

Ms. Miles,

Thank you for writing to the office of MPP Peter Tabuns and for your advocacy for the environment. Peter asked that I get back to you with the Party's position and also ask that if possible your group share any response you receive to your letter from Minister Calandra or others. His colleague MPP Arthur, Kingston and the Islands, presented a bill in 2019, one that Peter fully supported then, and would again if reintroduced and brought to a vote.

Peter had a hand in crafting the ONDP's position paper the Green New Democratic Deal and he asked that I paste the relevant section below.

From GNDD page 21

Cut down waste

Ontarians are conscientious about diverting their household waste from the landfill. But industries in our province continue to produce large amounts of waste each year, an amount that is going up. This waste — which accounts for four per cent of Ontario's total emissions — fills our landfills, puts strain on recycling and compost systems, and pollutes our streets, waterways and ecosystems.

This waste accounts for four per cent of Ontario's total emissions, and is going up. We must divert more of it from our landfills to cut down on emissions from waste, especially methane.

An Ontario NDP government will ensure large-scale industrial producers take responsibility for the waste they produce. We'll pass a law banning all single-use plastics for non-medical uses by 2024.

Working closely with municipalities, industry and Stewardship Ontario, we'll establish a producer-responsibility model of waste diversion. Together, we'll improve waste diversion from multi-residential buildings, workplaces and public spaces.

We'll work with municipalities to achieve greater, cross-municipality standards for services and recyclable materials. We'll expand the number of municipalities that deliver recycling and composting services, and work with industry to promote an economy of repairable goods.

We'll immediately launch a public educational campaign on reducing consumption, recycling and composting.

An NDP government will lead by example and develop a robust and comprehensive waste diversion strategy for the public sector, in consultation with broader public sector stakeholders, with the goal of making Ontario waste free.

Regards,

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