

Canadian Taxpayers Federation Questionnaire: Ontario PC Leadership Candidates

PROVINCIAL TAXATION

1. Will you commit to repealing the healthcare premium tax?

I'm in favour of a Tax & Expenditure constitutional amendment that would ensure balanced budgets.

2. Will you commit to a more robust and enforceable Ontario Taxpayers Protection Act?

I'm in favour of a Tax & Expenditure constitutional amendment that would ensure balanced budgets.

3. Will you commit to working with the federal government towards a bilateral constitutional amendment entrenching said act, therefore protecting it from repeal or undermining amendment?

I'm in favour of a Tax & Expenditure constitutional amendment that would ensure balanced budgets.

MUNICIPAL TAXATION

4. Will you commit to enact legislation implementing a municipal property tax cap to ensure municipal property taxes don't increase by more than the rate of inflation without a referendum?

I'm presently working on a private members Bill to eliminate property tax and create a funding (revenue sharing) formula to finance municipal government in a predictable and sustainable method. In addition to constitutionally recognising municipal boundaries and jurisdictions.



PROVINCIAL SPENDING

5. Will you commit to enacting legislation capping annual provincial spending increases at a rate of the combined growth in the inflation and population rate?

I'm in favour of a Tax & Expenditure constitutional amendment that would ensure balanced budgets.

6. Will you commit to enact legislation that restricts the government from increasing spending during the fiscal year (other than declared emergencies)?

I'm in favour of a Tax & Expenditure constitutional amendment that would ensure balanced budgets.

7. Will you eliminate corporate welfare – including auto bailouts - from the provincial budget?

Yes

DEMOCRATIC REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY

8. Will you commit to work with the federal government in holding Senate elections?

YES – See previously announced policy http://www.hillierforleader.com/ontario-senate-elections/

9. Will you commit to enact a Citizens' Initiative Act, giving Ontarians the right to initiate and vote in a binding referendum on issues of importance?

Yes, presently working on a citizens veto piece of legislation

10. Will you commit to enact a MPP Recall Act, giving Ontarians the right to recall their MPPs?



Although I personally am in favour of recall, we have seen that this has failed in past elections.

11. Will you commit to disclose a complete list and dollar amount of all campaign contributions you have received during this PC leadership campaign no later than one week before voting begins?

The law already stipulates that we must disclose campaign contributions within ten days of deposit.

For my returns go to: http://www2.elections.on.ca/rtd/jsp/en/RTDLeader.jsp

12. Will you commit to introduce legislation requiring pre-election campaign contribution disclosure for all future elections (general provincial, municipal and party leadership) in Ontario?

Already in place

HEALTHCARE REFORM

13. Will you commit to give Ontarians the right to purchase private health insurance to cover costs incurred by those who pay for timely access to medically necessary procedures?

Yes

14. Will you commit to ending public funding of non-medically necessary procedures?

Yes

LCBO REFORM

15. Will you commit to reforming the LCBO's government monopoly? If so, please explain.



Monopolies are inconsistent with and undermine free market democracies-retail/wholesale competition is required. See previously announced policy here: http://www.hillierforleader.com/beerandwinelaws/

SPEECH, PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

16. Will you commit to working with the federal government towards a bilateral constitutional amendment entrenching property rights? If so, explain.

Absolutely. Have spent many years working towards this goal as head of the Lanark Landowners Association and the Ontario Landowners Association.

17. Will you commit to enacting legislation making union membership voluntary, while supporting the right of workers to join unions as a matter of choice? If so, explain.-

Yes, see previously announced policy. http://www.hillierforleader.com/the-freedom-of-association-conscience-act/