

Ontario Liberal Party Leader Candidates



NAVDEEP BAINS

is a Toronto-born, Brampton-raised public servant who spent 13 years in federal office, including as one of Canada's longest-serving Ministers of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. From crunching numbers at Nike and Ford to shaping national economic policy, Nav has seen how decisions on jobs and investment get made. He stepped away from politics in 2021 for family, later teaching future business leaders. Now he's ready to build a stronger Ontario.



STEPHANIE BOWMAN

is the Ontario Liberal MPP for Don Valley West and the party's critic for Finance, Treasury Board, and Interprovincial Trade. A mom, accountant, and former senior Scotiabank executive, she also served on the board of the Bank of Canada. Since her election, Stephanie has introduced legislation to support small businesses and protect tenants, and pushed for accountability on major infrastructure projects like the Eglinton Crosstown LRT. She brings financial expertise to the team.



LEE FAIRCLOUGH

is Ontario's MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore and a 27-year health care leader, including serving as President of St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener through the pandemic. Raised in rural Ontario by a teacher and an engineer, she carried values of responsibility and teamwork from the pool and rugby pitch, where she represented Canada at the Women's Rugby World Cup, into public service. As Liberal Critic for Hospitals and Mental Health, Lee puts people first.



VIKRAM HANDA

brings more than a decade of leadership in Ontario's accessible housing sector to his campaign for Ontario Liberal leader. The son of a father who immigrated from India and a mother with rural Ontario roots, he holds degrees from the University of Toronto, the Sorbonne, McMaster, and UBC's Faculty of Law. Vikram is calling for a new coalition to rebuild public services and ensure every Ontarian can live with dignity.



ERIC LOMBARDI

is a finance and technology entrepreneur turned civic builder, and one of Ontario's leading voices on housing reform. After studying nanotechnology engineering at Waterloo and building a career in tech and finance, he returned home and founded More Neighbours Toronto in 2021 to tackle the housing crisis head-on. As chair of Build Toronto, he has helped drive policy adopted by governments. Eric is running so Ontario stays within reach for the next generation.



DYLAN MARANDO

is a next-generation leader for the Ontario Liberal Party, built on a career of getting results for families. Holding a Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Toronto, he helped deliver Canada's National Housing Strategy, \$10-a-day child care, and small-business tax cuts while working in the Premier's and Prime Minister's offices. He later worked in medical technology, supporting Ontario jobs. Dylan is running to give Ontario a real alternative to Ford.