

# In the upcoming election, vote for change that works – **Vote for Andrea Horwath and the NDP**



**T**his past year, Ontario workers won improvements to our outdated labour and employment laws from the government, as well as a commitment to a \$15 minimum wage.

It was the work of people together – the labour movement and our community partners – that made these gains for working people. These historic changes mean that most minimum-wage workers across the province got a raise, and that most workers have paid sick days. It provided 5 days of paid leave for domestic and sexual violence survivors. It is now easier in some sectors of the economy to join a union, which is important in a province where unionized workers earn, on average, \$7 more per hour than non-unionized workers.

Ontarians knew we could make a

change, and we did.

While we celebrate this victory, the upcoming provincial election on June 7, 2018 is an important opportunity to push for even greater improvements for all Ontarians, and to protect the gains we have won. As we approach election day, it is time for us to work together again and go further in building our province into a more equal, caring, and prosperous society.

Ontarians are saying they are hungry for change. They have had enough of court cases and allegations. They have had enough of watching the government sell off public assets to private companies instead of using our assets to build our province up. We need change alright, but not just any change. We need change that works, and that means voting for Andrea Horwath and the NDP.

The NDP can win this election. They

understand what families really need, and they will put working people first. With progressive plans for child care, education, health care, dental care, and pharma care, the NDP are not just the best choice, they are the only choice that will work for Ontario.

Far from cutting hospital funding and driving up hydro rates, the NDP have a plan to increase hospital funding immediately and reduce hallway medicine, to provide dental care and prescription drugs for everyone. The NDP will double the number of paid leave days available to domestic and sexual violence survivors, giving them ten days they can use to meet medical and legal needs. They will end the discriminatory practice of carding by police. The NDP will ensure better care for our youngest and our oldest, by providing affordable childcare and converting

student loans to grants, while mandating better long-term care for seniors. They will make life more affordable by increasing access to affordable housing and making sure corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share.

Most of all, the NDP have a leader we can trust.

Kathleen Wynne is determined to get re-elected and will make lots of promises, but her party has had 15 years to get things done, and they haven't done them yet. Under Kathleen Wynne, hospital funding in Ontario on a per-capita basis is the lowest in the country. We've lost 1200 nursing positions since 2015. Hydro bills have risen across the province.

Doug Ford's party is mired in election scandals and police investigations.

Ontarians must not sit idly by and elect a Liberal government that sells off public assets like Hydro One and drives up power bills. In a province that has the highest child-poverty rate in Canada, we must not condemn minimum-wage workers to poverty by electing a Conservative government that will delay the full implementation of a \$15 minimum wage.

We need a government that listens to the needs of the people for a more equitable and more prosperous province.

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) is Canada's largest labour federation, advocating for the rights of workers in Ontario whether they are in a union or not. Last November, the members of the OFL voted to support the NDP in the upcoming election.

I hope you'll join us as we fight for better public services, better child care, better health care and pharma care, better protection for pensions and for our province's seniors.

Ontarians won changes for workers together, and that's how we're going to win the next election for the NDP, the only party that will move our province forward by building the economy, strengthening public services, and taking care of the province's most vulnerable residents.

This province needs a change if it is going to move forward. Let's make sure it's not change for the worse. Vote for change that works. On June 7, vote for Andrea Horwath and the NDP.

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