

# OCEC PRE-ELECTION TOWN HALL: VOTER RESOURCES AND ACTIONS GUIDE

## USE THIS GUIDE TO:

- Learn about key voter issues that impact you
- Reach out to candidates pre-election to demand strong policy on the key issues - let candidates know what really matters
- Share this Guide with as many friends, family & colleagues as possible to encourage large scale well informed voting
- Continue pushing collectively for government accountability and strong policy on the key issues after the Ontario election and remain engaged for the federal election

## RECORDING FROM FEB 13/25 TOWN HALL WEBINAR:

-  **Vote! For Our Future TownHall: The Ontario Election & You**
- **Town Hall Presentations by Topic + Speaker:**
  - Louise Comeau:  Louise Comeau presents on Climate Change & Democracy at Vote! For Ou...
  - Kathryn Bakos:  Affordability & Housing In Ontario Presentation
  - Mark Winfield  The Future of Ontario's Energy System
  - Mili Roy:  Policy Impacts on the Health of Ontarians
  - Brent Preston:  Agriculture and Food Security in Ontario

## POST- WEBINAR MATERIALS FOR DISSEMINATION:

### PRIORITY ACTIONS:

- **BE SURE TO VOTE! THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27** or in advance
  - **Voter Info** from Elections Ontario: <https://www.elections.on.ca/en.html>


- **JOIN OCEC to continue collectively pushing for government accountability beyond the election:**
  - Sign up for our [newsletter](#)
  - Sign on as an [Individual](#) or [Group](#) Signatory
- **Read, Sign & Share the [Trillium Declaration](#)**
- **UNITY CANDIDATES:** Consider voting for a UNITY CANDIDATE in your riding and helping with their campaign as a volunteer or donor.
  - Unity Candidates for Ontario: <https://cooperateforcanada.ca/heres-how-you-can-help-ontario/>
  - Unity Candidates for Toronto: <https://www.notoneseat.ca/>
- **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT/MOBILIZATION - MUSIC VOTES ONTARIO!**
- **MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 7 pm NOTE: THIS MAY BE A VIRTUAL EVENT!**  
**Stay tuned for details.**
  - [Slide Deck](#)
  - Confirmed musicians are Caroline Brooks, Sarah Harmer, Housewife

## ***CONTACT YOUR CANDIDATES TO TELL THEM WHAT'S IMPORTANT:***

- **Share the [Trillium Declaration](#) with CANDIDATES**
  - Ask your candidate to commit to the points in the Trillium Declaration
- **ONTARIO CLEAN AIR ALLIANCE** List of [4 Q's voters can ask candidates on energy](#)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE** [Questions to ask candidates on environmental protections](#)
- **CANADIAN ASSN OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (CAPE): 4 Voter Questions to ask your Candidates about Climate Change and Nature Protection:**
  1. What will you do to protect Ontarians from the mounting impacts of climate change?
  2. How will you address congestion and gridlock in the GTHA while protecting Ontario's natural spaces?

3. Will you commit to phasing out gas-fired power generation by 2035 and ramping up renewables and battery storage?
4. What will you do to support a switch to heat pumps to protect Ontarians from the dangerous pollution created by the use of gas appliances?

### ***PRIORITY RESOURCES:***

- [POLICY/RECORD SUMMARY CHARTS BY PARTY](#) from Feb 13/25 OCEC Town Hall
- ONTARIO POLICY IMPACTS ON [ENERGY & AFFORDABILITY slides](#) from Feb 13/25 Town Hall
- ONTARIO POLICY IMPACTS ON HEALTH slides from Feb 13/25 Town Hall:
  -  FINAL Election 2025 Policy & Climate Health Impacts.pdf
- ONTARIO PROVINCIAL LEADERS' [DEBATE RECORDING](#) FEB 17/25
- ONTARIO PARTY RESPONSES TO [KEY ELECTION ISSUES SURVEY](#)
- ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE's [YOURS TO PROTECT information on election priorities](#)
- ELECTION INFO [one-pager](#) by Climate Action for Lifelong Learners (CALL) and [Fact Sheet](#)
- Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario
  - [Election platform](#)
  - [SLIDE DECK](#)
- Alliance for a Liveable Ontario [Housing Toolkit Five Ways Home](#)
- Watch Margaret Atwood's incredible short video on [democracy](#)
- SIGN ON LETTER RE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT FOR NEW ELECTRICITY GENERATION:
  - the letter link: [ONTARIO - PURCHASE THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY](#)

- the [sign on link](#) (deadline Tuesday Feb 18/25 by 5PM)
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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

### MEETING CHAT FOR FEB 13/25 TOWN HALL:

(excerpts)

These charts are an excellent way to present detailed information!

Distributed energy: a system of electricity generation that uses many small-scale devices instead of a single power plant. It can include solar, wind, biomass, and hydropower.

For not only Electricity but heating and cooling and hot water from a central location

Also waste heat distribution (e.g. sewage) and energy from private EVs.

19:26:22 From Colleen James to Everyone:

This happened when they took planning away from regional governments. In particular the region of Waterloo. Where planning authority was taken away with Bill 23

Brian MacLean: 👍

19:26:52 From Lyba Spring SCAN! Toronto to Everyone:

Replying to "So basically all three parties promising the same ...":

The Eglinton-Lawrence NDP candidate stepped aside to allow the Liberal to win over the PC candidate.

19:27:53 From Doris Grinspun to Everyone:

RNAO welcomes commitment to attach every Ontarian to a family physician or NP working in a primary care team | RNAO.ca

19:27:58 From Doris Grinspun to Everyone:

Ontario election: Nurses demand action on the nursing crisis, the erosion of public health care, and the root causes of poor health | RNAO.ca

119:28:59 From Nicky Trudell to Everyone:

Replying to "So basically all three parties promising the same ...":

<https://cooperateforcanada.ca/>

Jacob Kearey-Moreland: ❤️

19:42:41 From David Rosen to Everyone:

How can the insurance industry influence policy makers so that governments adopt important transportation policies and energy policies (reduce natural gas). Ultimately health is often affected which means more costs to governments. It seems to me that insurance companies should be playing a larger role.

19:46:02 From Susan Harris to Everyone:

The US was moving to reduce fossil fuels under the Democrats, but they were rejected by a little more than 50% of US voters. The majority of those voting for Donald Trump and the Republicans had a high school education or less. They rejected most of the progressive measures implemented by the Democrats. What can the Environmental movement do to reach those who have a high school education or less?

Mark. Why have we not built any geothermal sourced electricity facilities?

19:48:25 From Jennifer Darrell to Everyone:

Proposed Nuclear plant is just west of Port Hope i.e. west of Cobourg

19:48:46 From sarah shartal to Everyone:

It is essential to be aware that no bank will approve a mortgage without insurance. The exclusion of flood damage from home insurance coverage threatens home safety because some owners do not have enough to repair their homes. The lack of flood insurance also affects renters because renters' insurance denies coverage for damage to property caused by a flood. Most renters store their extra goods in basement lock-ups.

19:58:31 From Doris Grinspun to Everyone:

There are not enough Family Doctors so the time has come to attach Ontarians to a Family Doc OR and NP -- as Jane Philpott is proposing. Outcomes are proven!

Outcomes are proven when attached to family doctor yes— and there are enough to go around if we can implement teams to re route the admin burden.

20:03:46 From Boyd Reimer to Everyone:

The Charter Challenge for Fair Voting is also working on electoral reform. It's grassroots supported See link: [https://www.charterchallenge.ca/the\\_plan](https://www.charterchallenge.ca/the_plan)

Replying to "VOTE! Anybody but PCs to force a minority governme...":  
But vote for the one who can defeat the conservative, not just anyone.

20:05:07 From Mili Roy, OCEC, CAPE to Everyone:

OCEC is non-partisan but hope we're imparting information to help people be well informed in voting on the policies that serve the public best

20:06:59 From Roberta Tevlin to Everyone:

Replying to "OCEC is non-partisan but hope we're imparting in...":

Realistically, we need the political tactics to make our choices come to fruition.

20:08:44 From Meg Sears to Everyone:

Great points Brent! Here's one summary from an organic farm at scale.

<https://preventcancer.ca/sustainable-agriculture-rickclark-guelph/>

20:11:18 From phil warne to Everyone:

we need to raise awareness to each and every Canadian, on a daily basis. When I purchase gas for my car, I need to be reminded how much CO2 I will produce from burning that tank of gas. my monthly home heating bill should boldly state how much CO2 I produced last month, My electric bill should also reflect the CO2 resulting from ratio of gas fire power I consumed. If I purchase an airline ticket, I should know how much CO2 my flight will produce. The list goes on and on. Unless the population become aware of their contributions to the problem, we will fail in our mission

20:15:47 From Roberta Tevlin to Everyone:

Go to Not One Seat (Toronto) and Cooperate for Canada (everywhere else). Vote for the unity candidate. Then, look for a riding that could use extra help. Volunteer or give money. Remember, you get 75% of it back at tax time. (Hint: The greens in Parry Sound-Muskoka have a really good chance of defeating the conservatives.)

David Smith, Halton Hills: 👍

20:16:08 From Mike Marcolongo/Environmental Defence to Everyone:

[https://greenprosperity.ca/provincial-election-survey-2025/?doing\\_wp\\_cron=1739495689.750808954238891601562520](https://greenprosperity.ca/provincial-election-survey-2025/?doing_wp_cron=1739495689.750808954238891601562520):16:57 From Jorma Ikavalko to Everyone:

Replying to "we need to raise awareness to each and every Canad...":

I have had a water sourced Geothermal system, 2 Ev's and currently have a Heat Pump. My savings to date are: \$41,506 in natural gas, propane and gasoline, and 53.1 tonnes of CO2e since 2008.

20:17:40 From Michael Barkley to Everyone:

The Green's Platform is out today

<https://files.ontariogreens.ca/platform/gpo-platform-en.pdf>

Carolyn Houlding: 🎉

20:17:54 From Doris Grinspun to Everyone:

e072812.full.pdf

20:21:41 From Boyd Reimer to Everyone:

Fair Vote Canada <https://www.fairvote.ca/> and the Charter Challenge for Fair Voting [https://www.charterchallenge.ca/the\\_plan](https://www.charterchallenge.ca/the_plan) are both working on electoral reform. These long term efforts to eliminate the need for strategic voting are just as important, if not more important, than the short term efforts at strategic voting and the Not One Seat effort and Cooperate Canada.

Roberta Tevlin: 👍

20:24:48 From Laura L to Everyone:

it feels like a no-brainer to offer huge subsidies for ground source heat pumps. eliminate the need for new methane gas plants. if via distributed energy, even better.

20:25:12 From Lyn Adamson, OCEC to Everyone:

There is a sign on letter asking for fair competitive procurement that would include renewables - for organizations to sign on. We are asking the parties to support this.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bvv7454fmuZRo2efytjhhy61SBgJymm9PkUd5FmuoKI/edit?tab=t.0>

20:25:26 From Nicole Sonier-Hoe to Everyone:

One resource giving an a very general overview of why it is important for nurses to care about climate change and planetary health: CFNU\_climatechange-web.pdf, also extra resources available via RNAO-Ontario Nurses for the Environment (ONE) interest group, The Canadian Assoc. of Nurses for the Env. (CANE), and the Canadian Assoc. of Nurses and soon too the Nurse Practitioners Assoc. of Ontario.

20:25:38 From Carolyn Herbert to Everyone:

fracked methane (not "natural") is so destructive and water-poisoning if it is obtained from the West. Destroys water levels, prevents salmon-spawning. LNG should not be an economy-salvaging income for Canada because methane heats the globe faster than coal and oil.

Thank you all, really good to keep track of the efforts of those opposing renewables and important to think strategically about how to best counter those efforts.

20:27:38 From Mili Roy, OCEC, CAPE to Everyone:

Replying to "fracked methane (not "natural") is so destructive...":

The majority of Ontario's gas is fracked in the USA! When govt overturned OEB last year, this committed Ontario even more to US sourced energy

20:28:09 From Laura L to Everyone:

good advice, Doris Grinspun. Be Smart. AND, tell everyone you know to Be Smart.

20:28:11 From Anne Keary to Everyone:

As an aside and anecdotally (my kid), textbooks in Ontario schools still present solar as unreliable.

20:29:23 From Stephanie Bowman to Everyone:

Thanks OCEC, for this informative discussion - always so much to learn, and this has been a great learning opportunity.

20:29:32 From Bob Garthson to Everyone:

As an Agroecologist and regenerative farmer, I conducted a workshop on cover crops and mulches at the Heart and Soil Summit on February 3.

Liz Couture: 👍

20:29:46 From Boyd Reimer to Everyone:

Replying to "fracked methane (not "natural) is so destructive...":

@Mili Roy, OCEC, CAPE Right! Ford pretends to be fighting for Canada's independence (tariffs) but he is promoting gas plant expansion at Portlands in the Beaches, etc.

20:30:34 From Anne Keary to Everyone:

Replying to "As an aside and anecdotally (my kid), textbooks in...":

True. And no interest by this government in funding the updating curriculum or the resources.

20:30:43 From David Smith, Halton Hills to Everyone:

Replying to "As an aside and anecdotally (my kid), textbooks in...":

I've had solar panels for the past 15 years. They are great for 9 months of the year. Dec-Feb are problematic.

20:30:48 From Lella Blumer to Everyone:

Replying to "As an aside and anecdotally (my kid), textbooks in...":

Misleading information and intentional disinformation is a crucial piece to address during this and future election campaigns. Questioning the amount and reliability of clean energy sources is rampant!

Anne Keary: 👍

20:30:50 From Diane Smele to Everyone:

Aren't there subsidies for meat, dairy and eggs??? I was pretty sure that the lobbyists for the industries push to keep these subsidies to come in!

20:31:10 From Lyn Adamson, OCEC to Everyone:

20:31:30 From Laura L to Everyone:

All speakers were amazing! Thanks also to OCEC and tech support tonight!

Tim (he/him) - TECH SUPPORT, Boyd Reimer, Pamela Laidler: ❤️

Carolyn Houlding: 🎉

20:31:46 From Lyn Adamson, OCEC to Everyone:

TRILLIUM DECLARATION

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4fKGI0xFjOX\\_bVgySnpJtqt6W8hogqx](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4fKGI0xFjOX_bVgySnpJtqt6W8hogqx)

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20:31:51 From Lyn Adamson, OCEC to Everyone:

JOIN OCEC!

<https://www.ontarioclimateemergency.ca/>

Boyd Reimer: ❤️

20:31:52 From Michael Barkley to Everyone:

Thank you to all presenters and panelists, very helpful to get us all engaged

20:31:53 From Brent Preston to Everyone:



Replying to "Aren't there subsidies for meat, dairy and eggs???...":

NO subsidies on meat, dairy and eggs. Dairy and eggs are supply managed, so we limit the amount produced for the market - but they are NOT subsidize.

20:31:59 From Susan Bakshi to Everyone:

Thank to all our incredible speakers tonight!

20:32:03 From James Cushing to Everyone:

The new civic centre being built at Kipling and Dundas has geothermal work right now.

Carolyn Houlding, Tim (he/him) - TECH SUPPORT: ❤️

20:32:12 From Doris Grinspun to Everyone:

THANKS for the thoughtful presentations and the amazing questions!!!!!!!!!!!!

20:32:21 From Lyn Adamson, OCEC to Everyone:

All those q's are in the follow up doc:RESOURCE DOC LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/110dWlwyyMY5EecXaj4M4IMLsTRuYxEbBY0zm6Ya7xiE/edit?tab=t.0>

20:32:21 From Rita Bijons to Everyone:

Can the slides be shared from tonight?

20:32:38 From Sharon Zvonar to Everyone:

Replying to "TRILLIUM DECLARATION <https://docs.google.com/form...>":

Link doesn't work

Laura L: 👍

Liz Couture: 😬

20:32:41 From Robin Faye to Everyone:

Link to Trillium does not work

20:32:44 From Doris Grinspun to Everyone:

Mobilize and vote: Provincially and FEDERALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!

Susan Bakshi, Daria Juüdi-Hope: ❤️

Carolyn Houlding: 🎉

20:32:43 From Lyn Adamson, OCEC to Everyone:

Youth mobilization - Music Votes Ontario - Hot Docs, 506 Bloor St. W. Monday Feb 24, 7 pm (doors open 6:30

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<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xheimEmxC3SeILW5oKz1xInmsOFUeuWIGJcGqol6xyM/edit?usp=drivesdk>

20:32:53 From Mili Roy, OCEC, CAPE to Everyone:  
Hope everyone will approach all your networks to get informed & get out to vote in full force! Please sign & share the Trillium Declaration after  
Carolyn Houlding: 🎉

20:32:55 From Carolyn Houlding to Everyone:  
1. Toolkit from Alliance for a Livable Ontario 2. Sign the Trillium Declaration and forward it. 3. Music Votes - mobilizing youth. 4. Signature of OCEC

20:33:12 From Lyn Adamson, OCEC to Everyone:  
BE SURE TO VOTE! THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 or in advance  
Voter Info from Elections Ontario: <https://www.elections.on.ca/en.html>  
Susan Bakshi, Sandra Bray: ❤️

20:33:23 From Mili Roy, OCEC, CAPE to Everyone:  
Trillium Declaration: <https://trilliumdeclaration.ca/>

20:33:24 From Carol Essex to Everyone:  
Fabulous webinar - thank you all!

20:33:55 From Doris Grinspun to Everyone:  
VOTE on the ADVANCE VOTING!!!!!!!!!!!!

20:33:56 From Carolyn Houlding to Everyone:  
BE SURE TO VOTE! THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 or in advance  
Voter Info from Elections Ontario: <https://www.elections.on.ca/en.html>

20:34:13 From Carolyn Houlding to Everyone:  
Youth mobilization - Music Votes Ontario - Hot Docs, 506 Bloor St. W. Monday Feb 24, 7 pm (doors open 6:30  
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Anne Keary: 🎉

20:34:47 From Susan Bakshi to Everyone:  
You can follow us on instagram and facebook @onclimatemergencycampaign

20:34:54 From Mili Roy, OCEC, CAPE to Everyone:  
OCEC: <https://www.ontarioclimateemergency.ca/> Let's work together after the election as well, whoever may form govt, to push for accountability for all the policies we urgently need for a better future! We have more power together!  
Susan Bakshi, Mel Abberger: ❤️  
Carolyn Houlding: 🎉

20:35:02 From Teela Johnson to Everyone:

We have to get out and vote!!!

Carolyn Houlding, Doris Grinspun: 🎉

Lyn Adamson, OCEC, Susan Bakshi, Anne Keary: 🙌

20:35:22 From Karen Mount to Everyone:

Thank you for this great meeting!

Jacinta McDonnell: ❤️

20:35:32 From Liz Addison to Everyone:

Thanks everyone, and all the best getting this information to the voting public!!

Carolyn Houlding, Susan Bakshi: ❤️

20:35:45 From Laura L to Everyone:

Replying to "We have to get out and vote!!!":

and canvass. and get a sign. and make phone calls. and talk to everyone. Then, vote!

Carolyn Houlding, Anne Keary: ❤️

Thanks you all!! Great work!

20:36:37 From Pamela Laidler to Everyone:

Please also share the Indigenous land acknowledgement in the resources ❤️

Carolyn Houlding: ❤️

20:37:02 From Donna Jennison to Everyone:

Fantastic to hear from you all. Thank you so much for being here, and to the organizers.

Susan Bakshi, Carolyn Houlding: ❤️

20:37:02 From Nira Dookeran to Everyone:

Thank you very much. 🙏🌱

20:38:15 From Mili Roy, OCEC, CAPE to Everyone:

The video reflects OCEC 12 Point Plan

Laura L: ❤️

20:38:44 From Ingrid Doucet to Everyone:

Beautiful video ..

Lyn Adamson, OCEC: 🙌

20:38:54 From Nicole Sonier-Hoe to Everyone:

Thank you again to all the presenters and organizers. Very well done. And loved the video at the end!

20:45:17 From Susan Bakshi to Everyone:

Tim can we get the Questions copied too? They might make good posts for our socials!

2<https://community.zoom.com/t5/Zoom-Meetings/Can-I-save-Questions-in-Zoom/td-p/27810>