

Today's News - Monday, June 26, 2017

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Attorney General Yasir Naqvi, MPP for Kingston and the Islands Sophie Kiwala and MPP for Trinity-Spadina Han Dong were in Toronto this morning to announce that Ontario is proposing tough new rules for buying and selling tickets to give fans a fair shot at seeing their favourite music, sports or theatrical events. The Ticket Sales Act will be introduced in the fall and, if passed, would prevent excessive markups in the resale market, provide fans with more upfront information and prevent ticket fraud, while strengthening enforcement of Ontario's ticket laws. Proposed changes include:

- Banning ticket bots and the sale of tickets that were purchased using bots.
- Capping the resale price of tickets at 50 per cent above face value
- Requiring businesses selling tickets to disclose more information to consumers
- Establishing new enforcement measures to help make sure that ticket selling and reselling businesses are following the rules.

The proposed changes follow consultations, including a survey completed by more than 34,000 people across Ontario. Making ticket buying fairer is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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Also today:

- Ontario is recognizing 10 schools across the province through the Premier's Awards for Accepting Schools. These awards are given annually to recognize teams of students, educators and parents for creativity and leadership in creating positive school environments, and supporting student achievement and well-being. [The Safe and Accepting Schools Teams](#) in the following schools are the recipients of the 2016-17 Premier's awards:
 - Black River Public School – Sutton
 - Chinguacousy Secondary School – Brampton
 - Collège catholique Mer Bleue – Orléans
 - Dundas Valley Secondary School – Hamilton
 - Eganville and District Public School – Eganville
 - Francis Libermann Catholic Secondary School – Scarborough
 - Guildwood Junior Public School – Scarborough
 - Kirkland Lake District Composite School – Kirkland Lake
 - St. Mary Catholic Secondary School – Pickering
 - Kingswood Drive Public School – BramptonSupporting safe and accepting learning environments where students can reach their full potential is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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- Ontario is launching a program to recognize communities across the province that have made outstanding progress to be inclusive and accessible for people of all ages. Minister of Seniors Affairs Dipika Damerla was joined by MPP for Barrie Ann Hoggarth to make the

announcement today at the Barrie Chamber of Commerce. The province's new Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program recognizes communities and municipalities like Barrie that are working to meet the needs of Ontario's growing seniors population. Healthy, active aging is vital to the wellbeing of Ontario's diverse communities of seniors. Age-friendly communities provide all residents with services that support healthy aging, including safe and accessible public parks and community centres, recreation programming and engaged and walkable communities. Helping communities across Ontario support our growing seniors' population is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes historic new **investments in health care, including free medications for everyone 24 and under** who has OHIP coverage through the OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare Program, **providing free average tuition** to over 210,000 students starting fall 2017 and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 more kids aged 0–4 access quality, licensed child care, **making everyday life more affordable by reducing electricity costs** by 25 per cent on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and **taking action to make housing more affordable** for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.