

Peter House's Platform for Hamilton Centre			
Policies	Policy Explanation	Policy Winners	Policy Losers
Electoral Reform - Ranked Ballots WITH Proportional Representation	Completely removes the incentive of "strategic" voting and changes the proportions of the legislature to better reflect the popular vote. Governments will always be second rate if Ontarians forced to pick their 2nd choice or the lesser of two evils. Increases competition amongst political parties resulting in better legislation for all.	Independents & Small Parties	Large Parties (Liberals, Conservatives & NDP)
New Accountability Legislation that Triggers By-elections	Politicians and their parties are corrupt. We need a bottom up system of legislation not a top down system of emperors. Mandatory in-person monthly town halls in MPP's respective ridings or they lose their seat, triggering a by-election. Weekly blogs or vlogs or else by-election. 100% of uncommunicative MPP salary forfeited to help finance by-election expenses. Tie 25% of MPP salaries to their approval rating amongst their constituents in their riding - gives politicians an out to justify to party whip why they're voting against their party. 8 year maximum on MPP tenure. You either die the hero or live long enough to see yourself become the villain.	Public Oversight	Politicians
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) & Ethical Design Legislation	Social media corporations optimize for engagement, growth and monetization at the expense of public health. It is a form of trading in human futures (as opposed to pork belly futures). Its intentionally driving political divisions. Social media is incredibly unethical. We need the rights to our own data just like they have in the EU.	Open Source Social Media Platforms	Corporate Social Media
Public ledger of all Ontario Government Spending	Every single expense billed to the province will be included in a comprehensive ledger. This includes every public institution in Ontario. Every public sector salary will even be listed but anonymized. We can't hold our government accountable (literally) if we can't follow the money.	Taxpayers short term & long term	Crooked politicians & their friends
Province Entering previously Private Markets - Telcoms & Grocery Stores	Increased competition lowers prices, public companies increase gov't revenue, reduced profit motive lowers prices	Society & Public Coffers	Monopolies & Billionaires
Increased liabilities for Corporations, Individual Accountability, Corporations no longer "People"	Corporate misconduct will jail individuals, 300% of illegally gained profits will be taxed...instead of this slap-on-the-wrist nonsense that corporations just consider the cost of doing business.	Small Businesses	Large Corporations & Multinationals
Decriminalize Drug Possession of Personal Amounts, Mandatory Drug Counselling Instead of Prison	Drug addiction is a health problem not a criminal problem. The Portuguese Drug Policy is wildly successful and going back to the old way is now political suicide in Portugal. Reduces crime. Reduces prison costs. Reduces health costs. Reduces policing costs. Reducing addiction benefits society at large. This is the only viable recourse to address the opiate crisis. Drugs won the war against drugs. Consenting adults will always be able to find the drugs they want in the black market.	Drug Addicts & Rehab Centres	Drug Dealers
Progressive tax on multiple property owners	Housing prices are obscene. A family cottage should be expensive. Multiple property owners deserve to be taxed increasingly the more properties they own to disincentivize owning multiple properties and to stimulate cheaper housing.	Single Property Owners & First Time Buyers	Multi-property Individuals, Families and Corporations
Subsidies for high density developments, Increased tax on low density developments	The cost of delivering utilities in low density neighbourhoods is subsidized by savings in high density neighbourhoods. Environmental concerns. 15 minute neighbourhoods are what people want. Lowers cost of housing	High Density Real Estate Developers	Low Density Real Estate Developers
Expanded Rapid Transit Developments, Cheap Subsidized Public Transit, +1% Tax on Gasoline	Our public transit sucks. It's slow, unreliable, infrequent and unintegrated into city planning. City air quality is poor. Environmental concerns need to be addressed and we need to get serious about climate change, which is real.	Rapid Transit Commuters	Automobile Drivers
Greater proportion of post-secondary funding to trade schools	Our work force is oversaturated with university degrees but lacks college & trade school graduates needed for housing and infrastructure expansions. We need to stop lying to our students about the expected return on investment from university degrees.	Colleges & Trade schools	Universities
Wealth taxes, investor taxes, increased property taxes, progressive taxes on multiple properties, environmental reforms	Baby boomers had it good. It's high time younger generations had the same tools to succeed you did. You might not live to see the consequences of your generation but it's gonna cost you.	Younger generations	Baby boomers
Taxing Currency Exchanges & Stock Trades	These Jobs don't Benefit Society - tax em	The Poor	Stock Brokers and Currency Exchanges
Taxing the 1% Wealth Tax, Inheritance Tax	Trickle Down Economics is bullshit	The 99%	Families earning more than \$500k/year
Reinstate Rent control and tax on rent above Market Median	Rent prices and landlord greed are obscene. People deserve an affordable place to live. Millennials forced to live with parents and delay starting a family hurts the economy.	Renters	Landlords
Higher Jail Sentences for White Collar Crime	Higher jail sentences do not dissuade drug use but they do dissuade white collar crime. Make the risk untenable.	Honest Citizens	White Collar Criminals
Lower marijuana tax and put pot black market dealers out of business	Marijuana is the backbone of the black market. Legal weed is too expensive to compete with Mail Order Marijuana and black market bud.	Marijuana Users	Black Market
Subsidies for Ontario manufacturers.	We need to be more self reliant with our manufacturing given global supply chain problems and bring back manufacturing jobs to Ontario.	Manufacturers	Importers
Abolition of for-profit long-term care facilities and nursing homes in Ontario	For-profit long-term care facilities and nursing homes are more expensive (obviously) but also, they had far worse outcomes during the pandemic	Baby boomers	Younger generations and tax payers
Introduce guaranteed basic income legislation which replaces Ontario Works (aka welfare)	Short term this policy is expensive but long term it saves taxpayer money. Replacing Ontario Works with basic minimum income will cut bureaucratic glut and increase Ontarian dignity. The continued mechanization of our workforce means we need to rethink what it means to be gainfully employed and universal basic income will reduce crime and raise the quality of living for us all. This is a politically challenging policy to implement because political careers are too short (or election cycles too frequent) for politicians to see the benefit of the investment.	The poor & taxpayers in the long term	
Decriminalize, Tax & Regulate Sexwork	Prostitution is the oldest profession. Recession proof. Taxable. Decriminalizing sexwork will make it safer for sex workers. No need to jump into a strangers car to negotiate. Sex workers could openly explain their prices without fear of being prosecuted if it's not illegal. Not to be conflated with sex trafficking which will remain illegal and be prosecuted to a greater extent.	Sex Workers & their clients	Abusive Johns & Pimps
Taxing University Profits, Lowering Tuitions, Free or Cheap Post-Secondary for Ontarians	Universities are gouging students and the value of the education and credentials has plummeted. The internet has transformed access to information.	Students	Post Secondary Institutions
Massive funding for vertical farms, lab grown meat & dairy. Increase hunting tags	Vertical farms' food is cheaper, cleaner, more environmentally friendly, more efficient with water and fertilizer, more efficient with land, more local. Lab grown meat is cheaper, healthier (no biomagnification), safer & more ethical. Hunting is overly restricted despite being healthy, cheap and more ethical than factory farmed meat.	Shoppers, Farmers, Hunters, Butchers, Restaurants, Vegans, Environment & Ethically minded	Grocers, factory farms, food importers, established norms related to food, bacteria, viruses and other pathogens
Public campaign promises should be binding. Politicians must bring any policy they campaigned on to the floor for a vote. If not, there will be a public inquiry which could trigger a by-election and potential racketeering convictions	There is no incentive for politicians to tell the truth during their campaign. For instance, "2015 will be the last election under First-Past-The-Post" or "The greenbelt will not be rezoned"	The public & the rare honest politicians	Dishonest politicians
Higher wages and more funding for public education. Larger classes	Education is underfunded. Public educators and particularly support staff are grossly underpaid. However, despite our obsession with smaller class sizes there is extensive scientific research that smaller class sizes do NOT improve education outcomes as counterintuitive as that may seem. Larger class sizes will save money for other aspects of the education budget.	Teachers, Support Workers, Parents and Students	Tax payers & Teachers
Increased Arts funding	Artists can't make a living in Ontario anymore. If we value the arts, which we do, we ought to increase arts funding.	Artists	Tax payers
Include dental, eyecare and counselling under OHIP	Dental, optometry and mental health services are privatized aspects of our health care system that should be public. Psychiatrists are already covered. Public dental and mental health programs will save taxpayer money and reduce other aspects of the healthcare budget long term.	Taxpayers short term	Taxpayers long term, dentists, optometrists and psychologists
Increased funding for Healthcare workers, Slashing Administrative Salaries	Public healthcare is part of the national identity. Intentionally starving it of funding to garner support for a new private model is obscene. If the healthcare workers are the pandemic heroes then they deserve to get paid. They will leave Ontario if we don't.	Nurses, Doctors & Support Staff	Hospital Administrators
Lower tax on E-cigarettes, mandate anywhere selling tobacco must also sell e-cigarettes and smoking cessation aids at an affordable price	Tobacco kills, costing the taxpayer in the healthcare budget. E-cigarettes are safer if not completely safe. Addicts want to want to quit, help them over the hump.	Healthcare system, E-cigarette & Smoking-cessation Industries	Big Tobacco
Increased labour costs in Ontario	Our society needs to re-examine what a luxury good and how much they cost. Half a pint of raspberries already feels expensive but the prices will go up with increased labour costs in Ontario. Maybe fresh unfrozen raspberries are a luxury good after all. If Ontarians don't want to pay the cost the industry wasn't viable after all.	Labourers both Canadian and Foreign	Enjoyers of underpriced luxury goods & Producers of underpriced luxury goods
Temporary Foreign Workers will be more expensive than Canadian Labour	If Canadians don't want to do these jobs, it'll cost you. Undercutting the value of Canadian labour with foreign labour contributes to stagnant wages, unaffordability and slows economic growth.	Labourers both Canadian and Foreign	Businesses that rely on the Temporary Foreign Worker Program
Ban the sale of air conditioners without the additional valve and plumbing needed to run them in reverse as heat pumps and subsidize heat pump purchases/installation	Heat pumps are a key solution to reducing our dependence on expensive fossil fuels. Heat pumps are efficient even in a cold Canadian winter. Note that the most economical solution for most Canadians is a hybrid approach with both natural gas and a heat pump to heat their home in the winter.	Renters, Landlords, Home Owners, Heat Pump Manufacturers, HydroOne & Environment	Enbridge & Natural Gas businesses
Funding for Internal Affairs & Court System	Police oversight is poor. Police can't report each other for fear of their own lives. Outside accountability and increased funding is necessary. Police are not above the law. Increased mandatory schooling for new hires so our police aren't among the least educated professions in Canada. Something is wrong when Starbucks employees have more schooling than the police.	Regular Police & Internal Affairs	Police Abusing Authority