

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

*What we heard from
#TakeTheMic*



DISCUSSION PURPOSE & AGENDA



Purpose: to update the Ontario Liberal Party Membership of the #TakeTheMic results

Agenda:

- Welcome and overview remarks from the Platform Co-Chairs, Kate Graham & Michael Coteau
- Platform co-Chairs to present
 - Overview of the #TakeTheMic process and the participation numbers
 - Social Media Impressions
 - Review of the top ideas and support level
 - Overview of each policy theme
 - What's next?

A STORY IN THE NUMBERS

A total of **28,236** visited the #TakeTheMic website, submitting **38,438** original ideas and comments and casting **233,791** votes.

We know many of you worked hard in your ridings and networks to get people engaged, and it paid off. Thank you!

Top 5 Most Supported Policy Recommendations

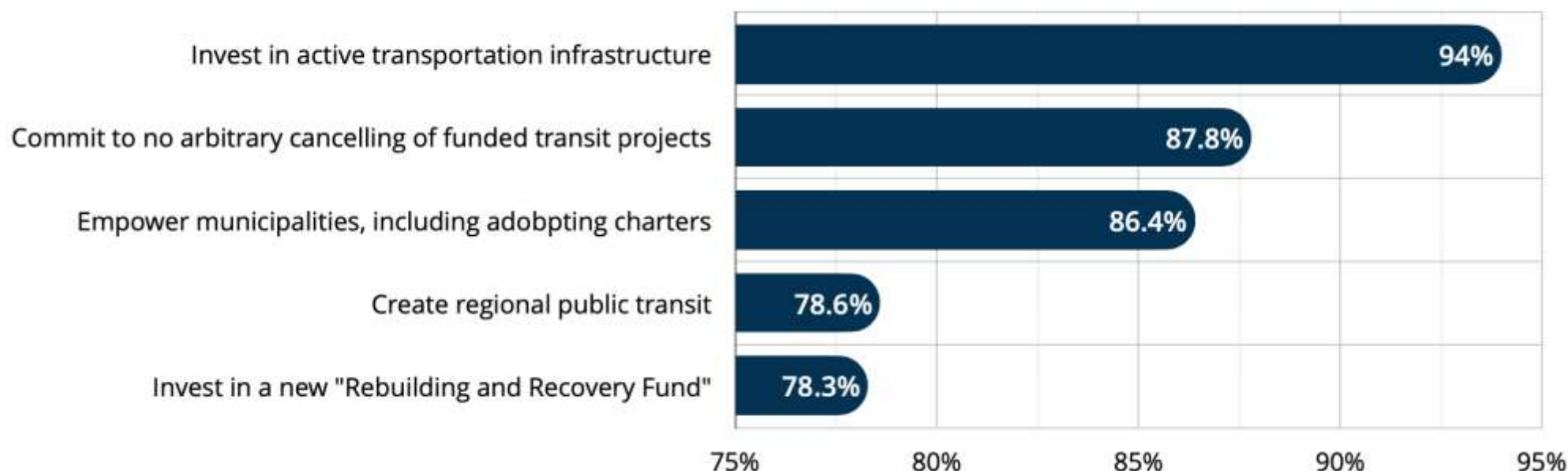
1	Improve the quality of care (including better food, increased personal hygiene and more hours of care)	Fixing Long-Term Care	98% Approval*
2	Create and protect green space and increase Ontario's tree canopy	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting our Environment	97% Approval*
3	Move to a full-time staffing model in long-term care, providing more stability, better working conditions, higher wages and more accountability	Fixing Long-Term Care	96% Approval*
4	Reverse the gutting of Conservation Authorities and provide them with the tools they need to deliver on their mandate	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*
5	Improve emission performance standards for big polluters	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*

*Approval is a measure of the percentage of participants who voted in support of an option, rather than neutral or opposed.

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TOP COMMENTED ON POLICY STATEMENTS RELATED TO HOUSING

- Empower municipalities, including adopting charters where requested by councils -- starting with the City of Toronto (191 comments)
- Reduce off-peak GO Transit fares (123)
- Double the provincial gas tax funding for municipal public transit systems (122)



COMMENTS OVERVIEW

[RE: empower municipalities] City Charters for large Ontario cities are not a panacea, but a necessary step to give cities the authority they need to make decisions that best serve their residents. Provincial oversight is fine at a high level: setting provincial standards, ensuring equitable treatment of all Ontario residents. But when provinces try to micromanage cities, dictating decisions or revoking decisions already made, neither residents nor democracy are well-served. Large Ontario cities don't lack the expertise to make their own decisions, they lack the authority, structure and money to do so. City Charters would help to fix this. Protecting those Charters with a constitutional amendment would prevent future provincial govt's from revoking them.(4 Likes)

[RE: empower municipalities] Toronto's population is more than that of some provinces. It is also a major economic engine. The city should have the power to raise funds and make decisions about how to run its affairs. It should not be beholden to the province for everything. (4 Likes)

[RE: empower municipalities] City Charters are essential to protect communities from provincial politicians with agendas that are not consistent with local priorities. (4 Likes)

[RE: empower municipalities] Toronto is the economic engine of Ontario. Toronto and other large Ontario cities should each have a constitutional-protected City Charter. Each needs exclusive authority to make decisions, as well the right to make economic decisions regarding revenue sources that they need to succeed. (4 Likes)

[RE: empower municipalities] Some cities were incorporated before Canada was ever a nation and before the provinces were established. The rights, responsibilities and jurisdiction of municipalities should be enshrined in the national constitution similar to how national and provincial jurisdictions are laid out (5 Likes)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Did we capture the issues?

Where do we go from here?

What should be our priorities address
transportation and infrastructure issues in
Ontario?



THANK YOU!

