A PEOPLE 4 PEOPLE GUELPH-WELLINGTON NEWSLETTER

THE ADVOCATE

SPEAK UP FOR OUR RIGHTS

THE UPCOMING ELECTION

The next Ontario Provincial election will be on **June 2, 2022**. People 4 People self advocates are in the works of planning virtual interviews with representatives from each of the 4 major Parties in May. We have repeatedly seen 4 major issues that directly affect people with developmental disabilities and have asked the representatives to come forward to discuss them with us.

The 4 Key issues are:

1. Poverty and financial assistance
2. Affordable, accessible, and safe housing
3. Accessible transportation in remote areas
4. Passport funding

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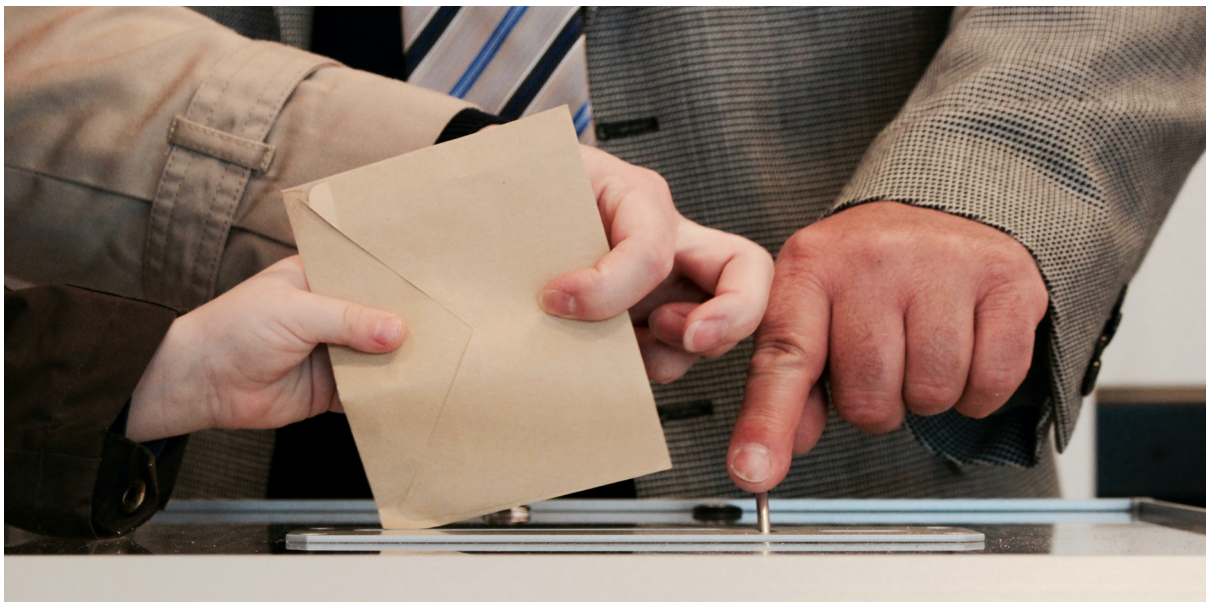
We have not set a date for the virtual meetings as the Parties began working on their campaigns **after May 4th** when the election date was confirmed. We will announce the meetings through email, and hope to include as many voters with developmental disabilities as we can.

As advocates we know how difficult it can be to find plain language information to explain how the Government works, the voting process and the issues each party is focusing on. To make this easier for all of us to understand, we have created some plain language information that will explain:

1. The three levels of government and what they do.
2. Recent news and ways to vote.
3. Definitions.
4. The names of the 4 major parties some of their key issues.



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The 3 levels of Government	WHO DOES WHAT?
Municipal Government	Waste Management; Water; Towns & Cities; Snow removal; Libraries; Property Taxes; Transit; Building permits
Provincial Government	Schools; Drivers License; Social Assistance; Natural Resources; Education; Healthcare
Federal Government	National security, Defense & Military; International Relations; Postal Service; Banking; Money; Citizenship & Immigration

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Facts About The Election

- Canadians live in a **democratic country.** Democracy means the citizens choose their leader by voting.
- Elections Ontario is hiring for many roles. You can make up to **$25.00 an hour**. www.elections.on.ca/en/about-us/employment-centre.html
- To be eligible to vote in Ontario you must be 18 years of age, a legal citizen, and a resident of Ontario. www.elections.on.ca/en/voting-in-ontario.html
- There are now **many accessible ways** to vote. www.elections.on.ca/en/voting-in-ontario/how-to-vote.html
- You can **request to vote at home visit** if:
    - ◊ You are unable to go to your returning office because of a disability.
    - ◊ You are unable to read or write.
    - ◊ You are unable to complete an application form; and/or
    - ◊ You are someone who requires assistance.
- You can **vote in person** on election day.
- You can **vote at any of the advance voting locations** in your electoral district.
- You can **vote in person at your returning office** from the day after an election in your electoral district has been called until 6 PM the day before election day.
- You can **vote by mail:** For the 2022 general election, the application to vote by mail became available on **May 4**. The deadline to apply to vote by mail is 6 PM (Eastern Time) on **May 27.** They must receive your completed voting kit by 6 PM (Eastern Time) on **June 2 (election day)** to be counted.
- You can **vote in the hospital.**

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Definitions of Words You May Hear Around Election Time

- **Legislature** = an organized body having the authority to make laws for a political unit.
- **Riding** = in the parliamentary system the country is split up into little regions these regions are called ridings. To find out your electoral riding see the Voter Information Service page: elections.ca/scripts/vis/FindED
- **Constituency** = a body of voters in a specified area who elect a representative to a legislative body.
- **Party** = A group of politicians usually including a Party leader who is responsible for the activities of the group. Party executives who may choose the leader and do administrative and organizational duties. Party members who may volunteer to help the group or donate money and vote for its candidates.
- **Candidates** = someone who's seeking to be elected, hired, or appointed to a position, especially a political office or job.
- **Democracy** = Ruled by the people.

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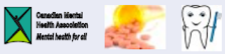
Party's & Candidates	Current Key Issues
ONTARIO PC Doug Ford	Bringing more workers into the skilled trades. Building highways you can drive on, so you don't sit in gridlock. Building homes more families can afford.
LIBERAL ONTARIO Steven DeDuca	Help you afford a good home in your neighbourhood Replace the minimum wage with a regional living wage starting at $16 4 day work week Put forward the most inclusive team of candidates in Ontario Better Autism Support Provide all Ontario workers with portable drug, dental, and mental health services  Ensure all Ontario businesses offer equal pay for equal work as well as 10 paid sick days. Reform of special education and better transition people into adult services
ONTARIO NDP NPD Andrea Horwath	Make Ontario net-zero by 2050, starting by cutting emissions at least 50 per cent by 2030 and making all public buildings net zero by 2030 Better care for seniors in home care, long term care. Increased staffing, reduce waitlists, more protection, senior advocacy, inclusive care, family involvement Creating 100,000 well -paying jobs
green Party of Ontario Mike Schreiner	Crush Climate Pollution Solving the Housing Crisis by building inclusive neighborhoods, build and maintain affordable housing and end chronic homelessness Make care more affordable, accessible and comprehensive for everyone Ten priorities to improve mental health care in Ontario

CELEBRATIONS

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

ROBIN DERDERIAN
APRIL 1ST

TANNIS CAMPBELL
MAY 7TH, 1989

LESLIEANN WALLACE
MAY 12TH, 1970

TRACY MARGETTS
JUNE 28TH

NOT PICTURED:

CLARENCE RIDER
APRIL 21ST

SUZANNE HUTCHINSON
APRIL 15TH

JENNIFER SHARRATT
MAY 9TH

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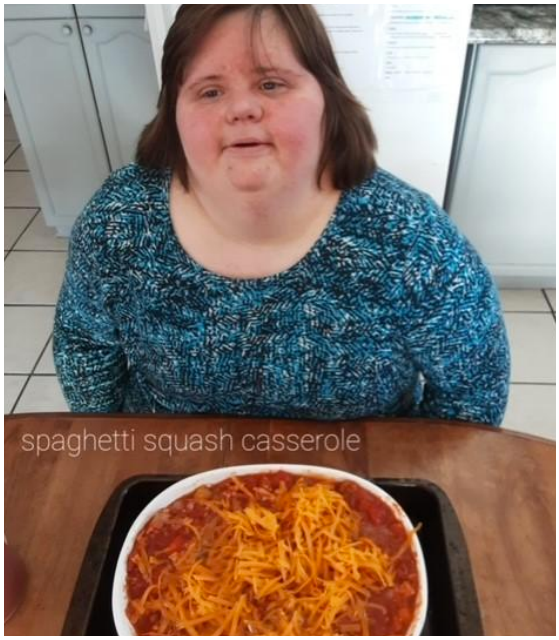
RECIPE: SPAGHETTI SQUASH CASSEROLE

FROM TANNIS C.



INGREDIENTS

- 1 spaghetti squash
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 onion, diced
- 15 oz canned diced tomatoes
- 1 tbsp tomato paste/ketchup
- 1 cup pasta sauce
- 1 tsp Italian herbs
- 1.5 cups mozzarella, shredded

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to **375°f.**
2. Cook squash until al dente, then cut in half.
3. Using a fork, remove spaghetti squash strands from the squash and set aside.
4. In a medium saucepan, cook ground beef, onion and garlic until no pink remains. Drain any fat.
5. Add diced tomatoes, tomato paste, pasta sauce and seasoning.
6. Simmer 5 minutes.
7. Stir in squash. Place in a casserole dish (or back into the squash halves) and top with cheese.
8. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden bubbly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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ALL AREAS

- MOTHERS' DAY
- VICTORIA DAY
- ONTARIO ELECTIONS
- FATHER'S DAY

GUELPH/ERIN/HILLSBURG

1. DONKEY SANCTUARY
   bit.ly/3KGBYV4
2. IN PERSON WALK - GUELPH ARBORETUM
   beltranm@uoguelph.ca
3. GUELPH WONDERFUL SPRING WILDFLOWER WORKSHOP
   arboretum.uoguelph.ca
4. POP-UP DONATION STATION IN ERIN
   bit.ly/3y6gbnd
5. A MUSICAL EVENING WITH SARAH SLEAN AND HAWKSLEY WORKMAN
   bit.ly/37bq1co
6. TERRIFIC TURTLES OF ONTARIO (VIRTUAL)
   arbworks@uoguelph.ca
7. ANTI-RACISM SUMMIT ONLINE AND IN PERSON
   changestartsnow.ca/about-conference/
8. ERIN TOUCH A TRUCK
   bit.ly/3y9ke2b
9. EVERDALE'S 'PLANT IT FORWARD' SEEDLING SALE
   everdale.org/events
10. YOGA WITH ALPACAS
    braeridgefarm.com/yoga-with-alpacas
11. GUELPH CAROUSEL AND MINIATURE TRAIN
    bit.ly/3w0QEsR

FERGUS/MT FOREST/HARRISTON

12. FERGUS 43RD ANNUAL HOME & LEISURE SHOW
    bit.ly/3KznOF7
13. ELORA'S FARMERS MARKET
    elorafarmersmarket.ca
14. ELORA OUTDOOR PAINTING FESTIVAL
    elorapleinair.ca
15. 40TH BELWOOD LIONS PIKE DERBY
    pikederby.org
16. HARRISTON LET'S BAND TOGETHER
    bit.ly/38LIhcA
17. HARRISTON PRIDE IN THE PARK
    bit.ly/3LMZFg0
18. AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME 2022 INDUCTION CEREMONY
    bit.ly/39mUUev

SPRING WORD SEARCH

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BASEBALL
AIRY
CHICKS
DAFFODIL
EGGS
MAY
GREEN GRASS
DOWNPOUR
GARDEN
BEES
APRIL
RAINDROPS
FLOWERS
BLISSFUL
YARD
OUTDOORS
LEAVES
KITE
BIRD FEEDER
BLOSSOMS
WARMTH
BREEZY
WEEDS
GROWTH

THE P4P MISSION

IT IS THE GOAL OF PEOPLE 4 PEOPLE TO LEARN THE SKILLS THAT WILL ENABLE US TO KNOW OUR RIGHTS, UNDERSTAND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

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