

For Immediate Release: ATU Canada Endorses the NDP

On June 7th, Ontario voters will likely send a new premier and party to Queens Park. The Liberal Party is sinking in the polls, and the NDP has pulled ahead of the Progressive Conservatives, according to recent polling. But the race remains very, very close.

Our union has taken a stand against transit privatization and contracting out and has worked to educate our members and the public on the dangers of public-private partnerships (P3s), most notably through our Keep Transit Public campaign.

Meanwhile, the Liberal Party has encouraged the drastic rise of P3s in transit and championed large-scale contracting-out schemes through their arms-length agency, Metrolinx. Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives are the original privateers, and have a track record of favouring transit privatization and cuts to public services.

In stark contrast, the New Democrats have, again and again, come out on the side of transit workers and riders in Ontario.

In Ontario, NDP has committed to:

- Fund 50 per cent of net transit and paratransit costs across the province, which will alleviate decades of disinvestment in public transit and fight off privatization attempts
- Invest in and expanding transit through funding a downtown relief line in Toronto, an LRT project in Hamilton, the next phase of an LRT line in Ottawa, and introducing all-day, two-way GO rail service between Kitchener, Waterloo and Toronto and year-around GO rail service between Niagara and Toronto
- Ensure Metrolinx coordinates services and schedules with local transit authorities and Via Rail
- Lower fares on all GO trips within 10km of Toronto to \$3
- And finally, to keep transit public in Ontario and reverse the use of P3s across public sector industries, including transit

For their commitment to defending, funding, and expanding public transit and to protecting public workers and their families, ATU Canada is proud to endorse the Ontario New Democratic Party for the 2018 Ontario Provincial Election.

We encourage ATU members, their families, and the riding public to vote NDP on June 7th and help us usher in a new era of people over profit in the province.

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