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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

– Margaret Mead

The Ottawa West-Nepean NDP (OWN NDP) is always looking for people who want to help make progressive change happen. Our executive meets at least once a month and new members are always welcome. Please contact us!

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NDP Democratic Reform Critic Nathan Cullen (pictured above) says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should hang his head in shame after his decision to abandon his electoral reform election promise.

“This is disgraceful for a prime minister to act this way. Particularly, one that promised to be so much different than the last government,” says Cullen from Ottawa.

**Liberals renege on electoral reform promise, NDP MP Cullen calls move “cynical”**

“Today the Prime Minister stood up and said to Canadians, ‘I lied to get elected.’”

“Politicians using citizens for their votes but not delivering on promises is what makes Canadians cynical. The Prime Minister has shown us that his word means nothing, and outraged voters will remember this in 2019.” said Fair Vote Canada President Réal Lavergne.



**Andrea Horwath:**

*Listening to Ontarians*

Andrea Horwath has covered a lot of ground over the past month, visiting communities across the province and hearing directly from ordinary Ontarians about their ideas, hopes and concerns.

**One thing is clear:** runaway hydro rates are hurting families and local businesses.

And people are worried about their healthcare.

Our healthcare system is at a tipping point and the latest report by Ontario's independent Financial Accountability Office confirms that **more Liberal cuts are coming**. To reach their health sector expense targets, they will have to cut up to:

**\$400 million THIS YEAR**    **\$900 million NEXT YEAR**    **\$1.5 billion IN 2018-19**

It's time for us to build a healthcare system that puts Ontarians first.

For more information, go to [ontariondp.ca](http://ontariondp.ca)

**Annual  
General  
Meeting &  
ONDP  
Convention  
Delegate  
Selection**  
Thursday Feb. 23  
@ 7 pm  
@ Ron Kolbus  
Lakeside Center  
102 Greenview Av  
(in Britannia Park)

# Basic Income: another pilot project or a plan whose time has come?

A public meeting held last December in Sudbury to discuss the Ontario Government's plan to implement a basic income pilot project (part of a province-wide series of meetings) was interrupted by calls to immediately hike social assistance rates.

Members of the *Raise the Rates* campaign held a straw poll. They asked people in the audience if they want the province to bring Ontario Works payments up to \$1,320 a month and increase disability payments by \$500, as recommended by former Conservative Senator Hugh Segal, who was commissioned by the Ontario Government to draw up a basic income pilot project.

The majority of people in the room raised their hands in support.

"If it's good enough for a pilot project, it's good enough for everyone in Ontario right now," *Raise the Rates* member Gary Kinsman said.

"We actually need people having more income so that they can afford to pay their rent, so that they're not becoming homeless, so that they can actually eat properly, they can support their families and right now that's not the situation. Things are pretty desperate, and that's why we felt that this type of action was necessary."

For more information about the Ontario Basic Income Pilot Project, go to [www.ontario.ca/page/finding-better-way-basic-income-pilot-project-ontario](http://www.ontario.ca/page/finding-better-way-basic-income-pilot-project-ontario)

Source: CBC Sudbury, Dec. 13, 2017



Canada's New Democrats have put forward progressive new policies to improve fairness in our immigration system while the Conservative Party Leadership continues to import anti-immigration sentiments from south of the border.

"While there are some using trumped-up fear around immigration for political gain, the vast majority of Canadians want an immigration system that supports nation-building," says Jenny Kwan, NDP Citizenship and Immigration Critic.

Kwan proposed removing barriers to immigration created by the Express Entry program and proposed additional pathways to citizenship for foreign nationals already in Canada, contributing to the country. This would include international students who are often forced to leave Canada after their education because of barriers to permanent residency.



## Ottawa Vanier NDP Emilie Taman ready for federal by-election call

A by-election must be called for vacant riding Ottawa Vanier by February 19, and NDP candidate Emilie Taman is ready. Already door-knocking and phone canvassing in a riding where she was our candidate in the last federal election, her team is hard at work. Care to pitch-in by delivering flyers or making a few phone calls? Then you should contact Emilie's team at [emilie.taman@ndp.ca](mailto:emilie.taman@ndp.ca).