



HONESTY. INTEGRITY. GOOD PUBLIC POLICY.



MIKE SCHREINER



Every day I meet people like you who know politics is broken.

Boondoggles. Gimmicks. Political games. Secret deals.

We can do better, and together we can get Ontario back on track.

We can build a rich and resilient economy.

We can give our children the best chance to thrive.

We can protect the places we love.

And we can restore Ontario's faith in the government of this great province.

A single elected Green MPP will serve as a voice for the millions of Ontarians who have given up on their government and our political system.

Like Elizabeth May in Ottawa, I'm on a mission to bring honesty, integrity and good public policy to Queen's Park.

Join me in thinking big, expecting better, and voting Green!

-- Mike Schreiner

THE LEADER OF THE GREEN PARTY OF ONTARIO

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Mike Schreiner and the Green Party of Ontario want to get Ontario back on track.

We have a **realistic, responsible plan** for Ontario's future.

In the next session of the legislature, your Green MPPs will demand that government:

1. Focus on your job by lowering payroll taxes for small businesses
2. Get you home faster by paying for the transit infrastructure we need
3. Invest in your home to help you save money by saving energy
4. Improve your children's education by merging the public and separate school boards
5. Make good on our promises to address child poverty
6. Give young adults a chance to contribute to our world
7. Putting your food and water first by protecting farmland and water
8. Getting our fair share by making industry pay a fair price for our shared resources
9. Restore your confidence that our communities & natural heritage will not be damaged by development

Every demand is costed, and we show you where the money is coming from.

None of our demands will rely on fairy dust or magic pots of money.

None of our commitments will increase the deficit.

None of our promises will quietly disappear once they've done the work of getting us elected.

All of our commitments make Ontario a better place
in which to live, work, and raise your family.



Join us and help restore honesty, integrity, and good public policy to Queen's Park.

I love working for a small business. I feel like we connect with our community better because we're invested in it.

We're motivated to do better so that we can hire another person. Or advertise in the university newspaper. Or employ a carpenter or designer to help keep our café the most comfortable place in town.

And we're excited by the success of others. Musicians. Executives. Students. Parents. Technology experts. Artists. They all come to the café.

I'm impressed by the GPO's economic initiatives. Call me cynical, but I don't expect straight talk from political leaders. But that's what I hear from Mike.

Supporting small business's bottom line gives a boost to local economies.

Giving homeowners help to save money on energy is just plain smart.

And better transit, especially between cities -- I know we need it, and I know that we are willing to pay for it.

I believe in Mike. I'm with him when he says we need to think big, expect better, and vote Green.

Evan Phillips
Sous Chef



SMART POLICY, GOOD JOBS, AND A RICH FUTURE.

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COMMITMENT #1 - FOCUS ON JOBS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Lower payroll taxes on small business

There are more than 300,000 small businesses in Ontario. They employ almost 3 million people from all walks of life. They range from corner stores to high tech start-ups, from organic farms to manufacturing firms.

The other political parties focus on tax cuts and bailouts for big corporations.

But small businesses create more jobs than any other part of the economy, and they foster entrepreneurship and innovation. They keep money in our communities.

We need a new economic strategy that supports local businesses to create good local jobs.

Your Green MPPs will call for doubling the Employer Health Tax exemption from \$450,000 to \$900,000 for businesses with payrolls of less than \$5 million.

This simple change will double the number of local jobs small businesses can create without being taxed.

Our Economy

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

Doubling the EHT exemption will let small businesses keep about \$800 million each year to invest in our communities. We'll pay for it by reversing the Liberals' Bay Street corporate tax cut by 1% and set the rate at 12.5% -- less than the North American average.

Ice cream.

A stronger local economy makes it easier for you to work where you live, shop on the way home, and take a walk to the ice cream shop after dinner.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?



COMMITMENT #2 - GETTING YOU HOME FASTER

Paying for the transit infrastructure we need

We waste months of our lives stuck in traffic. The average daily commute time in the GTHA is 80 minutes long. That's the equivalent of eight 40-hour work weeks annually -- or about seven years in a working lifetime.

Gridlock now costs our economy \$6 billion a year in lost productivity. Soon that number will be \$15 billion. And that doesn't include the cost of greenhouse gas pollution, which threatens our way of life.

We need a new transportation plan in our province, we need to figure out how to pay for it, and we need to implement it without political games.

We can't afford to sit in traffic while the other parties make promises they won't keep.

We must have the courage to say that we are willing to pay for what we need.

Your Green MPPs will demand that Ontario establish a dedicated transit fund--one that politicians can't waste on things like moving gas plants--to build new transit and support the operation of existing transit. And we will insist on an honest plan to pay for it.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

The GPO will work with other parties to implement dedicated revenue tools that are fair and progressive, such as congestion charges, gas taxes and parking fees, to raise \$3 billion a year to build and operate transit in communities across Ontario.

Free time.

If you need a refresher, that means time in which you can do whatever you want. Play catch. Read a book. Learn something new. Take a nap. Free time. You can get used to it.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?



COMMITMENT #3 - INVEST IN IMPROVING YOUR HOME

Helping you save money with energy conservation

We can cut home energy costs even as energy prices rise. It's not magic: it's conservation.

Political games like hydro rebate gimmicks won't work and they waste money.

Investments in conservation do work. They put money in your pocket and increase the value of your home. They create jobs and reduce pollution.

These jobs are not only in construction and trades, but also in cleantech innovation and manufacturing, which is presently worth \$3 trillion and is expected to double in the next decade.

Best of all, the cost of owning or renting your home will go down. Cutting your energy bills by 50% would save the average household about \$1000 a year.

Your Green MPPs will call for legislation providing grants up to \$4,000 for you and one million other homeowners to invest in energy conservation. We will also propose legislation requiring local utilities to provide affordable loans for you to retrofit your home.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

Canceling the refurbishment of expensive nuclear plants and purchasing low cost water power will save Ontario \$1 billion per year. \$4 billion invested in energy conservation over four years will create at least 56,000 jobs.

Toasty toes.

A better-insulated house with energy efficient windows and doors is warmer and cosier. And it's cheaper to run. What will you do with your savings?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Our Economy



We have just welcomed our twins to the world, and we're thinking a lot about their future.

Like all parents, we want our kids to be happy and healthy. We want the world in which they live to be fair. We want it to be safe. And we want it to be full of opportunities for exploration, discovery, and innovation.

We think the school system could be better. \$1 billion is being spent on duplicating services between the boards: let's put that money back in the classroom. And merging the school boards could prevent local school closings and reduce the time that kids spend on buses.

It is upsetting to think that one in seven Ontario children lives in poverty and lacks things most of us take for granted, like nutritious food and comfortable housing in safe neighbourhoods. We want the Ontario government to do something about child poverty.

Our kids will grow up. We are worried that young adults lack opportunity for meaningful employment and solid contributions to the world around them. We are excited about the potential that the Social Innovation Foundation brings for our society and for young adults in it.

We're confident that the GPO's policies gives our society and our children the best chance at a great future. Join us in voting Green.

Becky Smit

New mum. Green Party member and supporter

Albert Andall

New dad. Personal Support Worker

PAYING IT FORWARD: KEEPING OUR PROMISES



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COMMITMENT #1 - IMPROVE YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Merge the school boards into one system

Local schools closing.

Kids with special needs told to stay home.

Qualified teachers being told they can't work in publicly-funded schools.

Persistent questions about human rights and discrimination.

\$1.2 to \$1.6 billion wasted every year in duplicate services and unnecessary bussing.

Our school system needs an overhaul. And the status quo parties won't talk about it.

Other provinces have changed the Constitution to end funding for separate schools. There's nothing stopping Ontario from following their lead.

Your Green MPPs will call on the government to merge the English and French public and Catholic school boards. We'll have one public school system in Ontario with French and English school boards

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

The GPO wants the \$1.2 to \$1.6 billion that will be saved every year to go back into the classroom. Merging the school boards will allow us to increase funding for special education, keep more schools open, and reduce urban busing.

A neighbourhood school.

Merging the school boards makes it more likely that your kids can walk, bike, or cartwheel to the nearest school.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Our Kids



COMMITMENT #2 - EVERY CHILD GETS A FAIR START

Reducing child poverty

One in seven Ontario children live in poverty. That's about 400,000 kids.

This is not news. We've known for decades, and governments have made broken promise after broken promise to fix the problem.

The truth is that other parties would prefer to offer wasteful discounts on our energy bills or reductions in the corporate tax rate than to actually address child poverty.

The most efficient, effective and dignified way to address poverty is with a guaranteed annual income for all citizens. In the longer term, we will push the government to establish a GAI for Ontarians.

In the mean time, let's make sure all our kids have more of what they need to have a fair start in life.

Your Green MPPs will double the Ontario Child Benefit for children of families who live close to the poverty line. That's half a million kids whose lives will be a little bit better.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

For the next four years, we will use the money allocated for the remaining two years of the Liberals 10% subsidy on electricity bills, which amounts to \$2.2 billion. After that we will work within the budget to find the money for this very important purpose.

A better community.

Poverty is harmful for the people who experience it, and it's dangerous for societies that ignore it. We can all be grateful for better neighbourhoods.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Our Kids

COMMITMENT #3 - INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The Social Innovation Foundation

The kids of today are the leaders of tomorrow. We have to empower young people to share their ideas for a better future.

Young adults today have more education than any generation that has come before them, and have skills and knowledge to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

But young adults have twice the unemployment rate of older Ontarians. It's bad for the economy, bad for their health, and tough on their families.

Existing support programs for youth employment ask established employers what they want from young people.

We want young people to tell us what they have to offer. We want to hear about their great ideas. We want to promote their chances to succeed. We want to help them change the way we do business.

Your Green MPPs will lay the groundwork for a Social Innovation Foundation. The SIF will provide grants, loans, and mentorship to help young entrepreneurs invent and implement solutions to problems we face.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

The Foundation will be funded by diverting money for corporate grants in regional development funds and further supported through tools such as crowd-sourced funding and RRSP-eligible community bonds. We'll start with \$300 million and build from there.

Better everything.

Ontario high school students have figured out how to give plants growth-promoting vitamins, how to relieve pain with hot peppers, and how to filter water with oregano. What will they think of next?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Our Kids



I live in rural Ontario. I know first hand that Ontario has gorgeous landscapes and lots of fresh water, natural resources and rich farmland. But we can't take this for granted. We have to care for what we love and value.

Ontario is losing 365 acres of farmland a day. That's the same size as Toronto, every year. We are squandering one of our most precious resources. We need stronger rules and better enforcement to protect our natural heritage.

In Canada we take clean, fresh drinking water for granted. And we give it away for almost nothing to private interests who wrap it up in plastic and deliver it to big-box stores.

It's time we take responsibility for the future of our freshwater supply. And it's time that people who profit from our shared natural resources pay a fair price for the water, aggregates, and minerals they take.

I'm tired of behind-closed-doors decisions that threaten our natural heritage. Why are there hundreds of exceptions to every environmental law in Ontario? Why are some industries allowed to neglect endangered species and compromise water and air quality? I want the rules to be fair, transparent, and effective.

I vote Green because I expect better. Join me.

Temara Brown
Green Party member and supporter

PROTECTING WHAT WE LOVE

Our Environment

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COMMITMENT #1 - GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT

Our Environment

Put food and water first

Prime farmland and clean drinking water are essential to our lives and our happiness.

We have to commit to protecting these vital resources for future generations.

Development projects such as the Melancthon Mega-Quarry and Dumpsite 41, which were both defeated by citizen activism, should not even be considered in source water regions.

Ontario is losing 365 acres of farmland a day, an area the size of Toronto every year. We can't afford to lose those farms. We can never replace them, and only 0.5% of Ontario's land is prime farmland in the first place.

Your Green MPPs will introduce legislation to permanently protect Ontario's Class 1 farmland and source water regions. We will make sure the land and water that sustains us now is preserved for future generations.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

Protecting prime farmland from development doesn't cost Ontarians anything as taxpayers.

The benefits, on the other hand, are priceless.

Farmers' markets.

Across Ontario, farmers' markets are bustling. Piles of healthy local produce, wheels of local cheese, and stacks of sticky treats -- what's not to love?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?



COMMITMENT #2 - ADDING UP THE REAL COSTS

Getting your fair share for our natural resources

Ontario is rich in minerals, fresh water, sand and gravel, timber, and other natural resources.

Using those resources wisely benefits our economy and preserves our natural heritage. Abusing them depreciates their economic value and threatens the health of our communities and environment.

Ontario has some of the lowest royalty rates in Canada.

Mining, aggregates and water-taking are all important parts of doing business in Ontario. We want those businesses to succeed by using resources efficiently.

It's time that people who profit from our shared natural resources pay a fair price for the water, aggregates, and minerals they take.

Your Green MPPs will push the government to increase royalties and levies for mining, aggregates and water-taking. The people of Ontario should receive our fair share of revenues from natural resources.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

This one brings in revenue for the government.

We can use that revenue to pay the municipal and provincial cost of development and pay down the debt. Being honest does pay!

Peace of mind.

Companies are less likely to pollute our water, our soil, and our air if they have to pay a price to do so. And that makes us more confident in the food we eat, the water we swim in, and the air we breathe.

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Our Environment

COMMITMENT #3 - MAKE THE RULES FAIR

Close loopholes in legislation that threaten your community

Citizen, community and municipal organizations are forced to spend time and money to protect your community from harmful activities.

Loopholes in the Aggregate Resources Act, Provincial Policy Statement, Endangered Species Act and other legislation mean we fail to protect the people and places we love.

Developers use the Ontario Municipal Board, SLAPP suits and backroom exemptions to overturn local decisions and legislative protections. How much of this is driven by corporate donations to political parties?

Ontario must put the people and places we love first. Laws designed to protect communities and natural heritage should not have loopholes and exemptions.

Your Green MPPs will push to close loopholes in legislation that allow activity that threatens your community and our natural heritage from harmful activities. And we will push to end corporate and union donations to political parties.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

Closing loopholes will save community groups and municipalities money. And the benefits to our environment and to our trust in public institutions and the laws that govern them will be enormous.

Nature walks with your grandkids.

Whether you're five or 85, you've enjoyed the peace and beauty of a walk in the forest or a swim in the lake. Let's look forward to the next time.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?



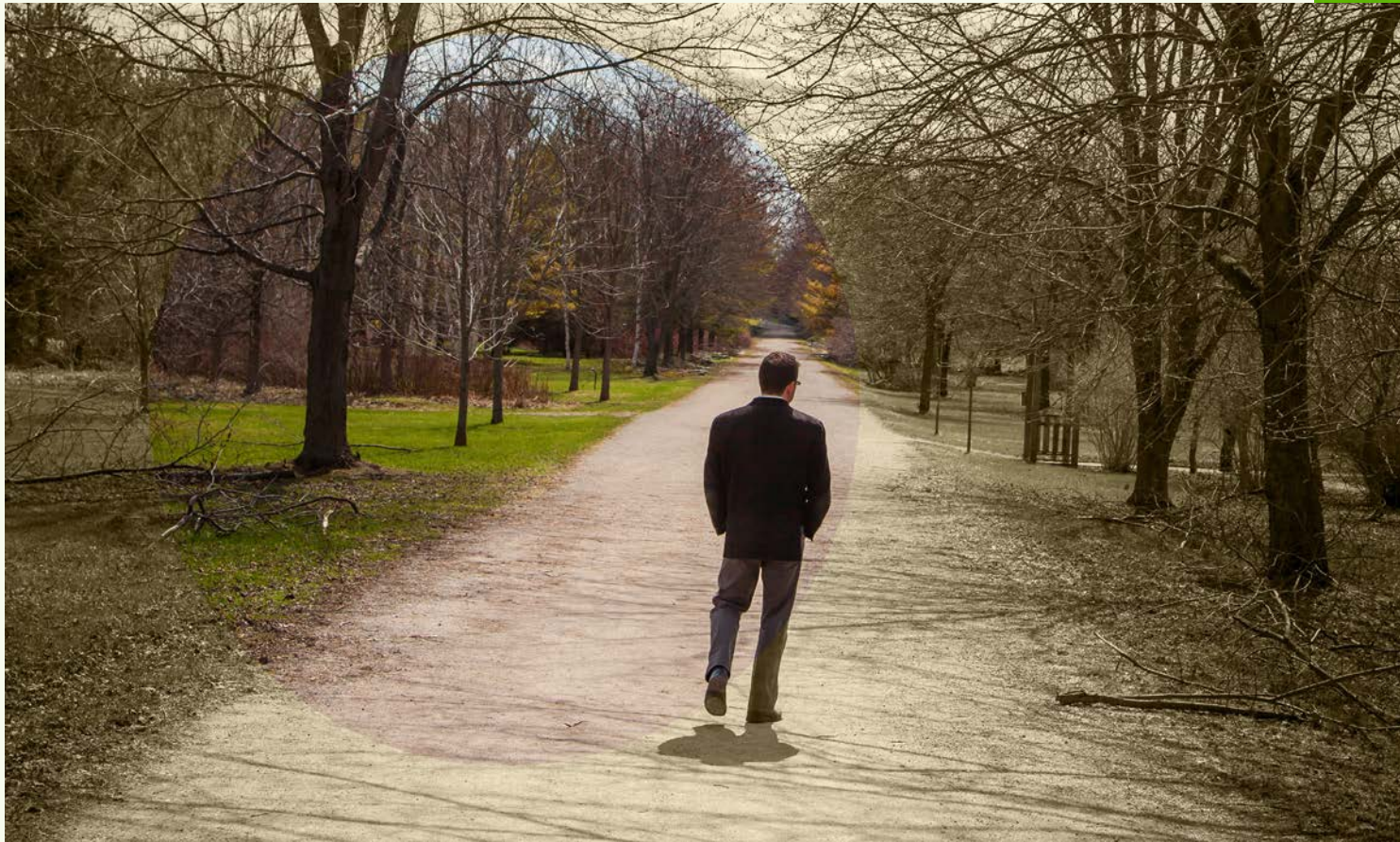
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IT'S SIMPLE.

We want to get Ontario politics back on track.

We're tired of shell games and empty promises about the economy.

We want Ontarians to have rewarding jobs in forward-looking industries.

We're frustrated that Ontarians still pay the price of separate school systems.

We want Ontario's kids to have great schools, thriving neighbourhoods, and opportunities to make a difference.

We're upset about gimmicks that promote energy consumption, not conservation. And we're tired of development by loophole.

We think that Ontarians should get a fair rate of return for the use of precious resources. And that some resources -- water and prime farmland -- should be protected forever.

Mike and the Green Party are committed to bringing honesty, integrity, and good public policy back to Queen's Park.

Join us:
think big, expect better, and vote Green.


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