

## Rob Ford – Platforms and Positions

<b>Campaign Issues</b>	<i>Sources: debates, websites, and media.</i>
<b><i>Transit and Transportation</i></b>	
<i>Transit Expansion</i>	Opposes LRT and streetcars; Favours subways and buses; Conduct transit policy review
<i>Funding Transit</i>	Sell air rights above transit lines; Re-allocate Transit City money towards subways
<i>TTC Labour/ Management</i>	Declare essential service; Stop free passes
<i>Transit Services</i>	Clean subway stations; Supports reduced fares for people with disabilities and seniors; Establish express buses; Introduce smart card; Replace streetcars with buses
<i>Traffic</i>	Phase out existing streetcars to reduce traffic congestion; Clear road repair backlog; Computerized synchronization of traffic lights; Connect disjointed roads; Simplify parking rules; Establish Central Roadwork Coordination Centre to improve coordination and minimize traffic disruption during roadwork; Study alternatives to on-road marathons, including hosting them in parks
<i>Bike lanes/ Cycling</i>	Only downtown; Conduct public consultation to ensure community support; Introduce licensing, insurance, and helmets for cyclists; Establish new bike trails along rail and hydro corridors
<i>Gardiner Expressway</i>	Maintain
<i>Access to Toronto Island</i>	Supports bridge or tunnel
<b><i>Finance</i></b>	
<i>Existing Revenue Tools</i>	Remove MLTT, PVT, Billboard Tax (Sign Tax); Limit property tax rate increases to the rate of inflation; Reduce commercial tax rates
<i>Monetization of Toronto Hydro</i>	Keep Toronto Hydro
<i>Build Toronto/ City Land</i>	Sell Civic Centres; Sell surplus assets worth \$1 billion over 4 years
<i>New Revenue Tools</i>	Opposed to road tolls; Opposed to all new taxes and fees
<i>Budgeting, Expenditures, Purchasing</i>	Rescind Fair Wage policy; Post all City expenses online in a timely manner; Competitive tendering for all major purchases; Remove confidentiality from all procurement bids; Reduce spending by 2.5%, 2%, 1.5%, and 0% in first four years by improving purchasing practices and more effective management; Produce \$1.7 billion surplus over 4 years and allocate it to priority services, rebuilding reserves, and repaying debt
<b><i>Governance and Service Delivery</i></b>	
<i>Changes</i>	Cut Council to 22 members; Cut Mayor's Office budget by 20%; Cut councillor's

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<i>to Mayor's Office and City Council Structure or Procedure</i>	expense budget to \$30,000 and reduce budget for councillor's staff; Abolish Executive Committee; Require every vote to be recorded and easily accessible online; Prohibit confidential reports (purple sheets); Simplify language of motions; Extend debate on the budget by debating each item; Reduce use of in-camera meeting; Increase powers of community councils with a two-thirds vote of Council required to overturn decision; Make in-camera meetings public after a certain amount of time
<i>Engaging Citizens</i>	Introduce deputations at Council; Opposed to current civic appointments process; Establish new standards for community consultation; Encourage residents to submit ideas on how to save money; Put divisional budgets online as part of open data initiative
<i>Toronto Public Service</i>	Increase hiring senior staff from inside the TPS; Chief Planner reports directly to Council; Supports whistleblower protection for City employees; Limit hiring to half the rate of attrition; Provide bonuses for senior managers tied to measurable results in customer service; Provide incentives and recognition for employees whose ideas lead to budget savings; Take legal action to get striking employees back to work
<i>Service Delivery Model</i>	Rescind Fair Wage policy; Supports outsourcing garbage collection (but give CUPE first right to bid), street cleaning and parks maintenance; Supports outsourcing the cleaning of police stations; Opposed to TTC privatization; Contract out graffiti clean-up if bylaw officer doesn't resolve issue within 30 days
<i>Customer Service</i>	Major focus; Frontline staff should wear nametags/ state name; Increase accessibility of City buildings for people with disabilities; Every phone call and email to City Hall will be returned within 48 hours; Review 311 service; Assist residents with MPAC property reassessments; make City website(s) more accessible to disabled people
<b>Planning and Urban Design</b>	
<i>Urban Planning</i>	Council should follow Chief Planner's advice more often; End developer provision of free Metropasses and family-sized unit requirements; Streamline development application process; Opposed to stacked waterfront hockey arena (Portlands); Opposed to population growth projected in City's Official Plan
<i>Heritage Preservation</i>	Redeploy staff and resources to Heritage Toronto/heritage preservation; Opposed to Toronto Museum and TTC museum
<i>Public Realm</i>	
<i>Development Fees</i>	
<i>Planning Appeal Body</i>	Opposed to local appeal board
<b>Economic Development</b>	
<i>Improving the Business</i>	Supports legalizing mixed martial arts in Ontario; Provide financial incentives for businesses hiring people with disabilities; Supports bridge or tunnel to Island Airport

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<i>Environment</i>	
<i>Arts and Culture</i>	Use City properties for art displays and sales; Focus on private sector fundraising dinners to increase funding for the arts
<b><i>Housing and Homelessness</i></b>	
<i>Rooming Houses</i>	Designate specific areas for rooming houses
<i>Inclusionary Zoning Amendment</i>	Opposed
<i>Improving Rental Apartment Conditions</i>	Councillors and bylaw officers can improve conditions; Tender a contract for bed bug extermination in all TCHC buildings
<i>New Housing/Social Housing Waiting List</i>	No new builds; Rent subsidies instead; Opposed to government housing
<i>Home Ownership/Rent Subsidies</i>	Prefers rent subsidies for private apartments
<i>Homeless/Support Services</i>	Put homeless in shelters and rehab centres; Address homelessness and service needs on case-by-case basis
<b><i>Community Development, Parks and Recreation</i></b>	
<i>Community Revitalization Projects</i>	Opposed to Lawrence Heights redevelopment; Review priority neighbourhood program
<i>Community Grants</i>	Questions current system; Debate grants one-by-one
<i>Parks and Recreation Services</i>	Supports keeping public ski hills open; Supports private sector investment in parks and recreation facilities
<i>Community Services</i>	Establish partnerships with school boards to create community centres in schools
<b><i>Emergency Services and Public Safety</i></b>	
<i>Emergency Services</i>	Hire 100 new officers: 30 in schools and 70 for TAVIS; Zero tolerance for squeegee kids; Increase use of closed circuit police cameras; Opposes long-gun registry; Establish emergency relief fund for temporarily displaced residents
<b><i>Electoral Reform</i></b>	
<i>Voting Rights</i>	Opposed to expanding the vote to permanent residents; Supports lowering the voting age to 16; supports ranked ballots
<i>Term Limits for</i>	Make it a ballot question

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<i>Councillors</i>	
<i>Election Practices</i>	Supports weekend, online and phone voting; Supports voter recall; Hold elections every 3 years
<i>Prohibit Self-Financing of Campaigns</i>	Set maximum personal contribution - suggested \$2500
<b>Other</b>	
<i>Environment</i>	Uncertain on Plastic Bag Fee; Supports energy production using solid waste (incineration); Supports use of speed bumps and stop signs to reduce congestion and air pollution; Opposed to the use of green energy; Provide incentives for green roofs; Have high school volunteers clean up litter near waterways; Turn off lights at City buildings to conserve energy; Hold public meeting on fluoridation of water
<i>Accessibility</i>	Increase accessibility of City buildings for people with disabilities; Provide financial incentives for businesses hiring people with disabilities; Establish a disability issues department; make City website(s) more accessible to disabled people
<i>Faith Groups</i>	Lobby federal government for faith group funding on a case-by-case basis; Would consider an official City multi-faith day or week
<i>Seniors</i>	Work with federal government to toughen penalties for elder abuse; Conduct town hall meetings with police for seniors to help avoid being victims of fraud and crime; Match high school students with seniors who want to stay in their homes to earn their community service hours
<i>Youth</i>	Supports employment training for unemployed youth; Will use business contacts to find jobs for youth; Develop a list of agencies that assist with youth employment for the City's website and provide these agencies with information booths at all civic centres
<i>Food</i>	
<i>Other</i>	Monitor Pan-Am Games projects to ensure they will be done on time, if not they will not be done