

Jones says Tory plan for manufacturing will create jobs

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones has highlighted the set of policy proposals in the latest Ontario Progressive Conservative Caucus white paper, Paths to Prosperity, Advanced Manufacturing for a Better Ontario, as a way to help create 300,000 manufacturing jobs.

"This province has all the tools to succeed in the technology-driven advanced manufacturing of the 21st century," said Jones. "But we need to harness our ideas, workers and resources in order to create new jobs."

"If we can attract advanced manufacturing, that sector will drive trade, research and development and productivity," she added.

"Under the Liberal government however, Ontario's manufacturers have been hit particularly hard."

Jones charged that under the Grits, Ontario lost 300,000 manufacturing jobs over the last decade, while adding 300,000 new government jobs.

"Rather than write off a strong manufacturing sector as a thing of the past, we should be focused on establishing Ontario as the destination for high-quality, high-value manufacturing jobs for the 21st century."