

REFORM PARTY OF ONTARIO'S "PURPLE BOOK"

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Our Values:

2. Government exists only to do those things that individuals or groups of individuals cannot do as efficiently.
3. Government services should be provided at the level closest to the user of that service, with that level of government being held accountable to voters.

Governmental Reform is needed in Ontario:

Ontario's role as a level of government is laid out in the Canadian Constitution, specifically the BNA Act of 1867, which allocated certain responsibilities to our different levels of government. Clearly, government need not be any larger than necessary to carry out those duties. Over time governments have stepped on each other's toes with respect to these individual jurisdictions. This is particularly so in the case of federal intrusions into areas that are clearly provincial responsibilities, such as health care and education, agriculture, the environment, transportation, etc.

To that end, we propose the following remedies:

1. That a Who Does What Commission be convened by First Ministers to clarify non-verlapping responsibilities of each level of government.
2. The roles of municipalities, counties, and cities, needs to be adjusted so that they are addressing the needs of citizens. Certain previously downloaded responsibilities will be uploaded back to the province.
3. We believe that upper tier municipalities (cities and counties) are the proper level of government to operate police, health, and primary/secondary education and hospitals, and will restructure administrative management of these to reflect this view if elected.
4. Government is too large, resulting in fragmented programmes and services. We will reduce the size of government in accordance with the recommendations of a Programme Review Committee, which will review all existing and proposed government programmes and their costs and results to ascertain whether these programmes are need.
5. Government's role should be that of setting standards, monitoring and enforcing standards, and also freeing up citizens, farmers, and businesses so they can prosper with as little red tape as possible.
6. Government should not be supporting special interest groups, businesses, or farmers with your hard-earned tax dollars.