

# Ripudaman Dhillon Named As PC Candidate For North Brampton



BRAMPTON: The Ontario PC Party has named Ripudaman Dhillon as its candidate for the Brampton North constituency in the forthcoming elections.

Party leader Doug Ford was in Brampton last Friday, where he officially confirmed and introduced the Brampton candidates: Prabmeet Sarkaria (Brampton South), Harjit Jaswal (Brampton Center), Simmer Sandhu (Brampton East), Amarjot Singh Sandhu (Brampton

West) and Ripudaman Dhillon (Brampton North).

The event, billed as a "Rally for a Better Ontario," was held at the Dreams Convention Centre in Brampton.

Ford tweeted later: "What a crowd in Brampton tonight! We have a great group of PC candidates ready to work for you. Thanks for coming out to hear our plan for the people. #onpoli #pcpo #fordnation #brampton." "I congratulate Ripudaman

Dhillon on his nomination as the Ontario PC Party Candidate for Brampton North. Ripudaman is a welcomed addition to our strong and diverse PC team," said Ford in a statement.

"I thank Ripudaman for his continued involvement in the Ontario PC Party. Ripudaman will be a dedicated, hardworking and committed representative for the people of Brampton North, and will be a strong voice for the people," he said.

# Citizens Told To Always Be Ready To Tackle Emergencies; Keep 72-Hour Kits On Hand

TORONTO: Mayor John Tory has declared May 6 to 12 Emergency Preparedness Week in the City of Toronto. Emergency Preparedness Week is designated in communities across the country annually to increase public awareness of how people can increase their personal preparedness to cope with emergencies.

An emergency can happen at any time or any place. Prevention, education and communication are vital to create healthy and safe communities, workplaces, schools and homes. The City of Toronto's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourages all residents to learn more about becoming emergency ready.

"Emergency Preparedness Week is a good reminder to refresh our emergency kits or create one for the first time," said Mayor John Tory. "By learning how to better prepare ourselves, our families and our communities, each of us can reduce the risks we face during an emergency."

Residents are reminded that, in addition to television and radio, the emergency alert system, Alert Ready, will now send emergency alerts to cell phones and wireless devices that are compatible with Wireless Public Alerting (WPA). The new system will issue a province-wide test alert today at 1:55 p.m. More information about the new system is available at <https://www.alertready.ca/wireless/>.

The OEM is the City's lead division during an emergency. Together, the City and its partners are prepared to assist residents during all types of emergencies, including extreme weather, floods, power outages and utility disruptions, fires and health emergencies.

Residents also have an important role to play in emergency preparedness. The City encourages all residents to make an emergency plan and to have a 72-hour emergency kit on hand that includes the following:

- Enough drinking water for three days (four litres per person per day)
- Battery-powered or crank radio and a flashlight
- Batteries for flashlights and radios
- Three-day supply of non-perishable food, including food for infants, children, seniors and pets if required
- Manual can opener
- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Prescription drugs, medical supplies and special equipment.

More information about emergency preparedness is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/oem>. This website also includes additional personal preparedness information for all residents, including vulnerable residents, adults who have special needs and seniors. Residents are also reminded that it is important to have homeowner or tenant insurance to help protect themselves and their families.

# Legislation Passed To Transform Ontario's Adult Correctional System

TORONTO: Ontario is taking action to transform the adult correctional system and produce better outcomes for individuals in custody and upon their release.

The Correctional Services and Reintegration Act, 2018 has been passed and will result in improved conditions, increased transparency, and will apply a consistent and evidence-based approach to rehabilitation and re-integrations.

The new act will transform Ontario's adult correctional system by:

- Setting rules and clearly defining segregation by aligning with international standards and phasing in time limits and prohibitions on segregation for vulnerable inmates - including pregnant inmates and those with mental illness.

- Improving conditions of confinement by defining minimum standards for living conditions that would apply to all adults in custody. This will help achieve better outcomes and ensure greater consistency across Ontario's correctional system.

- Increasing transparency and accountability by establishing an inspector general to enforce compliance with the new legislation and all policies. Independent panels will review segregation cases to confirm inmates are held in the least restrictive conditions possible. To enhance the safety of inmates and staff, disciplinary hearings officers will make decisions about sanctions for serious acts of misconduct by inmates.

- Ensuring incarcerated individuals have access to appropriate health care services, including treatment of disease or injury, health promotion, disease prevention, dental care, vision care, hearing care, mental health and addictions care, and traditional First Nation, Inuit, or Métis healing and medicines.

- Better supporting rehabilitation and reintegration through individualized assessments completed for every admission. As part of an evidence-based approach to incarceration, case management plans will be tailored to address the unique needs of inmates to guide their rehabilitation. Enhanced culturally-responsive programming will be implemented to meet the diverse and unique needs of Indigenous individuals and other over-represented groups to achieve successful reintegration.

Ontario will be working with experts to improve the provision of health care services for individuals in custody. This work will be guided by the findings and advice of an advisory committee of experts representing health care professionals, community health care organizations, and over-represented groups in correctional facilities, including marginalized and racialized community advocate groups.

There are currently 25 provincially run adult correctional facilities in Ontario. The average number of adults in custody across the province for fiscal year 2017-18 was 7,474.

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