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1. Housing Affordability (04.51)

Recent Updates:

- Royal Assent for legislative changes: RTA amendments (May 30), Tax Measures (June 1)
- Development Approval Roundtable - first meeting occurred June 8th

Current Status

- Fair Housing Plan (16 point plan) approved on April 12, 2017 and announced April 20, 2017:
 - Measures to expand rent control were part of the amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act (rent control retroactive to April 20, 2017).
 - Tax measures, including non-resident speculation tax, came into effect on April 21, 2017.
 - Three groups are being established:
 - Development Approval Roundtable - chaired by the Secretary of the Cabinet; includes municipalities, BILD, OHBA and RESCON.
 - Housing Supply Team – Led by the Provincial Development Facilitator (reporting to Minister of Housing); focus on specific projects.
 - Housing Forum – Chaired by the Minister of Housing (with MOF/MMA Ministers). Participant list being finalized. First meeting to be held late June; then September 2017, January and April 2018.
 - Outstanding program design:
 - DC Rebate Program (MHO/ MOF) - targeted program for New Multi-Residential Construction (TB/MBC summer 2017, Launch Fall 2017).
 - Affordable Housing Lands Program (MOI/MOF/MHO) - leveraging provincial land assets for affordable housing (TB/MBC approval June 2017 for wave 1, which would include 3 sites (Grenville/Grosvenor and 2 WDL))

Key Risks

- Focus is primarily on the residential prices in the GTHA/GGH
- Some stakeholders link prices to the overall supply of land
- Rent control measures could impact the supply of rental units

2. Autism (04.63)

Recent Updates:

- Minister Coteau announcement (June 8th); echo announcements (June 13th, parent teleconference end of June)
- Transition Date announced – June 26th

Current Status

- MCYS ongoing work with the OAP Advisory Committee and the ASD Clinical Expert Committee to finalize the elements that will be implemented on June 26th, including a new clinical assessment framework, single entry point to autism services, single waitlist in each (9) regional service area.
- Targeting a new direct funding approach to be implemented by the end of 2017 (*under development; transitional funding will be provided in the interim*).
- EDU pilots to begin in September 2017 on some school sites, and expanded over the 2017-18 school year (*under development*).
- MCYS and partner ministries return to Cabinet in Fall 2017 with options to guarantee the qualifications of ABA practitioners.

Key Risks

- Impact on families
- Service continuity
- Long wait-times for services
- Phased approach to integration of services in schools

3. Early Years and Child Care (04.67)

Recent Updates

- *Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework and Expansion Strategy* released on June 6, 2017. Included:
 - o Five-year commitment of \$1.6 billion in capital funding for school-based, community-based, and BPS-based child care spaces; and
 - o Noted Ontario's intent to move towards universally accessible child care.
- Bilateral funding agreement (\$145M/year) with the federal government signed/announced on June 12th. Includes about
 - o \$40M to support the establishment of Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres,
 - o \$100M to support additional fee subsidies, and
 - o \$5M for training and professional development.

Current Status

- 100,000 space commitment made in the Sept 2016 Throne speech.
- 2017 Budget announced investments to support access to licensed child care for 24,000 more children through new fee subsidies and capital spaces in the 2017-18 fiscal year (16,000 additional fee subsidies for children 0-4, \$200 million to municipal partners, 8,000 school-based child care spaces):
 - o Funding details announced April 28th
 - o Municipal partners in the process of signing agreements; takes approximately 3 months to ramp spending (i.e. implementation)
 - o School-based spaces will take 2-3 years to construct

Key Risks

- Continued federal funding
- Capacity of child care providers to create spaces
- Retention and recruitment of child care workers (compensation issues)
- Maintaining the quality of licensed child care during expansion
- Potential misalignment of location of demand for spaces and the availability of capital space across the province

- Accountability around funding and space creation

4. Long-Term Energy Plan and Related Initiatives (15.10, 15.11)

Recent Updates

- Weekly meetings scheduled on various components of the LTEP proceeding as scheduled

Current Status

- Targeting Cabinet approval in Summer 2017 (tbc: July 26) Subsequent submission for approval of final LTEP document and OEB/IESO implementation directives anticipated in summer 2017.
- Governance - Weekly meetings (Energy, PO, CO –policy+comms)
- Energy also is working with the IESO and IO to undertake internal analysis on potential increases to imports from Quebec and the impact on Nuclear refurbishments, Ontario Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP), the potential Electricity Market Renewal commitment and other provincial priorities (e.g., climate change).
 - Decision on direction may be needed in advance of Quebec issuing an anticipated request for proposals (RFP) to New York and Massachusetts States by end of July 2017.

Key Risks

- Delivery of next LTEP in time for a summer 2017 release as planned.
- Alignment with the province's goals under the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) and / or the OFHP.

5. Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (15.21)

Recent Updates

- *Fair Hydro Act, 2017* received Royal Assent on June 1, 2017.
- Required new regulations / amendments (10) and OIC (1) to be brought forward in 2 bundles in June to enable July 1 implementation.
 - o June 14 Cabinet: Social programs (RRRP, DRP, FNDC), bill presentment, and initial Global Adjustment (GA) program regulations, IESO Eligible Borrowing (8)
 - o June 27 LRC-Cabinet: remaining social programs regulations (OESP (1), GA regulations (1) and OFA credit facility OIC

Current Status

- Ongoing work with agencies, LDCs and partners on implementation requirements.
 - o Legislation includes phase in language to, if required, enable LDCs to implement the social programs after July 1 with payments retroactive to July 1 effective date upon implementation.

Key Risks

- The proposal assumes GA refinancing does not have a fiscal impact.
- Ability to keep rates in line with CPI over the next 4 years as committed to by the government, which could increase fiscal pressure.
- The structure is unique which increases the risk of unknown factors impacting its performance.
- According to a legal opinion by former Supreme Court Justice Binnie, there is a moderately high risk that the proposed change would be characterized as an unconstitutional tax because future consumers are being required to subsidize current consumers.

6. Seniors Strategy (04.27)

Recent Updates

- Initial kick-off meeting with CO, PO and MSA being scheduled for the week of June 26th.
 - o CO had preliminary conversations with senior MSA officials during the week of June 12th
 - o MSA briefing their Minister/DM during the week of June 19

Current Status

- The Strategy is in the very preliminary stages of development, but it is anticipated that it will be announced in Fall 2017
- CO/PO have had preliminary planning discussions to discuss potential scope, timelines, and roles/responsibilities; would involve MSA (lead) and key partner ministries (likely MOHLTC; MOF; MTCS; ADO; TBS; MAG; MGCS; MCSS; MTO; and potentially others)

Key Risks

- Ensuring related initiatives are aligned in terms of objectives, delivery, and public communications
- Potential need for additional investment in new initiatives proposed by ministries, and the release of a new Strategy will raise stakeholder expectations for new investments (e.g. in home and community care, in long-term care).

7. NAFTA/Trade Issues (01.11, 01.12)

Recent Updates

- Canada launched public consultations on NAFTA on June 3,
 - o Ontario participated in the meeting of FPT officials June 5-6, 2017 in Ottawa.
 - o An FPT DMs meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2017.
- Expecting preliminary anti-dumping determination June 23, 2017.
- On June 1, 2017, the federal government announced approximately \$860M in aid for the softwood lumber industry
- On June 5, 2017 the US and Mexico reached an agreement on trade in sugar

Current Status

- Initial NAFTA negotiating mandate approved at Cabinet May 31, 2017.
 - o Federal government intends to recreate the FPT engagement process used during the CETA negotiations, including discussions on strategy and tactics, as well as sharing offensive and defensive issues.
- Ongoing engagement with economic and political leaders
 - o June 4-6, 2017 - 10th annual Southeastern U.S. States-Canadian Provinces Conference
 - o June 6-8, 2017 - Joint mission with seven other Canada's Premiers to Washington, D.C.
- Broader Trade Strategy on track for JEP (June 28) and Cabinet (July 26, 2017) for policy approval.
- The next Council of Federation meeting will be in Edmonton from July 17-19, 2017. NAFTA is on the agenda.

Key Risks

- The federal government is the negotiating lead for NAFTA.
- PTs will have diverging interests, creating concerns over potential trade-offs in negotiations for regional or sectoral interests.

8. Cap and Trade/GHGIP/GreenON (03.03, 03.04)

Recent Updates

- Results of Second Cap and Trade Auction (June 6, 2017 made public on June 13, 2017).

Current Status

- Financial Approvals/Implementation
 - First Cap and Trade Auction (March 2017) raised \$472 million
 - GHGIP (programs funded in 17/18) approved in April 2017
 - GHGIP release from holdback for programs eligible to receive funding from the first auction was approved at TB/MBC May 9, CAB May 17.
 - GreenON program design approved at TB/MBC May 30, CAB May 31 (Website launch in July; other new program rollout August / September).
 - Subsequent TB/MBC submission for release from holdback tracking to July 27, 2017.
- Ongoing announcements of programs that are launching using cap and trade funding (e.g., commuter cycling)

Key Risks

- Continued heightened stakeholder interest, including from the Auditor General and the FAO, in how government invests cap and trade proceeds.

9. Changing Workplaces Review and Increasing Minimum Wage (04.45)

Recent Updates

- none

Current Status

- Proposal approved at JEP May 15/Cabinet May 17.
- Legislation approved at LRC/CAB May 29.
- Changing Workplaces Review (CWR) Report released May 23.
- Legislation introduced on June 1 and ordered to Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs for review following First Reading.

Key Risks

- Potential for unforeseen or unintended impacts given the scope of measures, timing of the implementation and lack of full stakeholder input on some aspects of the proposal (such as, minimum wage).
- The proposal is expected to reduce flexibility for employers, increase costs and potentially reduce competitiveness vis-à-vis non-Canadian jurisdictions.
- Financial impact on public sector (i.e. universities) could impact implementation of other commitments

10. Cannabis (04.56)

Recent Updates

- Briefing of the Premier by Ministers of MAG/MOF on June X

Current Status

- Ongoing Policy Development
 - Public consultation to be rolled out by June (open through July).
 - Meeting of key Ministers (MAG/MOF/MCSCS/MTO/MOHLTC) to be scheduled for July 2017.
 - Following the consultation period, Cannabis will track in for policy approval in late summer/fall.
 - LRC in late fall with legislation.
 - LRC in early spring 2018 with regulations.
- Areas of Responsibility:
 - MOF – retail model (JEP in July)
 - MOHLTC – Smoke Free Ontario Strategy modernization (HESP September)
 - MTO – Vulnerable Road Users (JEP June 15th)

Key Risks

- Short implementation Timeline driven by federal deadlines (July 2018):
- Stakeholder concerns/expectations with Ontario's overall approach.
- Implications for medical cannabis users
- Appropriate balance of policy objectives (public safety, protection of youth/vulnerable population)
- Ensuring alignment across impacted ministries (MAG/MoF/MTO/MOHLTC).

11. Federal-Provincial Infrastructure (13.10)

Recent Updates

- Provincial share of Port Lands Flood Protection project (\$417M) approved at TB/MBC (June 13th) and Cabinet (June 14th) 2017)
- Federal officials have scheduled an FPT DMs meeting on June 21st to discuss next steps on implementing Phase 2. Meeting is expected to confirm key program conditions and provide additional details.

Current Status

- The 2017 Federal Budget included some details on the federal government's \$81B – Investing in Canada plan but did not include detailed program conditions.
- MOI is working with officials at Infrastructure Canada to make recommendations on the design of Phase Two programs.
- FPT ADM level working group meeting on May 31st provided initial indications of potential program design including outcomes-based funding, incrementality and provincial cost-sharing for municipal projects.

Key Risks

12. Small Business Strategy (1.03, 1.05)

Recent Updates

- none

Current Status

- Cutting Unnecessary Red Tape Bill (Cab approval May 17th) to proceed to LRC in July (Fall introduction)
- Development of Small Business Strategy to explore options for preferential tax treatment, procurement, financial/access to capital, fees.

Key Risks

13. LHIN Transformation (07.02)

Recent Updates

- All LHINs will complete transition by June 21, 2017
 - o 11 of 14 completed to date, 3 LHINs transitioning on June 21.

Current Status

- MOHLTC provides daily update reports noting any issues, including patient complaints. No major issues reported to date.
 - o A total of 96 patient contacts related to transition have been received to date (88 neutral, 2 positive and 6 negative).

Key Risks

- Potential for disruptions to patient care or employees
- Expectations on a broader 'transformation' and improvements

14. OHIP+ and Other Public Drug Programs (07.16)

Recent Updates

- Governance - biweekly steering committee meetings continue (including PO, CO, external stakeholders). At most recent meeting, ministry provided an update work relating to indigenous/first nation impacts (see risks below).

Current status:

- Ministry has indicated that January 1, 2018 implementation is on track

Key Risks

- Delivery/Implementation:
 - First Nation/Indigenous: MOHLTC is doing an analysis of any overlap between the *federal non-insured health benefits* program and the OHIP+ program. The Ministry has acknowledged that some First Nations/Indigenous people may not currently have OHIP cards which would impact their eligibility to participate in OHIP+. This risk could be mitigated for eligible youth by on-going access to the *non-insured health benefits program*. The Ministry has begun engagement with Indigenous groups (including COO) and will also work with the federal government on implementation. MOHLTC will continue to provide updates through bi-weekly governance meetings.
 - Changes in Coverage: MOHLTC notes some private drug plans currently provide coverage for a greater number of drugs than OHIP+ (OHIP+ will provide comprehensive drug coverage for more than 4,400 drugs on the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Formulary, while more than 15K drugs approved in Canada). MOHLTC is engaging with representatives from the insurance industry and employers to better understand this issue.
 - Distribution of Savings: PO has previously identified interest with understanding savings implications (e.g. pass on savings to employers and parents). MOHLTC is engaging with insurance representatives, to better understand this issue and what options may be available for directing savings to individuals versus employers.

- Stakeholder Expectations/Engagement: High public/stakeholder expectations that OHIP+ be delivered seamlessly and on time. Some stakeholders may continue to call for further expansion of public drug programs (e.g. to low-income adults). To mitigate these risks, key messages emphasize the launch of the new OHIP+ as a major step toward universal pharmacare, and MOHLTC intends to continue to work with its FPT partners to advance a vision for universal national pharmacare.
- Fiscal: OHIP+ is proposed to be a universal, open-ended program; financial projections to be re-evaluated during program design, but there is a risk that costs could exceed forecasts (\$465M annually). MOHLTC will continue to monitor and report on financial risks and pressures associated with its public drug programs and will continue to work to identify savings opportunities, for example negotiating for reduced drug costs through the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance.

15. Mental Health and Addictions (Including Opioids) (7.07)

Recent Updates

- June 12th – announcement of additional funding for front-line workers and noxalone kits
- Ministers' Table on Mental Wellness (MT: MW) established on June 14th

Current Status

- Development of strategy for long-term system transformation to strengthen the mental health and addictions system based on recommendations from the Mental Health and Addictions Leadership Advisory Council MOHLTC (Cabinet in Fall 2017)
- Continued action under the provincial Opioid Strategy (TB/MBC in July 2017 for approval of new initiatives)
- Develop implementation plan for MT: MW (e.g. finalize membership, schedule initial meeting and subsequent schedule).

Key Risks

- Public and stakeholder concerns and media coverage of opioid-related deaths.
- Stakeholder/public expectations for mental health and addictions services
- Additional financial investments likely to be required (above and beyond the ministry's approved allocation)

16. Student Well-Being (K-12) (08.05)

Recent Updates

- none

Current Status

- The 2017 Budget announced \$49 million over the next three years - EDU has developed a preliminary allocation of the funds.
- Engagement with stakeholders is underway and, based on feedback and input, EDU is developing a mechanism for collecting provincial indicators for well-being for implementation in 2018-19.
- EDU intends to report on the engagement and outline the plan to move forward in Fall 2017.

Key Risks

- Indicators to measure and drive progress around well-being have not yet been established and existing investment decisions may not fully align with, and drive progress on, the indicators which are ultimately selected.
- Boards have expressed that they are reluctant to report wellbeing data, based on a concern that the data may unduly influence decisions regarding school attendance (similar to the effect of EQAO scores).

17. Equity in Education (K-12) (08.03 and 08.04)

Recent Updates

N/A

Current Status

- EDU announced an internal organizational realignment that included the creation of an Education Equity Secretariat in April 2017.
- EDU is planning on potentially releasing *Unlocking Student Potential Through Student Data* and the Equity Action Plan this summer.
- 2017-18 Grants for Student Needs funding includes \$2.9 billion in special education funding through the Special Education Grant.

Risks

- Focus on sub-populations could potentially have a negative impact educational and wellbeing outcomes of certain students.
- There is currently a lack of quality data on various sub-populations (e.g., indigenous graduation rate), which makes it difficult to develop programs and policies to improve key indicators.
- There is a need to strengthen cross-ministry integration of initiatives and resources for focus and coherence (e.g., the Anti-Racism Directorate's framework for the collection of race-based data.)

18. Access to High-Quality Postsecondary Education (PSE) (04.08, 08.10, 08.11, 08.12)

Recent Updates

- Updates provided to MT:HSW on June 13th on:
 - Status and key considerations (e.g. enrolment, financial) related to SMA2 negotiations (MAESD)
 - Strategy to address non-financial barriers to PSE (MAESD/EDU/MCYS)

Current Status

Ongoing policy/program development and implementation of key PSE initiatives:

- SMA2: MAESD working to finalize SMA2 agreements in Summer 2017.
- OSAP Transformation:
 - New OSAP launched on March 29, 2017 to support applications for the 2017-18 academic year.
 - MAESD to seek approval for regulatory changes in Summer 2017 to support the 2018-19 application launch in Fall 2017.
- Aboriginal Institutes: MAESD to report back to Cabinet in Fall 2017 on co-developed policy framework.

Key Risks

- Balancing delivery of initiatives in a sector facing challenges (e.g. some institutions facing sustainability challenges).
- Potential for future financial risks related to implementation of initiatives (e.g. increased enrolment due to OSAP changes).

19. Highly Skilled Workforce (HSW) Initiatives (4.22, 4.34, 08.17, 08.18, 08.20, 08.21, 08.23)

Recent Updates

- On June 13, TB/MBC approved release of \$65.4M from holdback for initiatives to support the HSW strategy; tracking to June 27 Cabinet.
- June 16 announcement of \$185M investment to support Ontario Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan.

Current Status

Ongoing policy/program development and implementation of key initiatives to support HSW strategy:

- Experiential Learning:
 - Career Kick-Start Strategy announced as part of 2017 Budget.
 - Apprenticeship Modernization:
 - Stakeholder engagement sessions (June 15 and July 25)
 - Information update at MT:HSW (June 26)
 - Fall 2017: Report back for policy approval
- Ontario Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan:
 - Collaboration on policy development/delivery by MAESD/EDU/MCI to support report back to Cabinet in Fall 2017.
- Inclusive Skills Development:
 - ADO leading cross-government implementation of the provincial employment strategy for people with disabilities.
 - Women's economic empowerment engagement paper and online survey released on June 9; consultation over the summer with feedback to be incorporated into a proposed strategy for fall 2017.

Key Risks

- Continued engagement/coordination with partners required for delivery.
- Measurement of outcomes required to ensure progress towards goals.

- Ongoing investment required to implement strategy; future financial risks TBD.

20. RER/Transit (13.01.1, 13.01.2, 13.03.1, 13.03.2, 13.06)

Recent Updates

- MTO received report on GTA West Corridor on May 29th
- Update on HSR, RER and hydrogen tracking to June 28th MT:TTI

Current Status

- RER Implementation:
 - Procurement for enabling works ongoing until end of 2017 (13 AFP procurements and several traditional procurements).
 - MTO/Mx updating RER procurement strategy and explore viability of alternative propulsion technologies (TB/MBC Fall 2017).
 - Negotiations between Metrolinx and CN for Master Agreement on rail rationalization starting in September 2017 (TBC).
 - EA for rail rationalization to begin in June 2018 (TBC).
- Dispute resolution process on Bombardier's LRV contract will take 8-12 months to conclude.

Risks

- Potential financial impacts arising from legal dispute
- Stakeholders may expect additional funding for HSR (funding only \$15m for EA)

21. Strategy for a Safer Ontario and Police Oversight Review (04.43)

Recent Updates

- Policy Approval: PRSI June 13th/Cabinet June 14th

Current Status

- MAG to develop standalone legislation for police oversight, focusing on the areas of enhancing accountability, transparency, diversity and cultural competence, and independence.
- MCSCS and MAG will continue to work together to ensure alignment between proposed legislation to modernize the *Police Services Act*, and separate proposed legislation on police oversight, both which are planned for introduction in fall 2017.

Key Risks

- Significant delivery commitments in the justice sector
- Upfront and ongoing investments will be required
- Potential for labour relations issues to arise
- High expectations from stakeholders/Indigenous partners/public

22. Basic Income Pilot (05.04)

Recent Updates

- Application packages for Phase 1 (Hamilton/Thunder Bay) sent to 4,000 randomly selected addresses (starting June 2nd)
- Evaluation RFP issued week of June 12th; bids received by late-July

Current Status

- Announced phased pilot on April 24, 2017:
 - Spring 2017 (Phase 1): Up to 400 participants in Hamilton and Thunder Bay area
 - Fall 2017 (Phase 2): Increased to 4,000 participants and expanding to include Lindsay and a First Nation Pilot.
- Report backs in Summer/Fall 2017
 - TB/MBC (July 25) - Release holdback on additional funding (\$25M/year)
 - Policy and TB/MBC (Late Summer/Early Fall): Update on progress/early outcomes from phase 1, approval for First Nation Pilot, and roll-out of phase 2.
- Governance:
 - Weekly PO/CO led Steering Committee meeting with MCSS/PRSO and TBS to support implementation.
 - Co-chair of Advisory Group to be appointed (OIC) in late June
- Implementation:
 - First payments tracking for July 25 (for around 100 participants).
 - Ongoing work to facilitate smooth transition of benefits.
 - Education and information sessions to occur in June
 - Ongoing discussions with First Nations partners

Key Risks

- Ambitious timeline and some unknowns (e.g. time to get participants).
- Linkage/overlap/confusion with Income Security Reform