

1. Childcare



How will your party provide high-quality daycare so that women can participate in the economy, and improve financial security for their families and themselves?

2. Climate Change



What is your party's plan to address climate change?

3. Pandemic Recovery



What will your party do to support recovery from the COVID pandemic, and protect our community from risk of further spread?

4. Community Safety



What is your party's initiatives to combat specified crimes - auto thefts, homes and businesses break ins and robberies, drug trades, and physical assaults?

5. Housing Prices



What is your plan to reduce the prices and taxes of the Houses in Markham and Ontario and Canada?

6. Suburban Sprawl



What is your party doing to provide affordable housing while also protecting irreplaceable agricultural land from suburban sprawl?



Paul Chiang

The Liberal government understands that many families in Canada lack access to affordable, inclusive, and high-quality child care. This is why I fully support the ambitious Liberal plan to provide Canadian families with on-average \$10 per day childcare. Tangibly, this means that families right here in Markham will save almost \$9,000 in infant fees next year, and \$15,000 in fees by 2026. While Bob Saroya and the Conservatives want to scrap this plan, my Party and I know that investing in childcare will create new opportunities for families in Markham-Unionville.

Last year, the Liberal government announced a strengthened climate plan, with a more ambitious 2030 target to reduce our 2005 emission levels by 40 to 45%, reaching net-zero by 2050. We're also banning harmful single-use plastics, protecting 30% of our oceans and land, planting 2 billion trees, and setting mandatory targets for new vehicles to be zero-emissions by 2035. We are investing in public transit, clean energy, retrofitting homes, and decarbonizing industries—like steel, cement, and aluminum—to secure our clean industrial advantage.

From the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to helping families keep food on the table, to the wage and rent subsidies to help businesses stay open and workers stay employed, to procuring enough vaccines to fully vaccinate all eligible Canadians two months ahead of schedule, the Liberal government has supported communities during the pandemic. Despite Conservatives voting against continuing crucial supports like the rent and wage subsidies and implementing the Canada Recovery Hiring Program, our Liberal government will continue to support Canadian workers, businesses, and families as we finish the fight against COVID.

As a 28 year veteran of the York Regional Police, I have spent my career keeping Markham-Unionville safe from crime. I'm proud of the record of the York Regional Police, working hard every day to protect Unionville and make sure it remains one of the safest communities in all of Canada. I have spent my career keeping families safe from crime and drug-dealing gangs. I want to bring my decades of experience to Ottawa to keep our families safe. For example, I fully support the Liberal ban on 1,500 models of assault weapons.

Our Liberal plan gives young Canadians a fair chance to buy, and raise their families in a home of their own — just like their parents and grandparents did. Our government introduced the first-time home buyer incentive, which helps young families obtain their first homes. A re-elected Liberal government will also temporarily ban new foreign ownership in Canadian housing and create a Home Buyers' Bill of Rights to make the process of buying a home fairer, more open, and transparent, including banning blind bidding, creating a right to a home inspection, and ensuring banks and lenders offer mortgage deferrals for up to 6 months after a major life event like job loss.

A re-elected Liberal government will:

- Unlock Home Ownership: Liberals will help save a family buying their first home up to \$30,000.
- Build More homes: Liberals will build, preserve, or repair an additional 1.4 million homes in four years.
- Protect your Rights: Liberals will create a Home Buyers' Bill of Rights to make the process of buying a home fairer, more open, and transparent.



Bob Saroya

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Aftab Qureshi

The NDP are also promising to build a universal \$10 a day child-care system across the country. Like the Liberal plan the NDP proposal will put money toward creating more child-care spaces and improving the pay workers in the field receive to ensure retention and a better quality of service. Morna Ballantyne, the executive director of Child Care Now, a national child-care advocacy group, told CBC News the Liberal and NDP plans will work better because they are seeking to build a system of regulated child care across the country where all families would have equal, affordable access to high-quality child care.

The NDP proposes an emissions target of 50 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030; setting up national and sectoral carbon budgets; continuing with emissions pricing, making electricity net-zero by 2030, and 100 per cent non-emitting by 2040; eliminating fossil fuel subsidies; increasing the stringency of methane emissions targets; subsidies for zero-emissions vehicles; building retrofits; making new buildings net-zero by 2025; and implementing border carbon adjustments. The party would double the Canada Community-Building Fund. Next year, that funding is scheduled to increase to \$2.3 billion, before being raised to \$2.4 billion in 2023-24, amounts that would double under the NDP plan.

The NDP's plan to help small businesses and their workers survive the pandemic and recover: Canadians who are worried about paying their everyday bills shouldn't be the ones who have to pay the price for the pandemic. Those who made billions off this crisis should pay for the recovery. That's why the NDP called for a 1% wealth tax on fortunes over \$20 million. Furthermore, the NDP proposed a Temporary COVID-19 Excess Profit Tax so that big corporations who profited off the pandemic help the businesses and workers who paid the price.

The NDP promises to reduce reliance on mandatory minimum sentences and return discretion to trial judges. It would expunge criminal records for Canadians convicted of minor cannabis possession and declare a public health emergency to allow those struggling with addiction to get help. We believe that investing in community policing and community courts, committing to a mental health strategy creating more accessible social housing and regulating recovery homes, could all significantly impact the crime rates and social issues we have in today's society

An NDP government will get rid of the financial incentive for landlords to squeeze out tenants and raise the rent, bringing back real rent control for all units. We'll scrap vacancy decontrol, to stop landlords kicking tenants out in order to raise the rent on the unit. We will stop unfair 'renovictions' and bad faith 'landlord's own use' evictions. We'll crack down on landlords who exploit loopholes in the law to seek evictions or unfair, above guideline rent increases for repairs or renovations that aren't needed, or those who evict tenants under the guise of them or a family member moving into the unit.

An NDP will government will work with municipalities to update land use planning rules to encourage and accelerate the development of complete communities, while protecting farmland and natural heritage from wasteful sprawl.12 This includes aligning growth with transit investments and enabling the construction of more "missing middle" housing, like duplexes and townhouses



Elvin Kao

Child-care in Markham is expensive and extremely difficult to find. That is why the Green Party intends to incentivize the creation of new child-care spaces and remove the GST of new construction of spaces for early child-care. The Green Party will dedicate additional resources to making a universal, affordable, early learning and child-care system a reality. The Green Party plan for Universal Basic Income also provides families with the flexibility and choice of how to raise their children. With Universal Basic Income, the choice of staying at home and raising children for an extended period of time can now become a reality.

Greenhouse gas emissions have been increasing every year since 2016. The Green Party is the only party committed to climate action. We will immediately end oil and gas subsidies that were promised to have ended by the Liberal government. Instead, we will invest in the renewable energy sector and fund research and development. There will be millions of local jobs created through the retrofitting of homes to be more energy-efficient and we will change building standards so that all new buildings built will be net-zero emitters by 2030. The Green party will invest in Green transportation, purchase zero-emissions public transportation, and remove federal tax on the sale of all new and used electric vehicles.

Canada should implement a national vaccine passport to avoid each province/territory creating their own. In fact, there should have been discussions with other countries to maintain as much of a global standard as possible. Small businesses have been struggling and are looking for certainty on how to run their business. Many have not been able to turn a profit with 25% occupancy during this pandemic. We need to make sure that not only business owners can operate at 100%, but that customers feel safe being in a place that is at capacity. The only way is with a vaccine passport so people can return back to normal, but also respecting the choice of private businesses and individuals that do not want to be or are unable to get vaccinated.

The Green Party would like to reduce crime by changing the systematic factors that encourage crime. One of the main reasons for crime is poverty which the Green Party plans to eliminate with a Guaranteed Livable Income. The Green Party intends to invest in community and social services which are more effective in preventing and reducing crime, strengthening individuals and communities, and creating a more just society. These will include alternative responses to mental health calls, investment in afterschool programs for young persons, mental health support for youth and adults, and increased employment opportunities.

The Green Party intends to work with the Ontario provincial government to build 100,000 new permanently affordable rental units over the next 10 years under the National Housing Strategy. All new, large developments will require a minimum of 20% of units dedicated to affordable housing.

The Green Party will work with municipalities and the provincial government to incentivize the rezoning of areas for denser residential areas. We will make sure that new construction is meant for the average Canadian family and not for speculators. We can incentivize rezoning with minimal thresholds to receive public transportation funding, so we can create vibrant livable cities. A vibrant community requires homes to be lived in and not sit empty. That is why the Green Party will work with the city to implement a vacant home tax.