



Ontario Party Charter

1. Mandate

We the Citizens of the Province of Ontario...

- 1.1. Acknowledging the Supremacy of God and the Rule of Law;
- 1.2. Affirming the Unity of the Dominion of Canada under the Crown;
- 1.3. Guided by a solemn desire to ensure the common good of the people of Ontario, present and future, while respecting the inherited wisdom and sacrifice of previous generations embodied in our culture and traditions;
- 1.4. Do hereby create the Ontario Party, to promote and provide compassionate and responsible government of the Province of Ontario in accordance with the following principles:

2. Declaration of Principles

- 2.1. We believe that all human beings have an inalienable right to life, liberty, and private property. We believe that an individual may only have these rights restricted or deprived if he or she threatens to deprive another individual of these same rights. We believe that the right to life is the most important human right, from which all other rights are derived. We therefore affirm the right of the individual to ensure his or her own safety and self-preservation, and that of their loved ones, from any entity that would threaten physical harm;
- 2.2. We believe in the presumption of innocence and the right to justice and a fair trial without undue delay regardless of economic circumstances, social standing, ethnic, cultural, or ideological affiliation, or biological trait;
- 2.3. We believe in the ethical, responsible, and accountable execution of the mandate of government which, in a free and just society, is to guarantee and safeguard the inalienable rights listed above;
- 2.4. We believe in limited government and the indispensable role that autonomous institutions such as places of worship, family, and any other voluntary associations play in maintaining those limits by balancing and diffusing the power and size of the state;
- 2.5. We recognize the family as the basic building block of a healthy and functional society and the best place for healthy and responsible citizens to be formed. We believe in honouring parents as the primary educators of their children, and respecting the values they choose to live and raise their children by;
- 2.6. We believe in freedom of conscience, freedom of worship and religion, freedom of speech, freedom of association and assembly;
- 2.7. We reject the divisive politics of envy, resentment, group identity, and ethnic exceptionalism. As a result, we believe that government should instead encourage independence and voluntary collaboration, celebrate hard work, creativity, and entrepreneurship, and inspire personal success, which are the only vehicles for wealth to be created, technological innovation to occur, and for communities to thrive and individuals to be lifted from poverty;

- 2.8. We believe in the good stewardship of our natural environment and its resources, their responsible exploration, development, renewal, and conservation, as vital to the health, economic well-being, and quality of life of all stakeholders of our society;
- 2.9. We believe in small, decentralized government that respects regional interests and empowers local government to develop and execute policies that reflect the needs and concerns of the citizens of those regions, insofar as these do not cause harm to other regions of the province;
- 2.10. We acknowledge that the people may choose for the government to provide certain essential services that the private sector is unable, or unfit to provide. We reject, however, the practice of government enforced or enabled monopolies, and hold that any monopoly stifles competition and innovation, and that any existing monopoly should only be tolerated where it has naturally arisen, and its existence is unavoidable and demonstrably necessary for the safe, effective, and efficient delivery of that service;
- 2.11. We believe balanced budgets to be the most responsible fiscal policy. We affirm that a surplus budget is over-taxation, and that interest payments paid on deficit budgets reduce the amount of funding public services can receive per dollar of tax revenue collected. We acknowledge that a responsible government may be compelled under extenuating circumstances to adopt a budget that is not balanced, but we firmly reject the practice of running continuing budget deficits, and declare it to be the direct result of gross mismanagement of public funds. We will trust citizens to best decide how to dispose of their hard-earned income, and its allocation in the betterment of society, and will therefore seek to keep the tax burden upon the taxpayer at a reasonable minimum.

3. Party Governance

3.1. Governing Documents

- 3.1.1. The Ontario Party Constitution is the principal governing document of the Party.
- 3.1.2. The Ontario Party Constitution consists of two parts: (i) the “*Charter*”, and (ii) the “*Articles of Constitution*”.
- 3.1.3. The *Charter* consists of the “*Mandate*”, the “*Declaration of Principles*”, and “*Party Governance*”. Once ratified, the *Charter* with all its sections may not be edited or replaced for as long as the Ontario Party continues to exist.
- 3.1.4. The Ontario Party’s *Articles of Constitution* is a living document and may be amended and edited by the members of the party in conformity to the *Charter*, with the restriction that no addition, edit, or deletion may be made to contradict any part of the *Charter*.
- 3.1.5. The Ontario Party Constitution is a public document and must be made readily available to any member of the party or any individual interested in becoming a member of the party.

3.2. Administrative Organization

3.2.1. Administrative Councils

The administrative structure of the Ontario Party shall be grouped into operating councils as follows:

- 3.2.1.1. The Executive Council is composed of the Party President and the Party CFO.
- 3.2.1.2. The Leadership Council is composed of the Executive Council and the Party Leader.
- 3.2.1.3. The Party’s Board of Directors is composed of the Executive Council and the Advisory Council.

- 3.2.1.4. The Advisory Council is composed of the individuals who advise the Executive Council on matters of party governance.
- 3.2.1.5. The Provincial Council is composed of all members of the Regional Councils, the Leadership Council, and the Advisory Council.
- 3.2.1.6. A Regional Council is composed of the Regional President and all presidents of EDA's belonging to that region.

Administrative positions in the party shall be governed by the following directives:

- 3.2.1.7. No administrative position in the Party shall be held by an individual who is not a member of the Ontario Party;
- 3.2.1.8. No individual who holds membership in another provincial political party in Ontario may be a member of the Ontario Party. Joining another provincial political party in Ontario shall immediately revoke an individual's membership in the Ontario Party;
- 3.2.1.9. Any member of the Ontario Party seeking to become the Leader of the Party must:
 - In writing, affirm the *Declaration of Principles*, and swear to abide by the *Constitution*; and
 - Be unanimously approved by the Executive Council;
- 3.2.1.10. Any member of the Ontario Party seeking to be a candidate for the Party in an election must:
 - In writing, affirm the *Declaration of Principles*, and swear to abide by the *Constitution*; and
 - Be approved by the Leadership Council, and the Ontario Party's EDA for the riding they are seeking to represent;
- 3.2.1.11. Where the Party's President does not fulfill his or her duties as specified in the *Charter*, he or she must immediately resign and be replaced by a suitable candidate who will uphold this responsibility faithfully;
- 3.2.1.12. Where the Party's CFO does not fulfill his or her duties as specified in the *Charter*, he or she must immediately resign and be replaced by a suitable candidate who will uphold this responsibility faithfully;
- 3.2.1.13. Where the Party's Leader does not fulfill his or her duties, he or she shall be replaced by a suitable candidate who will uphold this responsibility faithfully;
- 3.2.1.14. A leadership review of any member of the Leadership Council may be initiated by a two thirds majority vote of the Regional Council members. Upon completion of the review, if sufficient cause is found, a second vote shall be held to remove the member of the Leadership Council in question in accordance with the process established in the *Articles of Constitution*;
- 3.2.1.15. All EDA presidents and CFOs must be approved by the Executive Council;
- 3.2.1.16. All further rules for election or appointment to administrative positions shall be determined in the *Articles of Constitution*.

3.2.2. Role and duties of the members of the Executive Council

The role of the Ontario Party's Executive Council is to:

- 3.2.2.1. Uphold the *Declaration of Principles*, ensure the *Party Governance* is being honoured, and enforce the *Constitution*;

- 3.2.2.2. Maintain the proper functioning of the Party; and
- 3.2.2.3. Carefully safeguard and administer changes to the *Articles of Constitution* for compliance with the *Charter*. Therefore, all changes to the *Articles of Constitution* must be approved by the Executive Council.

3.2.3. Role and duties of the Leader

The role of the Ontario Party's Leader is to:

- 3.2.3.1. Positively promote the Ontario Party and its values to the province at large;
- 3.2.3.2. Expand the party in between elections by recruiting new members, and to recruit and attract high quality candidates that hold the Party's values; and
- 3.2.3.3. Ensure the highest possible level of success for the Party's candidates as they represent the party during an election.

**As ratified by the Board of Directors of the Ontario Party
on the 21st day of October of the year 2021.**