think is most needed to improve the health and inclusiveness of our communities? How can we connect you with community organizations who are already engaged in this area to work together in bringing about this change?**

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**Q: Does your party have a plan to leverage the work of Ontario's non-profit sector to keep the government accountable for building a fair, equitable and inclusive Ontario?**

**Q2: How will you advocate for policy decisions to be informed by the insights of stakeholders with lived experience? How can we help connect you with these stakeholders?**

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**Q: How does your party plan to raise awareness of the vital role the provincial government has to play in improving both supply and affordability of safe, adequate housing for people with low incomes?**

**Q2: How can we connect you with community organizations working to end homelessness that can share expertise on what it takes to end homelessness in Ontario?**

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**Q: How will your party work to build relationships with Indigenous peoples outside of the policy process?**

**Q2: How will your party press the government to ensure Ontario works alongside Indigenous peoples to approach all policy issues through the lens of reconciliation?**

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**Q: Is your party advocating for measures to offset the impact of the government's 1.5% cut to planned social assistance funding and decision to terminate the basic income pilot?**

**Q2: How can we share community expertise and perspectives from people with lived experience to support your advocacy for a strong income security system?**

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