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Message from the Executive Chair



The Social Justice Tribunals Ontario tagline is "Fair and Accessible Justice".

Beyond barrier-free buildings and plain language information, we generally think of "accessible justice" as being timely and cost efficient. These are important objectives. "Justice delayed is justice denied," is a well-known adage, and justice that is too expensive is of little use to most people.

For those reasons we apply a lot of energy and expertise to designing systems that are physically and functionally accessible, timely, and cost effective.

We are constantly refining our processes – improving our intake and our scheduling, offering hearings by phone and video and - in the future - by web. We always try to ensure decisions are released in a timely manner, although with 100,000 cases a year, this can be a real challenge. We keep constant tabs on the volume of cases and the time it takes to

resolve them. We report our statistics, and are upfront when we fall short on our standards.

But as hard as we work to improve our systems, we should resist getting too attached to them, because justice is much more than systems, as important as they may be. Justice is about outcomes – fair, meaningful, practical and understandable. Fair outcomes must be true to the values that inform the law. When justice no longer resonates for people in this way, its role within our society is diminished.

This is why at Social Justice Tribunals Ontario (SJTO), we think beyond systems. We think about the individuals whose lives are touched by the statutes we administer, about the experience of people who come to the tribunals, and the impact of our decisions.

How do we do this? By recognizing that each case involves real people and that each case is unique. We need to be responsive to these realities, and also to the changing social context in which we operate.

We need to be innovative. We need to be responsive.

How do we ensure we are responsive and innovative? We recognize that we need to be willing to step outside the system altogether and challenge the status quo. We need listen to those we serve and the organizations that support them, including people with disabilities and mental health issues, people who have been marginalized by poverty, race or religion, and Indigenous communities.

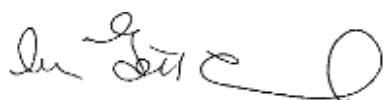
These are some of the ways SJTO has been working with our community partners this year:

- In response to the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report and its Calls to Action, SJTO launched its Indigenous Insights initiative. We are looking at how we provide services for Indigenous users and considering how Indigenous principles and practices can improve access to justice for everyone. As a first step, SJTO is reaching out to Indigenous communities to build awareness of SJTO's work and find ways to improve. We will also use the lessons we learn to develop professional education programs and resources that will build our capacity to deliver services to the community.
- The Landlord and Tenant Board partnered with Community Legal Education Ontario on the "Housing Law" (for tenants) section of the [Steps to Justice](#) website. Steps to Justice users get answers to frequently-asked questions, links to contact information for organizations who might be able to help, and information about possible next steps to help solve their problem. SJTO plans to continue to help expand and improve

Steps to Justice. First, by helping to develop information for landlords and then by developing material for social benefits.

- SJTO was part of the planning committee for The Action Group on Access to Justice (TAG) event: Technology, Inclusion and Access to Justice - Broadening the Conversation, held in October. Because of the concern that technology could, in some cases, actually increase the digital divide, the discussion focused on how to innovate in a barrier-free way and use technology to address needs that go beyond the "user experience".
- The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board held its first practice advisory committee meeting, which brings together stakeholders from victim advocacy organizations, police services, community support programs, legal clinics and other government organizations and agencies to provide feedback on CICB procedures, processes, directives and guidelines. The Social Benefits Tribunal, Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario and Landlord and Tenant Board also have practice advisory committees that fulfil a similar function.

Calling certainties into question is scary. But to be a truly responsive justice organization, we need to listen, and then we need to be prepared to change based on what we heard. As executive chair of SJTO, that is a commitment I am willing to make.



Michael Gottheil, Executive Chair
Social Justice Tribunals Ontario

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Message from the Executive Lead



I am pleased to have this opportunity to take a look back at this year and share some of our accomplishments. We have a great deal to be proud of as we continue to innovate and improve service.

This fall, we moved 220 staff and members from six Toronto locations to 25 Grosvenor Street. With the tribunals under one roof, we are sharing knowledge, expertise, space and equipment. Our leadership team is meeting more regularly, both formally and informally, to learn from each other and share ideas about how to do things better.

The time and effort involved with planning and executing such a large scale move was significant, but innovation and change at Social Justice Tribunals Ontario (SJTO) continues.

In June, the Landlord and Tenant Board started actively offering email communication to people with an open application at all 8 of its offices. Email gives people a convenient way to contact the tribunal and can also be easier to use for people with hearing or speech problems and

some learning disabilities. I am pleased to be able to say that all SJTO tribunals are now accepting email for some types of inquiries.

In September, the Social Benefits Tribunal started holding paperless hearings. All 35 tribunal members learned to work with the electronic files and are conducting hearings with just their laptops and no paper files.

In December, the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario and Criminal Injuries Compensation Board joined the other SJTO tribunals on an automated call system. Among the benefits of the new system - callers can connect directly with someone who is familiar with their case and the managers can see how many callers are waiting so they can add or remove agents.

The Child and Family Services Review Board launched a scheduling pilot where parties discuss their availability by teleconference. The idea is to reduce the time spent finding a suitable date for settlement facilitation.

The Landlord and Tenant Board e-File tool allows users to file one of four common applications online, anytime from anywhere. The number of e-filed applications increased by 10% over last year and 72% of the e-filers scheduled their application for a hearing date online.

Also this year, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board adopted a new case management system and improved its case processing timelines by more than 20% as a result.

Many other achievements are highlighted in the pages that follow – achievements that strengthen relationships with our users, make it easier to access the tribunals, speed up case processing, and strengthen alternate dispute resolution. These accomplishments cement SJTO's position as a leader in Canada's administrative justice community.

The year ahead is exciting. We are in the process of finalizing the design of public spaces and hearing rooms at 25 Grosvenor Street. We are looking forward to having a modern, accessible hearing centre located in the same building where many of our staff and members work.

We will also continue to find ways to improve the service we provide to the parties to the nearly 100,000 applications and appeals we receive each year. With our tribunals touching the lives of so many Ontarians, it is both a privilege and a responsibility to do everything we can to provide fair, accessible justice.



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Social Justice Tribunals Ontario



Social Justice Tribunals Ontario (SJTO) is a group of eight adjudicative tribunals that play an important role in the administration of justice in Ontario. Each year our tribunals receive and resolve nearly 100,000 cases - providing fair, accessible dispute resolution to thousands of Ontarians.

The tribunals of the SJTO are: Child and Family Services Review Board, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Custody Review Board, Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, Landlord and Tenant Board, Ontario Special Education (English) Tribunal, Ontario Special Education (French) Tribunal and Social Benefits Tribunal.

The kinds of disputes we address at our tribunals are extremely varied. We resolve disputes between landlords and tenants, hear appeals from people seeking social assistance and complaints from those who feel the service they received from children's aid societies has been unfair. We deal with applications about human rights and the rights of children and families relating to education. We assess and award compensation for victims of violent crime.

Legislative Authority

Social Justice Tribunals Ontario was created in 2011 under the [Adjudicative Tribunals Accountability, Governance and Appointments Act, 2009](#) (ATAGAA). ATAGAA lets the government group adjudicative tribunals into an organization called a cluster, when "the matters that the tribunals deal with are such that they can operate more effectively and efficiently as part of a cluster than alone". Each tribunal within SJTO continues to exercise the powers given to it under law.

The [Statutory Powers Procedures Act](#) provides a general framework for the conduct of hearings before Ontario's administrative tribunals.

Mandate, Mission and Values

Mandate

The mandate of Social Justice Tribunals Ontario (SJTO) is to resolve applications and appeals brought under statutes relating to child and family services oversight, youth justice, human rights, residential tenancies, victims' compensation, disability support and other social assistance, and special education.

Mission

SJTO and its tribunals will:

- provide fair, effective, timely and accessible dispute resolution
- promote consistency in the application of the legislation and its processes while remaining responsive to differing cases, party needs and to an evolving understanding of the law
- maintain the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and quality of work
- be leaders in the administrative justice community

Values

Our values set the foundation for our rules and policies, how those rules and policies are applied, and how we deliver service to the public. The values are:

Accessibility

- We will strive for full and informed participation of parties in the process, whether or not they have legal representation.
- We are committed to diversity and inclusiveness.
- We will provide dispute resolution processes that are proportionate and appropriate to the issues in dispute.

Fairness and Independence

- SJTO and its tribunals must be, and be seen to be, impartial and independent in their decision making functions.
- Our decisions will be based on the evidence and the applicable law, and will be supported by clear, concise and coherent reasons.

Timeliness

- We are committed to providing timely dispute resolution services and issuing decisions within a reasonable timeframe after a hearing.

Transparency

- Our processes, procedures and policies will be clear, understandable and consistently applied.

Professionalism and Public Service

- Members and staff will exhibit the highest standards of public service, integrity and professionalism.
- We will be responsive to stakeholder needs by engaging in meaningful outreach and consultation.

SJTO Operational Highlights

SJTO constantly works to make our tribunals more accessible, to strengthen the expertise of our adjudicators and to be leaders in the justice community. Here are some of the operational highlights from 2016-17.

Caseload Statistics (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)

	Applications/Appeals Received	Applications/Appeals Resolved
Landlord and Tenant Board	81,432	78,783
Social Benefits Tribunal	10,403	12,831

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board	3,884	3,433
Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario	3,585	2,880
Child and Family Services Review Board	356	363
Custody Review Board	98	92
Ontario Special Education Tribunals (English and French)	2	1
Total	99,760	98,383

Website – sjto.ca

The SJTO portal had an estimated 770,954 users and 3,609,344 page views in 2016-17. By comparison, the portal had 563,571 users and 2,646,144 page views in 2015 -16. These numbers exclude users in the Ontario government. Overall, traffic to the portal increased by about 37%, of which 8.7% is accounted for by the addition of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) to the portal in April 2016. The remaining 28.3% percent is due to other factors such as: more communications from SJTO that direct people to the site; links on printed materials; and links from other sites and SJTO appearing in more search engine results, likely because of more relevant content and a longer history on the web.

Tribunal site on the sjto.ca portal	Number of users in 2016-17, excluding Ontario government*	Number of users in 2015-16, excluding Ontario government
All sjto.ca	770,954	563,571
Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) English	623,186	467,869
Human Rights Tribunal Ontario (HRTTO) English	78,607	65,601
Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) English	47,053	N/A
Social Benefits Tribunal (SBT) English	15,744	16,086
Child and Family Services Review Board (CFSRB) English	8,993	8,723
Ontario Special Education Tribunal (OSET) English	2,954	3,726

Custody Review Board (CRB) English	1,587	1,870
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* Estimated.

About 74.7% of page views were to pages on the LTB site, 8.6% were to pages on the HRTTO site, and 4% were to pages on the CICB site. The remaining 12.7% were divided between the rest of the tribunals and SJTO's corporate pages.

The percentage of desktop and tablet users dropped this year while mobile users increased by 4%. 67.2% of users were on desktop or laptop, while 27.3% were on mobile and the remaining 5.5% used tablets.

Email Communication Expanding

SJTO continued to expand the use of email as a way for people to communicate with our tribunals:

- The HRTTO, the OSETs, the CFSRB and the CICB use email to answer inquiries and communicate with parties
- The LTB uses email to answer case-specific inquiries
- The SBT uses email to correspond with legal clinics and social assistance offices

SJTO Data Inventory Published

The SJTO data inventory was published on sjto.ca in September. The inventory lists all SJTO datasets and identifies whether each dataset is open, under review or restricted under Ontario's Open Data Directive. Ontario's Open Data Directive requires every provincial agency to publish a list of datasets they create, collect or manage. The goal of the directive is to improve transparency and accountability.

Leading Online Accessibility

We continued to convert our PDFs (excluding forms) to HTML format on the web. HTML offers easy navigation for people using screen readers and uses less data than a PDF download, which is important for the 27% of SJTO web visitors on mobile devices. HTML documents can be saved to a computer the same as any other file format. More than 65% of the 340 PDF documents on the SJTO web portal are now in HTML format.

The currency, accuracy, and consistency of the converted documents was improved during the project by correcting errors, removing outdated references, standardizing formatting and adding or updating links.

All new documents, like practice directions and brochures, are also being created in HTML format.

Co-location of SJTO's Downtown Toronto Offices

In the fall of 2016, 220 people from six Toronto locations moved to 25 Grosvenor Street. The move included staff and members from all SJTO tribunals. Business services staff including legal services, human resources, and business planning, were also part of the move.

The move has reduced the space occupied by SJTO by about 12,000 square feet. Leasing costs are not part of SJTO's budget, however, the move will also save the Ministry of the Attorney General more than \$1million dollars in leasing costs each year.

Co-location of SJTO's downtown Toronto offices has been planned since SJTO was formed in 2011. Staff and members from different tribunals have more opportunities to share information and experiences now that they are in closer proximity. Another benefit of being in a single location is that tribunal staff and members have more immediate access to business services staff. In fact, a post-occupancy survey among people who moved to 25 Grosvenor, respondents most often cited "access to colleagues" as what they liked most.

In phase 2, hearing rooms, service counters, other public spaces, and the LTB's Toronto South office will relocate to the renovated facility. In the past year, designs for phase 2 were completed and contractors competed for the work. The new space should be ready to use in spring 2018.

Flexible Work Arrangements

Many SJTO employees were offered flexible work arrangements for the first time this year. These included compressed work week, where employees worked longer hours in exchange for time off, and flexible working hours, where employees had the opportunity to shift their working hours for an earlier or later start time.

The goals of flexible work arrangements are to:

- increase the organization's ability to attract and retain high performing employees
- help employees to reconcile work demands with family responsibilities (e.g. child or elder care)
- increase employee engagement
- reduce absenteeism

Professional Development for Members

SJTO has a professional development program for adjudicators and mediators that is unique in Canada. The program has three distinct components: skill development (e.g. decision-writing), training in procedures, legislation and case law, and social and cultural context training which sheds light on the perspectives of our users and the challenges they face.

"The Professional Development Institute", a conference for SJTO's 200 adjudicators and mediators, was held for the fifth time in June 2016. This was the first year that the PDI was conducted through teleconference and videoconference. This year's event included:

- A presentation and conversation on Fostering Trans Inclusive Environments by [The 519 – Space for Change](#).
- A presentation on Indigenous populations and issues, which included the history of treaties and an overview of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, its impact, and significance. Attendees used their new awareness and knowledge to explore scenarios encountered by the tribunals. This training is a component of SJTO's Indigenous Insights initiative.
- Tribunal-specific content. HRTO focused on expert evidence, LTB looked at amendments to the *Residential Tenancies Act*, and SBT members received training on electronic files.

Fifty-three new members joined SJTO this year. They received foundational training that included modules on administrative law principles, natural justice and procedural fairness, statutory interpretation, freedom of information and privacy, ethical obligations and independence of adjudicators, human rights, and areas of law within the mandate of the tribunal.

Other professional development initiatives included training modules for all members in human rights, decision writing, electronic cases, evidence, credibility assessment, and an intensive session on Indigenous perspectives in dispute resolution. Many HRTO members watched the webcast of the Law Society of Upper Canada's [Human Rights Summit](#).

The SJTO professional development program also incorporates courses from the Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators, the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals, the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice.

Staff and Manager Training

As part of SJTO's Indigenous Insights initiative, managers received training that raised their awareness of Indigenous communities and included a discussion on how to be more responsive to the needs of Indigenous

people who appear before our tribunals.

Managers also participated in other training that included a workshop on how to approach challenging conversations.

Sixty-four staff and managers received plain language and accessible documents training. The sessions showed participants how to use plain language on the phone and in correspondence and how to create documents that can be read by people using a screen reader.

LTB customer service officers received training on the *Residential Tenancies Act* and handling calls from the public.

French Language Training for Bilingual Staff and Members

Bilingual adjudicators and staff of SJTO, Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario, and Safety, Licensing Appeals and Standards Tribunals Ontario gathered for three days of French language training in Toronto on March 6, 7 and 8, 2017. The training included mock bilingual hearings; presentations on recent jurisprudence, and shared tools and resources on legal terminology, diversity and inclusion, and mental health for bilingual professionals.

Public Accountability Documents Review

The *Adjudicative Tribunals Accountability, Governance and Appointments Act, 2009* (ATAGAA) requires adjudicative tribunals to publish public accountability documents and review them every three years after their initial publication. In 2016-17, SJTO reviewed and updated its documents and submitted them to the Attorney General for approval, with the exception of the ethics plan, which was approved by the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. The public accountability documents include:

- A mandate and mission statement
- A consultation policy
- A service standard policy and complaints process
- An ethics plan
- A member accountability framework including job description and code of conduct

New Faces, New Roles

- **Krystyna Drywa** joined SJTO as Manager, Access to Justice to oversee initiatives in the operational plan and lead professional development. Krystyna came from the University of Toronto, where she managed programs which helped law students gain professional experience while helping unrepresented parties.
- SJTO welcomed **Georgios Fthenos** as the new registrar of the HRTO and **Sara van der Vliet** as the acting registrar of the LTB. Georgios came to SJTO from the Ontario Police College where he was Chief Instructor and Senior Manager. Sara is on a secondment from the Health Boards Secretariat, where she was Chief Operating Officer and Registrar.
- **Tom McDermott**, formerly senior manager of corporate services at the Safety, Licensing Appeals and Standards Tribunals Ontario, took on the role of acting Director of Operations.
- Effective February 22, 2017, **Jennifer Scott** was appointed Associate Chair, Child and Family Services Review Board and Custody Review Board. Jennifer is also leading SJTO's Child and Youth Division. Jennifer replaced outgoing chair Suzanne Gilbert, whose appointment expired on February 19, 2017.
- Effective April 20, 2016 **Maria Tassou** was appointed Associate Chair of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB). Maria had been acting as the Chair/Associate Chair of the CICB since May 2014.

Accessibility and Diversity at SJTO

Access to justice, diversity and inclusion are [core values](#) of SJTO. We are committed to an inclusive work environment that reflects Ontario's diversity and to designing barrier-free policies, processes and services.

Commitments to accessibility and inclusion are found in SJTO's [mission and values](#), our [Code of Conduct](#) and our [business plan](#) and a multi-year accessibility, accommodation and diversity plan.

Accessibility

In 2016-17, SJTO improved access by:

- conducting plain language training with staff and management. The sessions taught how to avoid jargon and use everyday words when communicating with the public both on the phone and in writing.
- holding more telephone and video hearings at the SBT and CICB. These hearings can benefit people with mobility issues and some forms of mental illness by offering the hearing in a safe and familiar environment that is closer to home.
- offering e-filing at the LTB. The LTB conducted an e-File survey over three weeks in May 2016. Among the respondents who used the tool, 89 % said they found it user-friendly.
- offering e-mail communication for more people at more tribunals. Using email can be easier than the phone for people with hearing or speech problems and some learning disabilities. This year, the LTB starting offering email to anyone with an open file (expanded from 2 offices in 2015-16 to all 8 offices in 2016-17). The SBT began offering email to all Ontario legal clinics and social assistance offices. HRTO, OSET and CFSRB have offered email communication to applicants since their inception.
- launching the CICB website on the SJTO portal, [sjto.ca](#). The new site is written in simpler language, is more accessible to users with disabilities and easier to navigate on mobile devices.
- continuing to convert static (non-forms) PDFs to accessible HTML format on [sjto.ca](#). Creating all new documents in accessible HTML format.

Diversity

In 2016-17, SJTO supported diversity by:

- including workshops on Indigenous and LGBTQ perspectives and people with mental health challenges in the annual professional development event for members.
- marking Orange Shirt Day (in September) to commemorate former students of Indian Residential Schools and Day of Pink (in April) to raise awareness of the negative impacts of bullying, homophobia and transphobia.
- sharing job postings for members among ethnic bar associations and other equity seeking groups.
- hiring two students from the Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS) program, aimed at high school students who, because of socioeconomic, cultural, racial, family or personal circumstance, face challenges in engaging successfully with school and accessing post-secondary education.
- presenting to First Nation social service administrators at the fall assembly of the Ontario Native Welfare Administrators' Association (ONWAA). At the assembly, Access to Justice Manager, Krystyna Drywa told

the group that SJTO wants to hear from Indigenous groups in Ontario about how the tribunals can be more responsive to their needs.

Human Resources

SJTO has:

- 365.15 staff
- 93 full-time members (adjudicators)
- 94 part-time members (adjudicators)

Some members are appointed to more than one tribunal.

Financials

Expenditures (See below for category definitions)	2016-17 SJTO*	2015-16 SJTO*	2014-15 CICB	2014-15 SJTO
Salaries and Wages	33,307,169	33,985,717	3,175,301	29,588,414
Employee Benefits	4,949,435	4,760,630	502,853	3,977,159
Transportation & Communications	2,484,008	2,312,631	437,314	2,114,840
Services	6,352,053	7,000,840	756,875	7,461,634
Part-time Members Per Diem	2,985,663	3,127,691	1,440,603	1,868,324
Supplies & Equipment	471,045	680,299	39,771	572,683
Total	\$50,549,373	\$51,867,808	\$6,352,717	\$45,583,054

* The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) joined Social Justice Tribunals Ontario on April 1, 2015. 2015-16 and 2016-17 include expenditures for CICB while 2014-15 does not.

Awards for Victims of Violent Crime	2016-17*	2015-16	2014-15
Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Awards for Victims of Violent Crime	\$32,666,822	\$27,304,999	\$24,156,468

* The caseload for the CICB increased by 5% in 2016-17 resulting in an increase in transfer payments.

Note: In 2016-17, CICB deposited \$303,284 in the consolidated revenue fund for monies recovered by applicants through civil actions, pursuant to s.26(5.1) of the CVCA.

Revenue	2016-17*	2015-16	2014-15**
Landlord and Tenant Board application filing fees (Deposited	\$12,345,606	\$11,634,727	\$11,800,405

in the Consolidated Revenue Fund)			
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* The LTB application fees increased on January 16, 2017.

** Financial information for 2014-15 has been updated from the previous annual report to reflect final.

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Child and Family Services Review Board



What We Do

The Child and Family Services Review Board (CFSRB) conducts reviews and hearings on a number of matters that affect children, youth and families in Ontario.

Legislative Authority

Under the *Child and Family Services Act*, the CFSRB can review:

- A children's aid society's decision to remove a foster child (Crown ward) from a foster home where the child has lived continuously for two or more years (section 61)
- Certain complaints related to services provided by children's aid societies (sections 68 and 68.1)
- Residential placements of children in care (section 36)
- Emergency admission of a child to a secure treatment program (section 124)
- Decisions to refuse an adoption of a particular child, to impose a term or condition on an adoption, or to remove a child from an adoption placement (sections 141, 142.3 and 144)

Under the *Education Act*, the CFSRB can hear appeals about the expulsion of students by school boards.

Under the *Intercountry Adoption Act*, the CFSRB can review:

- A Director's refusal to approve a person as eligible to adopt from outside of Canada
- Conditions attached to Director's approval to adopt from outside Canada

Operational Highlights

Support for Social Justice Tribunals Ontario's Child and Youth Division

The CFSRB continues to support the work of the Child and Youth Division (CYD) under the leadership of the board's new associate chair. The CYD was created by the SJTO to ensure access to justice for children and youth who come to its tribunals. In March 2017, work began to lay the framework for a pilot project that will be launched in June 2017. In the pilot, applications involving children and youth from the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario will be streamed to the CYD for processing and adjudication.

Scheduling Pilot

In July 2016, the CFRSB started piloting a change to its process for scheduling [Applications Regarding a Complaint about Services Sought or Received from a Children's Aid Society](#)

In the pilot, select children's aid societies are being invited to a teleconference with applicants to discuss their availability for pre-hearing settlement facilitation. The goal is to reduce the time spent finding a suitable date for settlement facilitation. In the coming year, the board will evaluate the effectiveness of the project and decide whether to expand it to include all Ontario children's aid societies.

New Call System

The CFSRB's reception line has moved to an automated call system. Callers can still reach a receptionist, but they now also receive information about the work of the board, and the option to be transferred directly to a case processing officer if the caller has an active case.

Statistics

This year, the overall number of applications increased by 11% but the number of applications to review of a refusal of an adoption (s.144) and to appeal a school board expulsion decision (s.311.7) increased by more than 88%.

Table 1: Caseload

Application Type	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Section 61 of the <i>CFSA</i> - Removal of a Crown Ward	6	8	23
Section 68 of the <i>CFSA</i> - Complaints Against a Children's Aid Society	257	251	231
Section 144 of the <i>CFSA</i> - Refusal of Application to Adopt or Refusal to Approve a Proposed Adoption Placement	17	9	18
Section 311.7 of the <i>Education Act</i> - School Board Expulsion Appeals	32	17	13
Section 124 of the <i>CFSA</i> - Review of Emergency Secure Treatment Admission (ESTA)	36	31	37
Section 36 of the <i>CFSA</i> - Review of Residential Placement (ARRP)	8	6	7

Section 5 & 6 of the <i>Intercountry Adoption Act</i> - Intercountry Adoption Applications (Refusal to Adopt Outside of Canada)	0	0	0
Total	356	322	329

Table 2: Applications completed by resolution type: Section 61 of the *Child and Family Services Act* - Removal of a Crown Ward

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications Received	6	8	23
Applications Completed	5	13	22
– abandoned	0	1	2
– withdrawn	2	3	6
– dismissed/ineligible	1	2	8
– resolved at mediation	1	7	1
– resolved at hearing (decision released)	0	0	5
– other	1	0	0
Active applications at year-end	1	0	5

Table 3: Applications completed by resolution type: Section 68 of the *Child and Family Services Act* - Complaints against a Children's Aid Society

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications Received	257	251	231
Applications Completed	270	196	267
– abandoned	26	14	34
– withdrawn	33	13	33
– dismissed/ineligible	35	19	22
– resolved at settlement facilitation	129	123	141
– resolved at hearing (decision released)	32	22	24
– other	15	5	13
Active applications at year-end	90	103	48

Table 4: Applications completed by resolution type: Section 144 of the *Child and Family Services Act* - Refusal of Application to Adopt or Removal of an Adoption Placement

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications Received	17	9	18
Applications Completed	15	10	14
– abandoned	0	1	1
– withdrawn	3	1	9
– dismissed/ineligible	2	1	2
– resolved at mediation	3	4	0
– resolved at hearing (decision released)	6	3	2
– other	1	0	0
Active applications at year-end	7	5	6

Table 5: Applications completed by resolution type: Section 36 of the *Child and Family Services Act* - Application for Residential Review Placement

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications Received	8	6	7
Applications Completed	9	3	6
– abandoned	0	0	0
– withdrawn	6	2	0
– dismissed/ineligible	0	0	4
– resolved at mediation	1	0	1
– resolved at hearing (decision released)	2	1	0
– other	0	0	1
Active applications at year-end	3	4	1

Table 6: Applications completed by resolution type: Section 124 of the *Child and Family Services Act* - Review of Emergency Secure Treatment Admission

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
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Applications Received	36	31	37
Applications Completed	36	32	36
– abandoned	0	0	0
– withdrawn	28	24	25
– dismissed/ineligible	0	0	1
– resolved at mediation	0	0	0
– resolved at hearing (decision released)	8	8	10
– other	0	0	0
Active applications at year-end	0	0	1

Table 7: Appeals completed by resolution type: Section 311.7 of the *Education Act* - School Board Expulsion Appeals

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Appeals Received	32	17	13
Applications Completed	28	15	14
– abandoned	1	0	0
– withdrawn	8	3	7
– dismissed/ineligible	0	3	0
– resolved at mediation	13	7	6
– resolved at hearing (decision released)	3	2	1
– other	3	0	0
Active applications at year-end	8	4	2

Table 8: Applications completed by resolution type: Section 5 & 6 of the *Intercountry Adoption Act* - Refusal to Adopt Outside of Canada

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications Received	0	0	0

Service Standards

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	2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
Hearing Standard	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
CFSA Section 124 hearings will be scheduled within four calendar days of receipt of the application	3 days	100%	3 days	100%	3 days	100%
CFSA Section 68 pre-hearing conferences will be scheduled within 40 calendar days after the application is deemed eligible	46 days	74%	42 days	65%	33 days	85%
CFSA Section 68 hearings will be scheduled within 60 calendar days after the application is deemed eligible	84 days	17%	74 days	45%	53 days	82%
CFSA Section 36 hearings will be scheduled within 20 calendar days of receipt of the application	9 days	100%	6 days	100%	9 days	100%
CFSA Section 61 and Section 144 hearings will be scheduled within 20 calendar days after the	11 days	100%	10 days	100%	14 days	100%

application has been deemed eligible						
Appeals of school board expulsion hearings will be scheduled within 30 calendar days of receipt of the notice of appeal	6 days	100%	23 days	100%	22 days	100%

	2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
Decisions Standard	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
Appeals of school board expulsion orders will be issued within 10 calendar days after the hearing has been completed	8 days	100%	15 days	50%	No decisions released	No decisions released
Appeals of school board expulsion decisions will be issued within 30 calendar days after the hearing has been completed	10 days	100%	22 days	100%	No decisions released	No decisions released
CFSA Section 68 applications: Decisions or orders will be issued within 30 calendar days of the completion of the hearing	26 days	75%	18 days	89%	25 days	90%
All other CFSA applications: Orders will be issued within 10 calendar days after the hearing has been	7 days	100%	5 days	100%	23 days	72%

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Custody Review Board

What We do

The Custody Review Board (CRB) hears applications and makes recommendations on the placement of young people in custody or detention about:

- the placement where the young person is being held or is being transferred to
- the provincial director's denial of a young person's temporary release or reintegration leave
- the young person's transfer from a place of open custody to a place of secure custody

Legislative Authority

The CRB operates under the jurisdiction of the [Child and Family Services Act](#) and the [Youth Criminal Justice Act](#).

Statistics

Table 1: Caseload

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications received	98	93	84
Applications completed	92	90	86
Active cases at year-end	9	3	0
Case processing time (days)	19	16	20

Table 2: Applications Completed by Method of Resolution

Resolution Type	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Withdrawn	21	13	12
Closed because the youth was moved or released (No jurisdiction)	27	26	22
Resolved by recommendations	43	45	50
Other	1	6	2
Total	92	90	86

Table 3: Inquiries Held

In an inquiry, a CRB member calls or meets with the people involved to reach their decision.

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Inquiries held	90	91	82

Service Standards

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	2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
Standard	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
Review will begin by a telephone call within 24 hours of the receipt of the application	1 day	100%	1 day	100%	< 1 day	100%
Where the board intends to hold a hearing it will advise the young person within 10 calendar days of the receipt of the application	No hearings held	No hearings held	No hearings held	No hearings held	No hearings held	No hearings held
Recommendations will be issued within 30 calendar days of receipt of the application	20 days	88%	18 days	100%	17 days	98%

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board



What We Do

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) assesses financial compensation for victims of violent crime committed in Ontario and for the family members of deceased victims.

The CICB can compensate victims for pain and suffering, loss of income, treatment expenses, funeral expenses and other costs that result from being a victim of the crime.

The CICB is committed to the principles of the [Victims' Bill of Rights, 1995](#), which states that all victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and respect for their personal dignity and privacy.

Legislative Authority

The CICB is established under the [Compensation for Victims of Crime Act](#).

Operational Highlights

A New Case Management System

In October 2016 the CICB launched its new case management system. The previous case management system was 20 years old and ran on obsolete software and hardware.

Requirements gathering for the new system started in late 2015 and continued into 2016. From March - October 2016, the CICB was deeply involved in user acceptance testing, staff and member training, user manual development, streamlining and eliminating processes, and report development.

The reporting capabilities of the new case management system allow the CICB to access and analyze real-time statistics. By frequently reviewing productivity, work volume, and timeline statistics, the CICB can adjust its processes to be more efficient.

Updates to Forms and Guides

In December 2016, the CICB published updated application forms and guides. The new applications and guides:

- allow for applications to be faxed or emailed
- remove the requirement for claimants to provide original documentation (copies allowed)
- reflect legislative changes

Inaugural Practice Advisory Committee Meeting

The CICB's first Practice Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting was held in April 2016. The PAC brings together stakeholders from victim advocacy organizations, police services, community support programs, legal clinics and other government organizations and agencies. The PAC provides valuable feedback on CICB procedures and helps the CICB develop processes, directives and guidelines that serve victims better.

Statistics

In October 2016, the CICB launched a new case management system. The board's processing timelines initially slowed, as staff adjusted to the new system: the number of cases processed declined by 65% in the first two months after the launch. However, in Q4 (Jan 1- March 31), the CICB increased its case processing by 22% over the same period in the previous year.

To prepare for the launch of the new case management system, the CICB identified cases which had been abandoned, which resulted in an increase in the number of dismissals.

A change in legislation in 2016 removed the requirement to apply to the CICB within 2 years for victims of domestic and sexual violence. The CICB saw a dramatic drop in the number of requests to extend time as a result.

The distribution of applications by region stayed fairly consistent with a slight shift between the Toronto and Western regions. Similar to previous years, the distribution of claims submitted by female victims versus male victims hovered just below 60% and 40%. People from 35 to 64 years old continue to represent the largest group of applicants to the CICB.

The number of written hearings decreased slightly over the previous year to 3% of the CICB's caseload. The overall number of hearings decreased by 6% compared to the previous year. This decrease is primarily a result of the decrease in productivity during the launch of the case management system.

The amount awarded in compensation decreased slightly by 4% which is in line with the decrease in hearings. With \$24.7 million in awards, "pain and suffering" continues to be the largest compensation category.

Table 1: Caseload*

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications received	3884	3706	3310
Cases closed	3433	3511	4024
Active cases at year-end	4784	4266	3986
Case processing time (days)	383	326	326

Table 2: Applications Completed by Method of Resolution

Resolution Type	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Extension Denied*	13	80	69
Other**	115	50	43
Refused to accept, closed administratively	152	57	31
Dismissed on a preliminary basis	712	363	586
Resolved at hearing	2723	2898	3102

* Changes to legislation reduced the requirement for extension reviews.

** Falls outside jurisdiction, duplicate, applicant died.

Table 3: Applications by Region

Region	2016-17	% of Total	2015-16	% of Total	2014-15	% of Total
Toronto	833	21%	729	20%	688	21%
North	518	13%	492	13%	363	11%
East	696	18%	675	18%	579	17%
Central East	553	14%	572	15%	494	15%
West	623	16%	549	15%	695	21%
Central West	661	17%	689	19%	491	15%
Total	3884		3706		3310	

Table 4: Applications by Gender

Gender	2016-17	% of Total	2015-16	% of Total	2014-15	% of Total
Male	1564	40%	1519	41%	1344	41%
Female	2309	59%	2153	58%	1966	59%
Not Specified	11	1%	34	1%	0	0%
Total	3884		3706		3310	

Table 5: Applications by Age

Age	2016-17	% of Total	2015-16	% of	2014-15	% of
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				Total		Total
0 - 17 years	435	11%	415	11%	324	10%
18 - 34 years	1485	38%	1371	37%	1265	38%
35 - 64 years	1800	46%	1792	48%	1617	49%
65+ years	121	3%	128	3%	104	3%
Unknown	43	1%				
Total	3884		3706		3310	

Table 6: Types of Hearing

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Oral	1870	1939	2184
Written	853	959	918
Total	2723	2898	3102

Table 7: Compensation Paid by Benefit Type

Type of Benefit Award (\$000s)	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Pain and suffering	\$24,737.60	\$23,620.50	\$26,040.40
Loss of wages	\$389.10	\$422.60	\$409.30
Medical expenses	\$449.20	\$630.20	\$945.30
Funeral expenses	\$227.40	\$380.20	\$236.70
Legal expenses associated with application	\$75.30	\$68.50	\$96.20
Other pecuniary loss	\$118.20	\$192.70	\$143.30
Other	\$0.60	\$1,822.30	\$1,234.90
Total	\$25,997.40	\$27,137.00	\$29,106.10

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	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
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Standard	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
Applications will be scheduled for a hearing within 11 months (330 days).	350 days	61%	309 days	67%	N/A	N/A
Written decisions will be released within 60 days of the hearing. When an award is granted, the payment will be included with the decision.	48 days	84%	44 days	89%	N/A	N/A
Oral decisions will be issued at the conclusion of the hearing. When an award is granted, the payment will be released within 30 days.	32 days	85%	26 days	89%	N/A	N/A



What We Do

The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (HRTO) resolves claims of discrimination and harassment brought under the [Human Rights Code](#) in a fair, just and timely way. The HRTO first offers parties the opportunity to settle the dispute through mediation. If the parties do not agree to mediation, or mediation does not resolve the application, the HRTO holds a hearing.

Legislative Authority

The HRTO is established under the *Human Rights Code*.

Operational Highlights

Rule Changes

Two changes to the HRTO's Rules of Procedure took effect on May 10, 2016. The first change was to Rule 9.3. Applicants now have 21 days to file a reply to a response while previously they only had 14 days. The second change was to Rule 8.2. Respondents no longer need to file a full response to request deferral of an application when the issues in dispute are the subject of an ongoing grievance or arbitration proceeding. Instead, they can provide a copy of the grievance and tell the tribunal why they think the application should be deferred.

New Call System

The HRTO's reception line has moved to an automated call system. Callers can still reach a receptionist, but they now also receive information about what the HRTO does and have the choice to connect directly with the Human Rights Legal Support Centre or be transferred directly to a case processing officer if they have an active case.

Education and Outreach

The HRTO, along with the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights Legal Support Centre, hosted a delegation from the Ugandan Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in January. The HRTO shared information about its administrative and adjudicative practices. The visit was part of the EOC's project to strengthen its ability to implement its mandate, which is to eliminate discrimination and inequalities in Uganda.

Statistics

The HRTO continues to see an increase in the number of applications received. There was a 3% increase from 2014-15 to 2015-16 and an almost 7% increase from fiscal 2015-16 to 2016-17.

Table 1: Caseload

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications received	3,585	3,357	3,259
Cases reactivated	22	18	28
Cases closed	2,880	3,234	3,179
Active cases at year-end*	4,696	3,242	3,101
Case processing time (days)**	333	326	338

* Active cases at year-end includes cases that are "deferred" or put on hold until another proceeding outside the HRTO has dealt with the issue. There were 493 deferred cases in 2016-2017 and 467 in 2015-16

** The average time from when the application was accepted to when the file was closed.

Table 2: Decisions Issued by Type

Type of Decision	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Final decision on the merits	87	113	110
— Discrimination found	30	39	43
— Discrimination not found	57	74	67
Interim decisions (address procedural issues)	771	817	797
Reconsideration	163	149	159
Breach of settlement	26	23	21

In 2016-17, the HRTO issued 1,394 Case Assessment Directions, which helped the parties prepare for the hearing.

Table 3: Applications by applicant's postal code

Postal Code	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Eastern (K)	13%	11%	12%
Central (L)	35%	36%	38%
Toronto (M)	26%	26%	25%
Western (N)	17%	18%	17%

Northern (P)	6%	6%	5%
Other	3%	3%	3%

Table 4: Percentage of applications by social areas under the Code

Some applications allege discrimination in more than one social area, so the totals exceed 100%.

Social Area	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Employment	69%	70%	74%
Goods, Services and Facilities	27%	25%	22%
Housing	8%	6%	7%
Contracts	2%	1%	2%
Membership in a Vocational Association	1%	1%	1%
No Social Area	1%	2%	2%

Table 5: Percentage of applications by ground under the Code

Many applications claim more than one ground, so the totals exceed 100%.

Ground	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Disability	55%	55%	56%
Reprisal	23%	23%	26%
Race	21%	20%	20%
Colour	16%	16%	14%
Age	12%	13%	14%
Ethnic Origin	15%	14%	15%
Place of Origin	12%	14%	12%
Family Status	10%	11%	12%
Ancestry	10%	9%	10%
Sex, Pregnancy & Sexual Harassment	17%	20%	21%
Sexual Solicitation or Advances	4%	6%	5%
Sexual Orientation	4%	4%	4%

Gender Identity	5%	4%	4%
Gender Expression	3%	3%	2%
Creed	6%	5%	6%
Marital Status	5%	6%	6%
Association	4%	4%	5%
Citizenship	4%	6%	4%
Record of Offences	2%	3%	3%
Receipt of Public Assistance	1%	2%	1%
No grounds	2%	6%	6%

Table 6: Mediations Held

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Mediations held	1,376	1,584	1,459
Settled at mediation	58%	58%	59%

Table 7: Representation at Mediation

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applicant representation			
• Lawyer / paralegal	35%	36%	32%
• Human Rights Legal Support Centre	27%	22%	30%
• Other	2%	2%	3%
• Self-represented	33%	40%	35%
• No Show	3%	2%	5%
Respondent representation			
• Lawyer / paralegal	88%	85%	86%
• Other	1%	1%	1%
• Self-represented	10%	13%	13%
• No show	1%	1%	2%

Table 8: Representation at Hearing

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15

Applicant representation • Lawyer / paralegal • Human Rights Legal Support Centre • Other • Self-represented • No Show	32%	28%	28%
	9%	7%	12%
	4%	5%	4%
	50%	53%	48%
	5%	7%	8%
Respondent representation • Lawyer / paralegal • Other • Self-represented • No show	89%	86%	86%
	3%	3%	2%
	6%	9%	9%
	2%	2%	3%

Service Standards

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	2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
Hearings and Mediations	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
The first mediation date offered to parties will be scheduled to take place within 150 calendar days from the date the parties agree to mediation.	109 days	92%	90 days	97%	129 days	83%
The first hearing date offered to parties will be scheduled to take place within 180 calendar days from the date the application is ready to proceed to hearing.	134 days	34%	161 days	59%	170 days	62%

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	2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
Decisions	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
Decisions for hearings which take 3 days or less will be issued within 90 calendar days.	81 days	68%	86 days	76%	68 days	82%
Decisions for hearings which take longer than 3 days, will be issued within 180 calendar days.	312 days	17%	300 days	36%	230 days	39%

Landlord and Tenant Board



What We Do

The Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) was established on January 31, 2007 to:

- resolve disputes between landlords and tenants
- resolves eviction applications from non-profit housing co-operatives
- provide information to landlords and tenants about their rights and responsibilities under the *Residential Tenancies Act* (RTA)
- provides information about LTB's practices and procedures

Legislative Authority

The LTB is established under the [Residential Tenancies Act \(RTA\)](#).

Operational Highlights

Case Management Hearings – A New Approach to Applications for Rent Increase above the Guideline

In March 2017, the LTB began to hold case management hearings for applications filed by landlords who want to raise rent above the guideline because they have made capital expenditures (renovations, repairs, replacements or additions). The case management hearing provides both sides the opportunity to discuss, and possibly agree on, a fair rent increase.

During a case management hearing, a dispute resolution officer tries to help the two sides reach an agreement. If an agreement is reached, the dispute resolution officer records the terms of the agreement in an order called a consent order. If the application is not settled at the case management hearing, it is scheduled for a full hearing with an adjudicator on another day.

The dispute resolution officers follow a standard case management hearing structure, offering a consistent and transparent approach to resolving above guideline increase applications. Landlords and tenants receive information on how to prepare for the case management hearing together with their notice of hearing.

Emailing Notice of Hearing Packages to Bulk Filers

In March 2017, bulk filers (people filing more than three applications at a time) started receiving their notice of hearing packages by email instead of regular mail. Bulk filers now receive their notices of hearing more quickly than they did before.

The change was made after consultations and testing with stakeholders. Bulk filers also have the option to pick up the hearing packages at the LTB office.

At the same time, the LTB introduced the Bulk Application Information Sheet. On the sheet, applicants provide information about the applications in the bulk filing, who should receive the packages, and whether they will pick up the Notice of Hearing packages or want them emailed.

Changes to Application Fees

LTB application fees for most applications increased on January 16, 2017 by about 10%. Fees were also introduced for two tenant applications which were previously free, bringing all tenant applications to \$50. Tenant application fees had not increased since the LTB was established in 1998. Landlord application fees were last increased in 2009.

At the same time as the fee increase, the LTB introduced a 10% discount for applications filed through LTB e-File. After the discount was introduced, the number of e-filed applications increased by 65%.

People who have a low income can request that the application filing fees be waived. The income threshold for fee waivers was increased by 10% to offset the fee increase.

New Notice for Victims of Sexual and Domestic Violence to End Tenancy Early

In September, the *Residential Tenancies Act* changed to allow tenants who are victims of sexual and domestic violence to end their tenancy in 28 days if they believe they or a child living with them may be harmed or injured if they don't leave the unit.

As a result of the legislative change, the LTB, in consultation with its Practice Advisory Committee, created a new Tenant's Notice to End my Tenancy Because of Fear of Sexual or Domestic Violence and Abuse (N15), a new Tenant's Statement about Sexual or Domestic Violence and Abuse.

Full-day Hearing Blocks

In the summer of 2016, the LTB began scheduling full day hearing blocks in Scarborough (in the Toronto East office), Whitby and LTB Central office in Mississauga. Before the change, hearings were scheduled in half day hearing blocks at these locations.

Full day hearing blocks increase the likelihood that all scheduled cases will be heard on the day, and not adjourned due to lack of time. For example, parties who want to speak to tenant duty counsel or try mediation will still have enough time for a hearing on the same day.

The change in scheduling will be monitored to make sure it results in more timely dispute resolution.

The Toronto South and Toronto North offices moved to full day hearings in 2015.

Changes to how the LTB Handles Requests to Review an Order

In July 2016, the LTB made the following changes to how it handles requests to review an order.

Preliminary reviews – All preliminary reviews of a [Request to Review an Order](#) are now conducted by a vice chair or other senior LTB member. Previously, any member could conduct this review.

Review hearings – If there is a review hearing, the member who did the preliminary review decides which member will conduct the review hearing within these parameters:

- Requests to review that claim a party was not reasonably able to participate can be heard by any member, including the member who issued the original order.
- Requests to review that ask the LTB to consider new evidence will usually be assigned to the same member who issued the original order.
- Requests to review that allege a serious error will be heard by the vice chair or senior member.

Previously, the member who made the order could not be assigned to conduct the hearing. The rules now also clarify that although the LTB can initiate a review without receiving a request from one of the parties (rule 29.4), a party cannot request that the LTB exercise this power. A party must request a review using rule 29.1.

Accepting Application-specific Inquiries by Email

In June 2016, all LTB offices started accepting emails from parties about their case. For example, parties can email documents for their application file or respond to LTB requests for dates they are not available, so the LTB can schedule a hearing. Each LTB office has its own email address. LTB staff received 23, 844 emails through those accounts from June 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

For many people, email is more convenient than going to an office or waiting to speak to someone on the phone. It also gives people a way to contact the LTB outside of business hours.

The LTB only responds to application-specific inquiries by email. People with general questions about the LTB application and hearing process or the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants, should visit the website or call the LTB.

Case Management Hearings Pilot Update

From September 2014 to April 2015, the LTB did a pilot project which required parties to participate in case management hearings (CMHs) for Applications about Tenant Rights (T2) and Tenant Applications about Maintenance (T6) at its Toronto South and Southern offices. The case management hearing provided both sides the opportunity to discuss, and possibly agree on, a solution that wasn't imposed by the adjudicator.

This year, the LTB evaluated the settlement rates and adjournment (rescheduling) rates of cases which went to a CMH. The results showed that more than two thirds of the cases were not resolved at the CMH and required a full merits hearing. At one office, the adjournment rate of CMH cases was higher than the rate for merits hearings. After reviewing the results of the pilot and consulting with stakeholders, the LTB decided to suspend the pilot (in that form) on January 23, 2017.

The LTB is now using the pilot experience to identify the types of applications that are best suited to the CMH process, including those for Above Guideline Increase Applications, which were introduced in March 2017.

LTB e-File

Launched in July 2015, LTB e-File allows landlords and tenants across Ontario to file the most common LTB applications online, anytime from anywhere.

During the 2016-17 fiscal year, the LTB received 20,971 applications online.

- 74.7% (15,674) were L1 applications
- 15.0% (3,153) were L2 applications
- 7.5% (1,573) were T2 applications
- 2.7% (357) were T6 applications

32.2% of the 64,951 L1, L2, T2 and T6 applications filed with the LTB during the year were filed using e-File. This is a nearly 10% increase over last year. In part, the increase can be attributed to the 10% discount for e-filed applications introduced in January 2017.

- 31.7% of all L1 applications (49,488)
- 31.6% of all L2 applications (9,982)
- 41.3% of all T2 applications (3,807)
- 21.3% of all T6 applications (1,674)

72.1% of e-File applications were scheduled for a hearing date online: 77.1% of landlord applications and 28.2% of tenant applications. This is an increase of 3% over last year.

23.19% (4864) of e-File applications were filed outside of business hours, a 4% increase over last year.

Paper applications can still be mailed, faxed or dropped off at one of the eight LTB offices or personally delivered to more than 60 ServiceOntario locations across the province.

LTB e-File Survey

Conducted over three weeks in May 2016, the LTB e-File survey received responses from 112 people, 63 of whom said they used the tool. Of those, 89 % said they found it user-friendly. The most common suggestions for improvement were:

- 1. More scheduling options
- 2. The ability to combine applications
- 3. The ability to e-file additional application types

The LTB will consider these suggestions when it upgrades the LTB e-File tool.

Statistics

In 2016-17, the LTB received 81,432 applications. This total includes landlord, tenant and co-op applications. This is an increase of 1.52% or 1,218 applications compared to 2015-16.

The ratio of landlord to tenant applications has remained relatively constant since 1998 when the resolution of landlord-tenant disputes was transferred from the provincial court system to the LTB. This past year was no exception, with roughly 90% of applications filed by landlords and 10% filed by tenants.

Applications for termination of tenancy and eviction continue to represent the bulk of the LTB's workload. Of the total applications received by the LTB, approximately 61% were to terminate a tenancy because of non-payment of rent.

Table 1: Call Centre

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Calls handled	261,154	299,143	286,869
Average time per call	05:19	04:45	05:10
Average wait time in the queue	09:46	05:06	06:46

Table 2: All Applications Received, Resolved and Open at Year End

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Applications Received*	81,432	80,214	79,740
Applications Resolved	78,783	78,175	77,148
Open at year-end**	13,899	11,946	10,286

* The 2015-16 and 2016-17 totals include non-profit co-operative housing eviction applications.

** In a small number of cases, "resolved" applications are re-opened in the case management system (e.g. when the LTB grants a request for review of an order). As a result, a single application can result in more than one resolution. Therefore, the number of applications open at the end of the fiscal year does not necessarily equal the number from the previous year plus "applications received", less the "applications resolved".

It has come to light that at least 25% of applications that are listed as "open at year-end" in the case management system are in fact resolved. Staff are working to update the status of these applications.

Table 3: Landlord/Tenant Applications by Method of Resolution

Resolution Type	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15

Abandoned ¹	3,168	2,673	2,668
Resolved by Mediation ²	10,735	11,541	11,926
Resolved at Hearing ³	49,901	48,533	48,107
Resolved without Hearing ⁴	3,997	4,397	4,402
Review Denied	903	729	675
Withdrawn	8,264	7,487	7,369
Other ⁵	1,815	2,413	2,001
Total	78,783	77,773	77,148

¹ ordered by hearing abandoned

² mediated; ordered by hearing mediated

³ ordered by hearing contested or uncontested; ordered by review

⁴ ordered ex parte; ordered by section 206 agreement

⁵ discontinued; order voided; ordered amended; amendment denied

Table 4: Co-op Eviction Applications by Method of Resolution

Resolution Type	2016-17	2015-16	June 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015
No Hearing ¹	133	91	22
Case Management Hearing Only	288	236	110
Merit Hearing Only	25	10	10
Both Case Management Hearing and Merit Hearing	79	65	16
Total	525	402	158

¹ Application withdrawn/discontinued; parties settled the issues on their own

Table 5: Landlord and Tenant Applications Received by Region

Head Office*	Central	East	North	South	South west	Toronto East	Toronto North	Toronto South	Total
8,774	8,244	3,952	11,680	14,132	11,002	11,609	11,222	8,774	81,432

* When the system is unable to match the postal code to a region in an e-Filed application, it is assigned to "Head Office".

Table 6: Co-op Applications Received by Region

Central	East	North	South	South west	Toronto East	Toronto North	Toronto South	Total
51	43	22	62	124	136	64	80	582

Table 7: Landlord Applications Received by Type

Case Type	Application Description	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
A1	Determine Whether the Act Applies	104 (0.1%)	67 (0.1%)	55 (0.1%)
A2	Sublet or Assignment	264 (0.3%)	234 (0.3%)	263 (0.4%)
A3	Combined Application (usually includes an L1)	4,067 (5.6%)	4,050 (5.7%)	3,986 (5.6%)
A4	Vary Rent Reduction Amount	134 (0.2%)	76 (0.1%)	135 (0.2%)
L1	Terminate & Evict for Non-Payment of Rent	49,489 (67.6%)	48,940 (68.4%)	49,991 (70.0%)
L2	Terminate for Other Reasons & Evict	9,987 (13.6%)	8,876 (12.4%)	7,983 (11.2%)
L3	Termination - Tenant Gave Notice or Agreed	1,439 (2.0%)	1,338 (1.9%)	1,208 (1.7%)
L4	Terminate the Tenancy - Failed Settlement	5,478 (7.5%)	5,559 (7.8%)	5,632 (7.9%)
L5	Rent Increase Above the Guideline	575 (0.8%)	433 (0.6%)	548 (0.8%)
L6	Review of Provincial Work Order	3 (0.0%)	15 (0.0%)	8 (0.0%)
L7	Transfer Tenant to Care Home	1 (0.0%)	6 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
L8	Tenant Changed Locks	37 (0.0%)	28 (0.0%)	31 (0.0%)
L9	Application to Collect Rent	1,628 (2.2%)	1,892 (2.6%)	1,735 (2.4%)
	Total	73,188	71,514	71,575

Table 8: Tenant Applications Received by Type

Case Type	Application Description	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
A1	Determine Whether the Act Applies	49 (0.6%)	64 (0.8%)	59 (0.7%)
A2	Sublet or Assignment	55 (0.7%)	68 (0.8%)	55 (0.7%)

A3	Combined Application	1,634 (19.8%)	1,586 (19.3%)	1,921 (24.1%)
A4	Vary Rent Reduction Amount	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
T1	Rent Rebate (e.g. illegal rent)	732 (8.9%)	663 (8.1%)	716 (9.0%)
T2	Tenant Rights	3,807 (46.1%)	3,922 (47.7%)	3,441 (43.2%)
T3	Rent Reduction	68 (0.8%)	67 (0.8%)	69 (0.9%)
T4	Failed Rent Increase Above Guideline	6 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)
T5	Bad Faith Notice of Termination	211 (2.6%)	174 (2.1%)	170 (2.1%)
T6	Maintenance	1,675 (20.3%)	1,661 (20.2%)	1,516 (19.1%)
T7	Suite Meters	7 (0.0%)	23 (0.3%)	9 (0.0%)
	Total	8,244	8,228	7,957

Table 9: Co-op Applications Received by Type

Case Type	Application Description	2016-17	2015-16	June 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015
C1	Application to End the Occupancy and Evict the Member based on Non-payment of Regular Monthly Housing Charges and to Collect the Housing Charges that the Co-op Member Owes	274 (47%)	252 (53.3%)	132 (63.4%)
C1/2	Combined C1 and C2 applications	102 (17.5%)	74 (15.6%)	32 (15.3%)
C2	Application to End the Occupancy of the Member Unit and Evict the Member	93 (16%)	73 (15.4%)	23 (11%)
C3	Application to End the Occupancy and Evict the Member - Based on the Member's Consent or Notice	3 (0.01%)	5 (1%)	7 (3.4%)
C4	Application to End the Occupancy of the Member Unit and Evict the Member Because the Member Failed to Meet Conditions of a Settlement/Order	110 (18.9%)	68 (14.4%)	14 (7%)
	Total	525	472	208

Service Standards

SJTO aims to meet its service standards 100% of the time. However, this is not always possible, and our commitment is to fulfil these standards at least 80% of the time.

	2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
Standard	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
Applications will be scheduled for a hearing within 25 business days	26.6 days	52%	23.3 days	69%	21 days	78%
Decisions for LTB applications will be issued within 5 business days at the conclusion of the final hearing	5.2 days	78%	4.6 days	83%	3.6 days	89%

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Social Benefits Tribunal



What We Do

The Social Benefits Tribunal (SBT) hears appeals from people who have either been refused social assistance or who receive social assistance but disagree with a decision that affects:

- their eligibility for assistance
- the amount of assistance they receive
- the benefits they receive

Because of the sensitive personal information involved in these cases, the legislation requires that all hearings must be held in private.

Legislative Authority

The SBT is established under Part IV of the [Ontario Works Act, 1997](#). Appeals are heard under that act and the [Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997](#).

Operational Highlights

Consent Orders for Disability Appeals

The SBT is moving to allow parties to resolve disability appeals through consent orders on the hearing day.

A consent order is an agreement between the parties which settles the appeal. If the parties can reach an agreement, a full hearing is no longer required, and the parties don't need to wait for the member to issue a decision. The terms of a consent order can be enforced by the court.

In January 2017, stakeholders were invited to comment on a proposed new form, rules and procedures that would allow for consent orders. The SBT is working with its Practice Advisory Committee (PAC) to implement the new process.

SBT Reaches out to Indigenous Social Service Administrators

The SBT made three presentations to First Nation social service administrators of the Ontario Native Welfare

Administrators' Association (ONWAA) in the past year. ONWAA members administer Ontario Works and other social programs on Ontario reserves and can be the respondent in SBT cases. The presentations provided an in-depth overview of the SBT appeal process.

At the presentations, the SBT also told the groups that Social Justice Tribunals Ontario wants to hear from Indigenous groups in Ontario about how the tribunals can be more responsive to their needs.

These meetings were part of the SJTO Indigenous Insights Initiative.

Updated Forms: Appeal and Application for Reconsideration

In October 2016, SBT posted updated versions of its Appeal (Form 1) and Application for Reconsideration.

The new forms are easier to use and easier to understand. They are also accessible for people using screen readers. Both forms can be completed on computer or printed and filled out by hand.

Electronic Files in the Hearing Room

As of January 1, 2016, the SBT began processing new appeals electronically. The SBT held its first hearings using electronic hearing briefs in September 2016.

To train the members in using electronic hearing briefs, the SBT held three, half day sessions. Members learned:

- about the new processes (e.g. how they will receive the electronic hearing briefs, where to access them, who to contact if there's a problem)
- how to use the electronic hearing brief (e.g. commenting, cut and paste, searching)
- how to use their laptops effectively (e.g. using a second monitor, toggling between multiple documents)

The electronic hearing briefs have many benefits. If an adjudicator is unavailable, another one can access the file from the shared drive at any time, preventing costly adjournments. They can also navigate quickly between tabs in the briefs, highlighting important text, making notes or writing questions on the electronic file as they go along. Another benefit is that adjudicators can copy text (a passage from a medical report, for example) from an electronic file to paste into their decision instead of having to retype it.

About 80 percent of hearings were held with electronic files in 2016-17. The percentage will continue to rise as paper applications received before the switch to electronic files in January 2016 are dealt with.

Email Communication Expands

After a successful email pilot project in 2015-16, email communication with SBT continued to expand this year.

More than 250 people from legal clinics and Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) offices used email to submit inquiries and small documents to the SBT in 2016-17.

Since the SBT has changed from paper to electronic files, receiving documents by email makes it easier to add documents to the electronic file.

Offering email makes the tribunal more accessible and supports the OPS Green initiative.

Early Resolution Opportunity Program

The SBT continues to improve the Early Resolution Opportunity program (ERO). The ERO is held by phone with the two parties and a SBT Appeal Resolution Officer, who helps the parties look for opportunities to resolve the appeal without a hearing. Parties benefit from the ERO because they can have a chance to resolve the appeal as early as one month after the appeal is filed, instead of waiting several months for a hearing. The parties also have ownership of the resolution, instead of holding a hearing where a member makes the decision.

This year, the SBT held 2,075 ERO sessions, a 37% increase over last year. The settlement rate was 38%, an improvement over last year's rate of 34%.

Early Resolution Opportunities for Medical Review Appeals

A pilot to test EROs for medical review appeals was launched in November 2015 in partnership with the Disability Adjudication Unit and 4 legal clinics.

Between November 2015 and February 2017, 6 more legal clinics and their clients joined the pilot, bringing the total number of clinics participating to 10.

Because of the success of the program, a year-long, two-phase, province-wide expansion began in March 2017 and will run to February 2018.

Phase 1 (March – August 2017) includes clinics in Toronto, Peel, Niagara and the North. Phase 2 (September 2017 – February 2018) will include the rest of the province.

Over the course of the pilot, 85% of the cases have been resolved (meaning that the appellant is found to still have a disability) without the need to hold a hearing. Cases in the program are resolved as early as 2-3 months after the appeal is received, as opposed to 7 months for cases that go to a hearing.

Statistics

The SBT received 10,403 appeals, a decrease of 915 from last year. More appeals were completed than received, so the number of pending cases decreased by more than 2,400. The average time to complete a case decreased from 299 days to 290 days. Due to an improvement in scheduling practices, the SBT was able to schedule hearings within 30 days of receiving the appeal more than 80% of the time.

Table 1: Caseload

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Appeals Received	10,403	11,318	14,025
Completed	12,831	13,038	14,606
Pending at end of fiscal year	7,169	9,597	11,317
Case processing time (days)	290	299	318

Table 2: Appeals Completed by Method of Resolution

Resolution Type	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Abandoned	291 (2%)	257 (2%)	331 (2%)
Withdrawn*	4,380 (34%)	4,185 (32%)	4,034 (28%)
Reconsideration denied	203 (2%)	253 (2%)	283 (2%)
Resolved at hearing**	7,636 (60%)	8,087 (62%)	9,629 (66%)

Other	321 (2%)	256 (2%)	329 (2%)
Total	12,831	13,038	14,606

* *Withdrawn* cases can include those closed due to a successful mediation session. (called an "early resolution opportunity" at the tribunal)

** *Resolved at hearing* includes decisions released following a reconsideration hearing.

Table 3: Appeals by Program

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
ODSP	9,704 (93%)	10,668 (94%)	13,207 (94%)
OW	699 (7%)	650 (6%)	818 (6%)
Total	10,403	11,318	14,025

Table 4: ODSP Appeals by Category

ODSP	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Refusal	8,392 (86%)	9,114 (85%)	11,716 (89%)
Cancellation & Suspension	640 (7%)	914 (9%)	828 (6%)
Amount & Reduction	566 (6%)	528 (5%)	559 (4%)
Other	106 (1%)	112 (1%)	104 (1%)
Total	9,704	10,668	13,207

Table 5: OW Appeals by Category

OW	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Refusal	183 (26%)	191 (29%)	178 (22%)
Cancellation & Suspension	218 (31%)	175 (27%)	293 (36%)
Amount & Reduction	274 (39%)	248 (38%)	320 (39%)
Other	24 (4%)	36 (6%)	27 (3%)
Total	699	650	818

Table 6: Tribunal Decisions by Outcome

ODSP	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15

Granted	4,450 (61%)	4,208 (54%)	5,090 (55%)
Denied	1,721 (23%)	2,152 (28%)	2,533 (27%)
Denied in absentia*	865 (12%)	999 (13%)	1,178 (13%)
Other**	295 (4%)	389 (5%)	437 (5%)
Total	7,331	7,748	9,238

OW	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Granted	79 (26%)	70 (21%)	69 (18%)
Denied	90 (30%)	140 (41%)	119 (30%)
Denied in absentia*	99 (32%)	80 (24%)	151 (39%)
Other**	37 (12%)	49 (14%)	52 (13%)
Total	305	339	391

* Cases denied in absentia: Appellant was not present for the hearing.

** Other decisions include: consent order, no appeal before the tribunal, appeal out of time, no jurisdiction, matter resolved or withdrawn, or cases referred back to the Director or Administrator to reconsider its original decision in accordance with the directions given by the tribunal.

Service Standards

SJTO aims to meet its service standards 100% of the time. However, this is not always possible, and our commitment is to fulfil these standards at least 80% of the time.

	2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
Standard	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met	Average number of days (whether standard has been met or not)	% of time service standard is met
Appeals will be scheduled with a notice of hearing sent out no later than 30 calendar days after	24 days		33 days		42 days	

receipt of the appeal. <i>and</i> The hearing date will be set no more than 180 calendar days after the date of the Notice of Hearing.		82%		7%		19%
	172 days		241 days		224 days	
Decisions will be issued within 30 calendar days after the completion of the hearing.	33 days	66%	33 days	58%	33 days	58%

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Ontario Special Education Tribunals

What We Do

The two Ontario Special Education Tribunals (OSETs) hear appeals by parents and guardians who are not satisfied with the school board's identification or placement of a child with exceptional learning needs.

The [OSET - English](#) hears appeals from decisions made by English Public and Catholic School Boards. The [OSET - French](#) hears appeals from decisions made by French Public and Catholic School Boards.

The OSETs hear appeals only after parents have completed all possible appeals at the school board level under the [Education Act](#).

Legislative Authority

The [Education Act](#) and its regulations address the identification or placement of students with exceptional learning needs.

Statistics

The English OSET received two appeals in 2016-17. One was settled through mediation. The other was filed in late December and is scheduled for a hearing on June 15, 2017. The French OSET (TEDO) received no appeals.

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Appendix I: Social Justice Tribunals Ontario Members as of March 31, 2017

The Executive Chair and the Alternate Executive Chair are members of each of the SJTO tribunals. Members with an asterisk (*) are appointed to more than one SJTO tribunal.

SJTO Executive Chair and Alternate

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
Michael Gottheil, Executive Chair	March 2011	March 2021
Beverly Moore, Alternate Executive Chair	September 2015	September 2018

Child and Family Services Review Board and Custody Review Board

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
Jennifer A. Scott*, Associate Chair	February 2017	February 2019
Patrick Doran*	May 2017	May 2017
Paula Eyler	November 2016	November 2018
Judy Finlay	January 2011	January 2021
Gail Gonda	May 2007	May 2018
David Hamilton	October 2016	October 2018
Andrea Himel	November 2010	November 2020
Theresa Hughes	October 2016	October 2018
Heather Susan Hunter	May 2008	May 2018
Katherine Laird	October 2016	October 2018
Alina Lazor	May 2008	May 2018
Wesley Marsden	October 2016	October 2018
Eva Nichols*	February 2013	August 2019
T. Michele O'Connor	November 2010	November 2020
Marisha Roman	August 2016	August 2018
Jayashree Sengupta*, Vice-Chair	July 2014	November 2018
John (Johannes) F. Spekkens*	November 2010	November 2020
Bernard Stein	October 2016	October 2018

Wendell E. White	March 1999	September 2017
Mary Wong	May 2007	May 2017

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
Maria Tassou, Associate Chair	June 2007	April 2018
M Saleem Akhtar	September 2009	September 2019
Pamela Arnott	February 2017	February 2019
Lisa Barazzutti	October 2010	October 2017
Evelyn Baxter	January 2017	January 2019
Louise Charette	January 2017	January 2019
Roderick Flynn*	June 2007	June 2017
Keith Forde	October 2010	October 2017
James Graham	March 2017	March 2019
Jo-Anne Hughes	October 2008	October 2018
Christie Jefferson, Vice-Chair	June 2010	February 2019
Wendy King	October 2010	October 2017
Kirsten Kurzuk	December 2008	December 2018
Maija Laitinen*	January 2017	January 2019
Anne-Marie Langan	November 2016	November 2018
Susan Lee	April 2011	April 2021
Janet MacEachen	September 2009	September 2019
Jay Meunier	September 2009	September 2019
Virginia Morra	June 2007	June 2017
Veda Rangan	September 2009	September 2019
Kabir Ravindra	June 2007	June 2017
Joanne St. Lewis	January 2017	January 2019

Linda Spears	June 2007	June 2017
John (Johannes) F. Spekkens*	November 2010	November 2020
Dawn Wickett*	June 2007	June 2017

Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
Yola Grant, Associate Chair	April 2014	April 2019
Naomi Overend, Acting Associate Chair	September 2008	September 2018
Sarah Atkinson	January 2015	January 2020
Eban Bayefsky, Vice-Chair	March 2017	March 2019
Kim Bernardt	January 2015	January 2020
Bruce Best, Vice-Chair	September 2015	September 2017
Kenneth Bhattacharjee, Vice-Chair	September 2008	September 2018
Josée Bouchard, Vice-Chair	January 2016	January 2018
Suzanne Bouclin	March 2016	March 2018
Keith Brennenstuhl*, Vice-Chair	September 2007	September 2017
Kevin Cleghorn*	January 2011	January 2021
Esi Codjoe, Vice-Chair	March 2017	March 2019
Brian Cook, Vice-Chair	September 2008	September 2018
Andrew Diamond	August 2008	August 2018
Maureen Doyle*, Vice-Chair	August 2008	February 2021
Helen Eaton	February 2017	February 2019
Michelle Flaherty*	October 2008	June 2018
Aida Gatfield	January 2013	January 2018
Ruth Goba	February 2017	February 2019
Maurice Green	January 2013	January 2018
Mark Handelman	August 2008	August 2018

Beverly Harris	December 2012	December 2017
Mark Hart, Vice-Chair	September 2007	September 2017
Dale Hewat	September 2008	September 2018
Judith Hinchman	August 2008	August 2018
Julie Jai	January 2015	January 2020
Jacek Janczur, Vice-Chair	March 2017	March 2019
Colin Johnston	January 2015	January 2020
Judith Keene	November 2008	August 2018
John Kelly	February 2017	February 2019
Dawn Kershaw*, Vice-Chair	October 2012	May 2018
Jennifer Khurana*, Vice-Chair	September 2015	December 2017
Michael Lerner	January 2011	January 2021
Laurie Letheren, Vice-Chair	February 2015	February 2020
Kathleen Martin	June 2006	September 2017
Yasmeena Mohamed, Vice-Chair	January 2011	March 2019
David Muir, Vice-Chair	August 2008	August 2018
Eva Nichols*	February 2013	August 2019
Jo-Anne Pickel, Vice-Chair	October 2012	October 2017
Sheri Price	September 2008	September 2018
Daniel Randazzo	December 2012	December 2017
Devika Ratnayake	February 2017	February 2019
Leslie Reaume, Vice-Chair	June 2007	June 2020
Alison Renton, Vice-Chair	October 2008	October 2018
Valerie Richer	March 2017	February 2019
Frederika Rotter	February 2017	February 2019
Douglas Sanderson, Vice-Chair	January 2011	January 2021
Janice Sandomirsky	August 2008	August 2018

Jennifer A. Scott*, Vice-Chair	July 2006	September 2017
Jayashree (Jay) Sengupta*, Vice-Chair	September 2008	September 2018
Brian Sheehan	August 2008	August 2018
Lorne Slotnick	September 2008	September 2018
Mary Truemner, Vice-Chair	September 2008	September 2018
Helen Walsh	February 2017	February 2019
Jennifer Webster	February 2017	February 2019
Eric Whist	September 2008	September 2018
Ailsa Wiggins	August 2008	August 2018
Brenda Young	February 2017	February 2018

Landlord and Tenant Board

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
Kim E. Bugby, Associate Chair	September 2004	March 2018
Elizabeth Beckett*	February 2001	April 2017
Keith Brennenstuhl*	December 2012	September 2017
Aleksandar Brkic	March 2015	March 2020
William Burke	October 2005	July 2017
Avril Cardoso	May 2016	May 2018
Ruth Carey, Vice-Chair	December 2006	August 2017
Sylvie Charron*, Vice-Chair	October 2012	October 2017
Harry Cho	October 2012	October 2018
Emily Crocco	January 2015	January 2020
Cristina De Leon-Culp	September 2015	September 2017
Lisa Del Vecchio	January 2015	January 2020
Thomas F. Fagan*	June 2013	June 2018
Nathan Ferguson	December 2016	December 2018

Roderick Flynn*	July 2016	July 2018
Petar Guzina	November 2009	November 2019
Laura Hartsliet	June 2016	May 2018
Nancy Henderson, Vice-Chair	March 2017	March 2019
Sean Henry	August 2015	August 2017
Louise Horton	June 2009	June 2019
Neil Kaufman	July 2016	July 2018
Renée Lang	January 2015	January 2020
Solange Losier	September 2015	September 2017
Melanie Love	June 2016	June 2018
Kevin Lundy	October 2012	October 2019
Sandra Macchione	February 2011	July 2018
Lorraine Mathers	August 2016	August 2018
Carol Anne McDermott*	August 2012	June 2017
James (Jim) McMaster	October 2005	November 2019
Lynn Mitchell	April 2016	April 2018
Debbie Mosaheb	February 2011	February 2021
Gerald Naud*	October 2004	October 2017
John Patrick Nolan	November 2006	May 2019
Bonnie Pelletier	May 2016	May 2018
Jean-Paul Pilon	August 2006	February 2019
Philippe Rabot	June 2016	May 2018
Gobinder Singh Randhawa	July 2014	July 2019
Margaret Reynolds*	October 2016	October 2018
Roger Rodrigues	January 2015	January 2020
Tiisetso Russell	May 2016	May 2018

Egya Ndayinanse Sangmuah, Vice-Chair	January 2007	August 2019
Guy William Savoie, Vice-Chair	May 2001	April 2017
Anna Solomon	May 2016	May 2018
Michael Soo	July 2007	July 2020
Lisa M. Stevens	November 2009	November 2019
Mariam Elizabeth Usprich, Vice-Chair	March 2006	August 2017
Jonelle Van Delft, Vice-Chair	November 2004	June 2020
Karen Wallace, Vice-Chair	December 2006	February 2019
Sylvia Nancy Watson	June 2009	June 2019
Dale Whitmore	July 2016	July 2018
Shelby Whittick	May 2016	May 2018
L. Kurt Wildman	May 2016	May 2018
Ma'anit Zemel	April 2016	April 2018

Ontario Special Education Tribunals

English Tribunal Members

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
Ross Caradonna	May 2008	May 2018
Maureen Doyle*	August 2013	February 2021
Eva Nichols*	January 2005	August 2019
Jayashree (Jay) Sengupta*	August 2012	September 2018

French Tribunal Members

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
Maureen Doyle*	August 2013	February 2021
Michelle Flaherty*	August 2013	June 2018

Social Benefits Tribunal

Name	First Appointed	Term Ends
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Beverly Moore*, Associate Chair	October 2006	September 2018
Pamela Ahlfeld, Vice-Chair	October 2015	October 2017
Elizabeth Beckett*	August 2012	April 2017
Nathaniel Boivin	February 2017	February 2019
Shannon Braun	July 2016	July 2018
Terry Brouillet	June 2013	June 2018
Vicenzina (Enza) Buffa	July 2015	July 2017
Jean Buie	October 2013	October 2018
William Burke*	July 2015	July 2017
Sylvie Charron*, Vice-Chair	December 2009	October 2017
Lisa DiCesare	June 2015	June 2017
Patrick Doran*	June 1998	May 2017
Thomas F. Fagan*	June 2013	June 2018
Nancy Ferguson	August 2015	August 2017
Richard Ferris	July 2015	July 2017
Lisa Freedman	August 2013	August 2018
Romona Gananathan	September 2013	September 2018
Kelly Gaon	August 2008	June 2018
John Helis	July 2016	July 2018
Cheryl Henshaw	November 2014	November 2019
Brenna Homeniuk	December 2016	December 2018
Audrey Hummelen, Vice-Chair	June 2007	October 2017
Solape Ilori	October 2015	October 2017
Kanji Jain	October 2015	October 2017
Dawn Kershaw*	June 2006	May 2018
Jennifer Khurana*	July 2013	July 2018

Cyndi Kunkel	October 2015	October 2017
Maija Laitinen*	January 2017	January 2019
Georges Larivière	June 2015	June 2017
Greg Larsen	February 2017	February 2019
Tara Letwiniuk	May 2016	May 2018
Janice MacGuigan	May 2008	May 2018
Sherry MacIsaac	May 2013	May 2018
Mark Mascarenhas	October 2015	October 2017
Allan Matte	February 2014	February 2019
Carol Anne McDermott*	June 2007	June 2017
William Murray	June 2008	November 2017
Josephine Racioppo	September 2013	June 2017
Margaret Reynolds*	April 2006	April 2018
Jana Rozehnal	August 2015	August 2017
Jonelle Van Delft*, Vice-Chair	February 2015	June 2020
Dawn Wickett*	July 2016	July 2018
Marie-Claude Yaacov	May 2016	May 2018