

Records of parties which have held office since climate change became a significant political issue.

Party Record	Liberals 2003 -2018	Conservatives 2018 - today
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reductions, from 1990 levels, of 15% by 2020, 37% by 2030, and 80% by 2050 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reduction to 30% below 2005 levels by 2030.
Carbon pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instituted a cap-and-trade system of carbon pricing. Revenues from the auction of emission allowances, which gave purchasers the right to emit specified quantities of carbon dioxide, were used, through the Green Ontario Fund, to fund climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ended cap-and-trade carbon pricing Challenged the Federal carbon tax in court Required gas stations to attach stickers to gas pumps indicating [what] “the federal carbon tax will cost you” Instituted Emissions Performance Standards Program, which was accepted by the federal government as having met the “minimum standard” for the regulation of industrial GHG emissions.
Electricity generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed coal-fired generating plants, making up for lost capacity with increases in hydro and nuclear generation and with additional solar and wind power. Built natural gas plants to meet peaks in demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled 750 contracts for clean energy development In 2020, spent \$2.8 billion to purchase three natural gas power generation plants. Increased emissions from the plants are expected to reverse one third of the reductions achieved by the elimination of coal-fired plants.
Support for conservation and energy transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered a \$14,000 rebate for electric car purchases Green Ontario Fund: supported commuter cycling, sustainable social housing and housing energy retrofits, rebates to individuals and businesses for energy-saving measures, and funding to municipalities for EV charging stations, and an electric bus pilot project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled the rebate for electric car purchases Eliminated the Green Ontario Fund and cancelled 227 projects approved for funding Announced \$91 million in funding for electric vehicle charging stations Provided funding for production of electric vehicles and EV batteries
Environmental protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed the “Places to Grow” Act and created The Greenbelt to protect woodlands, wetlands, and agricultural areas from development, and to limit urban sprawl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made it easier for developers to build in environmentally sensitive areas. Significantly weakened the Environmental Assessment Process Abolished the office of the Environmental Commissioner Defunded the 50 Million Trees Program
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario GHG emissions dropped from 203 megatons (mt) in 2005 to 158 megatons in 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions increased from 158 megatons in 2017 to 163 megatons in 2018 and 2019. Internal MoE memos reported that under current policies, only 20% of its stated target for GHG emissions reductions will be achieved.

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Climate Action Now

The accumulation of greenhouse gases from the burning of fossil fuels is warming our planet. This warming is already causing droughts, increasingly violent storms, and rising sea levels. We can limit further warming by cutting our emissions of greenhouse gases from the burning of fossil fuels, but we are running out of time.

Policies which mitigate climate change can have many other benefits, including the reduction of dangerous air pollution, the preservation of farmland and wilderness areas, and species conservation. Ontario could be a leader in developing and implementing such policies.

The present government of Ontario has given the clearest possible indication that it does not make a significant priority of cutting GHG emissions. It has set a modest emissions reduction goal, which, expert opinion suggests, it will fail to reach.

On June 2, the citizens of Ontario will decide whether Ontario will have a government committed to strong, effective action to mitigate global warming and climate change.

Now is the time to make your vote count for effective climate action in Ontario!

Party Platforms for June 2, 2022 Election

	Green	Liberal	NDP	Conservative
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)Target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 Net zero emissions by 2045 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 Net zero by 2050 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 Net zero emissions by 2050 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% below 2005 levels by 2030
Carbon Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take over administration of Federal carbon tax and accelerate rate increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal carbon pricing through the carbon tax would continue. Enhance Emissions Performance Standards for large emitters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to a cap-and-trade system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no provincial carbon pricing. Federal carbon pricing through the carbon tax would continue. Regulate large emitters through Emissions Performance Standards
Increases in Electricity supply to come from:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New hydro, wind, and solar Greater storage capacity No new nuclear power stations Natural gas to be phased out by 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A combination of hydro, wind, solar, and nuclear power New natural gas plants to be banned, and the use of natural gas for base-load power phased out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New hydro, wind and solar Greater storage capacity More imports from Manitoba and Quebec New nuclear only if safety & waste storage problems can be solved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the proportion of electricity generated from natural gas Increase support for nuclear power
Energy Transition and Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand public transit Electrify all transit systems Electric vehicle mandate Low interest loans for electric vehicle purchases More vehicle charging stations on public properties Subsidies for home and commercial retrofits Stop all new natural gas installations by 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand public transit Electrify all transit systems Cut all public transit fares to \$1.00 per ride until January 2024 Electric vehicle mandate Subsidies for electric vehicle and charger purchases More vehicle charging stations on public properties Support EV battery manufacture Support green hydrogen Grants and interest free loans for home and business retrofits Retrofit public sector buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand public transit Electrify all transit systems Electric vehicle mandate Subsidies for electric vehicle purchases More vehicle charging stations on public properties Subsidize home and commercial retrofits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in new subway lines, rail for rapid transit, and improved bus services Increase ethanol content of fuels Increase use of natural gas, as a fuel for heavy-duty vehicles, and in homes and businesses Support for EV and EV battery manufacture More vehicle charging stations on public properties Support for green hydrogen Improve energy efficiency in government buildings
Environmental Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel Highway 413 Expand the Greenbelt Restore the powers of Conservation Authorities Reverse the misuse of Ministerial Zoning Orders Freeze urban boundaries Deny funding to infrastructure which supports sprawl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel Highway 413 Expand the Greenbelt Restore the powers of Conservation Authorities and the Environmental Commissioner Create five new Provincial Parks Eliminate Ministerial Zoning Orders Plant 800 million trees by 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel Highway 413 Expand the Greenbelt Restore the powers of Conservation Authorities and the Environmental Commissioner Create a Youth Climate Corps Plant one billion trees by 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct Highway 413 and the Bradford bypass Commit over \$25 billion to new highway construction Create one new provincial park Continue to employ MZO's to speed up development