

***Our Values:***

1. The will of the majority must prevail, within the bounds of the Canadian Constitution.
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.
7. All citizens are equal.
12. We believe that both rural and urban Ontario are necessary partners for a bright Ontario future.
17. We believe that modern & well-planned infrastructure is needed to ensure the safety and prosperity of our citizens.

**Health Reform is needed in Ontario:**

Ontarians value their health care system. They expect a system that is there when they need it, capable of maintaining their health, and will not cost them money. However, who among us will not willingly spend additional money to cure a sick family member? Furthermore, our ageing population implies that we will have an ever-increasing demand for the full range of health care needs. Such services - and the medical professionals to provide them - are in limited supply, with long wait times and high labour costs as a result. Our system does not provide adequate allowance for alternative medicine, even if it is the choice of the individual taxpayer. Ontario's Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) charged with improving local access and service, are viewed by many as ineffectual, unresponsive to local demands, and costly. The long waits for diagnostic work are hard on individuals and families and don't allow for timely decision-making.

**To that end, we propose the following remedies:**

1. Our LHINs will be dismantled, and health care facilities will be turned over to and operated by the upper tier municipalities, who will ensure they are up to standard and well-maintained, with adequate staffing.
2. To alleviate the shortage of doctors, nurses, etc., the province will now hire, train, and employ new doctors and nurses. They will be recruited in sufficient numbers to meet future demands, will be educated at no cost to themselves, and graduate without debt. They will be employed by the Ministry of Health and will work where assigned until the costs of the free education have been recovered.
3. More staff will allow labour costs to decline and permit the hiring of sufficient numbers of doctors, nurses, etc., to staff all hospitals and clinics.
4. Diagnostic service provision will be opened up to the private sector to improve access, availability, and speed up these procedures.
5. A Health Freedom Voucher will be created to allow individuals the choice of how their share of the health care pie is spent on their own behalf: It will allow for basic eye and dental appointments, as well as chiropractic and alternative/naturopathic treatments.