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Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Toronto this afternoon to help announce that Waterfront Toronto and Sidewalk Labs will design a new mixed-use, complete community on Toronto's Eastern Waterfront. Sidewalk Toronto will combine forward-thinking urban design and new digital technology to create people-centred neighbourhoods focused on sustainability, affordability, mobility and economic opportunity. It aims to make the Eastern Waterfront the global hub of a new industry focused on urban innovation to improve the quality of city life, tapping into Ontario's already-thriving tech sector. To help get started, Google's Canadian headquarters will be moving to the Eastern Waterfront. Sidewalk Labs and Waterfront Toronto will devote the next year to extensive community and stakeholder consultation and long-range planning, starting with a community town hall on November 1.

Also Today:

- Ontario is investing in 48 community projects across the province to help people break the cycle of poverty, increase food security, find good jobs and end homelessness. Peter Milczyn, Minister of Housing and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, was at Food4Kids Hamilton Halton Niagara in Hamilton today to highlight its Weekends Without Hunger program, which is receiving support from the province. The program helps single parent families and newcomers by delivering food directly to their homes on weekends, when school nutrition programs are not running. This is one of 14 programs that is receiving support to increase food security while creating more resilient livelihoods and increasing social inclusion. In total, 48 innovative, community-led projects being funded through Ontario's Local Poverty Reduction Fund, which help groups disproportionately affected by poverty get into housing, develop skills and find employment.

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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 through OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare**, providing free **tuition to over 210,000 students** and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, 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.