

1. top priority in my riding:

Personally I would love to see more subsidized or pay-what-you-can French lessons in the Kenora-Rainy River riding. I have lost a lot of my French because I don't have to use it very often but even being able to practice with my colleagues is valuable to maintain the skill. I would be the first to sign up to improve my French. As for the party, The GPO is committed to:

- Ensuring that interpreters, translators, or multilingual written materials are available in publicly funded services. Improving awareness of their availability.
- Providing tools for nonprofits to have french language resources.
- Creating incentives to increase the number of French-speaking individuals in teachers college programs.

2. French Language Services Act

Ontario Greens will ensure that online materials released by organizations in the public sector are available in French wherever possible. We will also provide tools for nonprofits to have online French language resources. I work in public health and the GPO is committed to including public health under this Act as well- I'm frankly surprised that it hasn't been for this long! I fully support this because knowing French is such a huge asset in Canada and makes care more accessible for everyone!

3. Shortage of Francophone workers:

By tailoring our outreach to the Francophone community we can build a better Frano-Ontarian community in the riding. Right now I don't know of any Franophone social groups but I think that some sort of social group or organization that encourages or hosts language classes and opportunities to practice speaking French and understanding the various dialects would encourage more adults to learn French. Specifically for healthcare, Ontario Greens will improve the availability of supports and services in other languages, including French and Indigenous languages, and encourage service providers

and programs to reflect the experiences and perspectives of the populations they serve. We will address the staffing crisis in healthcare by:

- Establishing a nurse-led task force to make recommendations on matters related to the recruitment, retention and safety of nurses (French healthcare providers will be included on the task force).
- Immediately repealing Bill 124 and the problematic sections of Bill 106 and allowing all healthcare workers to bargain collectively for fair wages. Until then, providing a minimum hourly wage rate of \$35 to registered practical nurses and \$25 to personal support workers.
- Increasing nursing program enrollments by 10% every year for 7 years and the number of trained nurse practitioners by 50% by 2030 to enable us to meet our target of at least 30,000 additional nurses.
- Supporting certification upgrades for healthcare workers through expanded bridging programs at publicly funded post-secondary institutions.
- Fast-tracking credential approvals for 15,000 international healthcare workers, including nurses and personal support workers.