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1). What you need to know about this year's Sunshine List

By: Geoff Zochodne

Ontario's Sunshine List is shining brighter than ever.

The annual disclosure of public-sector employees making more than \$100,000 a year was released Friday morning. According to the latest numbers, the list grew 6.5 per cent to a record-breaking 123,410 names in 2016, from 115,745 in 2015.

The average salary on the list increased to \$127,187.39 in 2016 from \$127,070.76 in 2015. Furthermore, the total amount of salary on the 2016 list exploded to nearly \$15.7 billion, \$988.4 million more than the 2015 total of \$14.7 billion.

Meanwhile, total taxable benefits grew by \$4.85 million in 2016, to approximately \$100.1 million, from \$95.3 million reported in 2015. The average amount of benefits on the 2016 Sunshine List was \$811.25.

"We know that a \$100,000 salary is a lot of money and that the people of Ontario have a right to know how their dollars are being spent; at the same time, we know our public servants provide high quality public services and we value their hard work," said Treasury Board President Liz Sandals in a statement. "The \$100,000 threshold has not changed since the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act was enacted in 1996 and has not been adjusted to keep

up with inflation. If the salary threshold were adjusted for inflation, it would be \$149,424 in today's dollars - reducing the number of employees included in the compendium by 84%."

But the Sunshine List also hit new highs without a single Hydro One employee on the list. The Liberal government has exempted the company from having to disclose its highest-paid workers as part of the Grits' plan to sell up to 60 per cent of the utility to private investors. Approximately 30 per cent of Hydro One has been sold in stock offerings, and Premier Kathleen Wynne said Thursday that she hasn't changed her mind on selling the other 30 per cent.

Some names of note on this year's list:

- Ontario Power Generation president and chief executive officer Jeff Lyash topped the charts, earning \$1,155,899 in salary last year. OPG's chief nuclear officer, Glenn Jager, was fourth on the list with a \$832,751 salary. Former OPG president Tom Mitchell pulled in \$562,957 last year, despite retiring and making way for Lyash in August 2015. A spokesperson for OPG said Mitchell's money was a bonus earned in 2015 but paid out in 2016.
- The University of Toronto's former asset manager, William Moriarty, was the second-highest paid person on the list, at just over \$1 million. Moriarty retired from his post last April.
- Ontario Pension Board chief investment officer Jill Pepall clocked in at third, with an \$835,389 salary.
- Peter Pisters, the president and CEO of Toronto's University Health Network, was the highest-paid health-care official, earning \$753,992.
- Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. president and CEO Stephen Rigby was paid \$538,550.79.
- LCBO chief George Soleas took home \$386,731.
- Departing Metrolinx president Bruce McCuaig earned \$367,198
- Toronto city manager Peter Wallace, formerly Ontario's cabinet secretary, received \$350,073.
- Current cabinet secretary and boss of the Ontario Public Service, Steve Orsini, was paid \$349,778.
- Premier Kathleen Wynne was paid \$208,974, PC Leader Patrick Brown \$180,886, and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath \$158,158.
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board president Tom Teahen, Premier Wynne's former chief of staff, received \$449,765 in salary.
- Wynne's current chief of staff, as well as her principal secretary, Andrew Bevan, earned \$312,542.
- PC Leader Patrick Brown's former chief of staff, Nicolas Pappalardo, received \$110,198 last year. Pappalardo left Brown's office earlier this year.
- Michael Balagus, chief of staff to NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, earned \$179,254.
- The best-paid deputy minister was Greg Orencsak, of the Treasury Board Secretariat, at \$413,769.
- Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk earned \$310,174.
- Information and Privacy Commissioner Brian Beamish's salary was \$249,672.
- Controversial University of Toronto psychology professor Jordan Peterson earned \$175,668.
- Even though the Pan Am Games ended in 2015, seven employees for the organizing committee made the list, including a senior VP who made \$358,500.

The rest of the list can be found [here](#).

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2). *Who's lobbying for whom*

By: Sabrina Nanji

New, renewed and amended registrations

Robyn Gray of Sussex Strategy Group on behalf of RES Canada Inc.
Paul Lalonde of Dentons Canada LLP on behalf of Annex Publishing and Printing Inc.
Leanna Karremans of Pathway Group Inc. on behalf of Young People's Theatre
Bob Lopinski of Counsel Public Affairs Inc. on behalf of Council of Ontario Universities
Barbara Sulzenko of Insurance Bureau of Canada on behalf of Insurance Bureau of Canada
Daniel Moulton of Crestview Strategy on behalf of Dealnet Capital
Giancarlo Drennan of Maple Leaf Strategies (formerly Bentham & Associates) on behalf of Royal Park Homes
Jackie Choquette of Hill+Knowlton Strategies on behalf of Hope 24/7
Ramiro Mora of CWell Consulting on behalf of Bruce Power Inc.
Steven Dover of Tactix Government Relations and Public Affairs Inc. on behalf of Astral Out of Home
Rebecca Grundy of Capital Hill Group Inc. on behalf of HP Inc.
Michele Austin of Summa Strategies on behalf of Google Canada
Michele Austin of Summa Strategies on behalf of Square Inc
Chris Benedetti of Sussex Strategy Group on behalf of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Canada (formerly AltaLink Investments, L.P.)
David Angus of Capital Hill Group Inc. on behalf of Otsuka-Lundbeck Alliance
Peter Curtis of Pathway Group Inc. on behalf of Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses
Bliss Baker of Maple Leaf Strategies (formerly Bentham & Associates) on behalf of Royal Park Homes
Richard Fink of Fink & Bornstein P.C. on behalf of Worker Representative Coalition
Arthur Lofsky of Arthur Lofsky on behalf of Federation of Rental Housing Providers Ontario
John McHughan of Summa Strategies on behalf of Golf Canada
John McHughan of Summa Strategies on behalf of Ontario Paramedic Association
Philip Gillies of Enterprise Canada on behalf of Ontario Society of Nutrition Management
Ginny Movat of Crestview Strategy on behalf of Tenaris S.A.
Ginny Movat of Crestview Strategy on behalf of Lyft Inc.
Duncan Rayner of Temple Scott Associates Inc. on behalf of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited
Natalie Dash of Campbell Strategies on behalf of EnerCare Inc.
Paul Pellegrini of Sussex Strategy Group on behalf of United Parcel Services Canada Limited (UPS Canada)
Daniela Cavatassi of Kealey & Associates Inc. on behalf of Northland Power Inc.
Chris Benedetti of Sussex Strategy Group on behalf of Electronic Product Stewardship of Canada
Joseph Pagliaroli of KPMG LLP on behalf of Ontario Real Estate Association
Devan Sommerville of Counsel Public Affairs Inc. on behalf of Harmony Heights Developments Inc.
Tony Genco of Tony Genco on behalf of Micro Wind Energy Inc
Charles Harnick of Counsel Public Affairs Inc. on behalf of Harmony Heights Developments Inc.
William Dempster of 3Sixty Public Affairs on behalf of Indivior Canada Ltd.
Ashley Rensler of Impact Public Affairs on behalf of Insurance Broker Association of Ontario
Brian Teefy of StrategyCorp Inc. on behalf of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario
Ashley Rensler of Impact Public Affairs on behalf of Mortgage Professionals Canada
Ashley Rensler of Impact Public Affairs on behalf of Ontario Alliance of Mental Health Practitioners
Christopher Cheung on behalf of Ontario Bar Association
Heather Webb on behalf of Ontario Bar Association
Stephen A. Pengelly on behalf of Ontario Bar Association
James Elson on behalf of Ontario Bar Association
David Sterns on behalf of Ontario Bar Association
Christine on behalf of Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College
Cheryl Fougère on behalf of Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association
Shannon Coombs on behalf of Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association
Barbara LeBlanc on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Michael Toth on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Angela Jonsson on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Deljit Dhanoa on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Hirotaka Yamashiro on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Rachel Forman on behalf of Ontario Medical Association

Dr. Virginia Walley on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Jim Stewart on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Jennifer Gold on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Laurel Brazill on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Maggie Keresteci on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dara Laxer on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Lee Donohue on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Leianne Musselman on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Tim Lenartowych on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Adam Steacie on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Lesley Barron on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Gregory Athaide on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Laurence Colman on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Peter Brown on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Tom Magyarody on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Voytek Roszuk on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Albert Ng on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Gail Beck on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Jeff Kolbasnik on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Stephen Chris on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Joanne McNamara on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Nadia Alam on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Richard Tytus on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Tatiana Jevremovic on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
James H. Simpson on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Robert L. Lee on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Atul Kapur on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Christopher Jyu on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. David Esser on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Susan Bjerno on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Adam Farber on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Catherine Dowdall on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Christopher Cressey on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Stephen Kosar on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Jessica Katul on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Matt McNama on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Albert Schumacher on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Dr. Robert Swenson on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Katherine Patterson on behalf of Ontario Medical Association
Irwin Fefergrad on behalf of Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
David Powell on behalf of Canadian Finance and Leasing Association
Glen Watson on behalf of Canadian Finance and Leasing Association
Brooks Barnett on behalf of REALpac- Real Property Association of Canada
Michael Brooks on behalf of REALpac- Real Property Association of Canada
Emma Breen on behalf of Canada's National Brewers
Jeff R. Newton on behalf of Canada's National Brewers
Brian Zeiler-Kligman on behalf of Canada's National Brewers
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Carolyn Fell on behalf of Canadian Beverage Association
Anthony van Heyningen on behalf of Canadian Beverage Association
Jim Goetz on behalf of Canadian Beverage Association
Megan Boyle on behalf of Canadian Beverage Association
Todd Bruce on behalf of Advent Health Care Corporation
Giovanni Cautillo on behalf of Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association
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Shilpi Majumder on behalf of Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS)
Dan Buchanan on behalf of Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS)
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Catharine Gapp (excluding office of the Minister and Ministry of HLTC) on behalf of Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS)
Debbie Humphreys on behalf of Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for

Seniors (OANHSS)

Gloria Gallagher on behalf of Brock University
Ryan McCarthy on behalf of Brock University
Thomas Dunk on behalf of Brock University
Brian Hutchings on behalf of Brock University
Meaghan Rusnell on behalf of Brock University
Joffre Mercier on behalf of Brock University
Fiona Hunter on behalf of Brock University
Tom Traves on behalf of Brock University
Nicole Risse on behalf of Ontario Sustainable Energy Association
Thom Damstra on behalf of Mobility View Inc.
John Reich on behalf of Mobility View Inc.
Bob Dameron on behalf of Mobility View Inc.
Jane Kovarik on behalf of Child Welfare Political Action Committee
Catherine Tokarz on behalf of Saputo Inc.
Warren Skippon on behalf of Saputo Inc.
Dino Dello Sbarba on behalf of Saputo Inc.
Julie Paquin on behalf of Saputo Inc.
Carl Colizza on behalf of Saputo Inc.
Trish Bayne on behalf of Eli Lilly Canada Inc.
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3). Heard: Two Tory private member's bills pass second reading

By: Geoff Zochodne

A pair of Progressive Conservative private member's bills passed second reading Thursday afternoon, and were sent to committee for further consideration.

The first, from PC MPP Bill Walker, is Bill 110, the Long-Term Care Homes Amendment Act, which would peg funding for those homes to Ontario's consumer price index.

The second was PC MPP Randy Hillier's Bill 77, the Kickstarting Public Participation Act, which would set up a crowdfunding website that various groups can use to finance projects in their communities. If the projects hit their funding target, the provincial government would transfer the money to the organization that proposed the project.

Both bills passed second reading on a voice vote. Bill 110 was referred to the social policy committee for consideration, while Bill 77 was sent to the justice committee.

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4). Seen: Liberals shoot down bid to restore AG oversight of g

By: Geoff Zochodne

An attempt by the Progressive Conservatives to give back the auditor general's power to reject government advertising deemed a little too partisan was voted down Thursday at Queen's Park.

Deputy PC Leader Sylvia Jones had put forward a private member's bill this week that was aimed at restoring the level of oversight Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk had enjoyed over advertising - until 2015, when the Liberal government changed the rules, leaving Lysyk to warn that her office had been turned into a "rubber stamp." While the AG can still reject ads starring the Premier or the party logo, she can't block commercials that she thinks are too self-congratulatory or self-promotional towards the governing party.

The Tories moved to restore the AG's powers after the Liberals began running ads touting their new "Fair Hydro Plan," which the Grits say will cut bills by an added 17 per cent. The ads have begun running before any legislation outlining the hydro relief plan has been tabled in the house, to the chagrin of the PCs.

Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault said recently that the government had spent less than a million dollars on the ads thus far, although that was expected to rise.

But Jones' bill, the End the Public Funding of Partisan Government Advertising Act, was defeated at the second reading stage by a 40-18 vote Thursday afternoon, with a Liberal plurality trumping a small coalition of PC and NDP MPPs.

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5). Finance Minister won't commit to running again in 2018

By: Sabrina Nanji

It isn't clear if Ontario's forthcoming budget, Finance Minister Charles Sousa's fifth, will also be his last.

Asked on Friday if he will fly the Liberal banner on June 7, 2018, the next general election, Sousa was cagey.

"I'm taking every necessary step to ensure that we do the work that's necessary for the people of Ontario, they matter to me," Sousa said.

When pressed for a yes-or-no response, the Minister did not give reporters a definitive answer. He reiterated he is focused on delivering a balanced budget for 2017-18, which is expected to drop in the coming weeks, and Premier Kathleen Wynne's agenda.

"I know what you're getting at, and I have to tell you that the priority of our government, our caucus and our team is to ensure that we win the next election, recognizing that the policies and the work that's being done is in the interest of Ontarians," he said. "That's my priority right now and that's all I want to ensure that we do as we move forward."

Thus far, the Liberals have three candidates nominated to run again in 2018 – Ministers Reza Moridi and Michael Coteau, and MPP Han Dong. Attorney General Yasir Naqvi is poised to be renominated to run in Ottawa Centre on April 9.

Sousa – who dropped out of the Liberal Party leadership contest in 2013 after crossing the convention floor and endorsing now-Premier Wynne – has run the provincial treasury for the last five years and represented Mississauga South since first winning the seat in 2007.

He reiterated his support for the poorly-polling Premier and brushed off a Friday morning Forum Research survey that suggested his party would be decimated if an election were held today, winning just seven of 122 seats and losing official party status. The Tories would handily form government, and the New Democrats would become the official opposition, Forum projected.

Sousa chalked up his party's lousy approval rating to "pocketbook issues" that have created "some degree of tension and anxiety." He said the province's economic health will enable the government to ease the burden on the wallets of Ontarians, citing the additional 17-per-cent price cut on hydro bills coming this summer, in addition to the eight-per-cent sales tax rebate that took effect Jan. 1.

"[Wynne] came into this role and brought forward a majority government because of her progressive nature, but also because of recognizing the need to be fiscally responsible," Sousa said, adding the premier is a "very intelligent" individual "who asks tough questions."

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