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Quotation of the day

“This election really is going to be about what comes next for our province.”

NDP leader Andrea Horwath says the NDP is the only party that has Ontarians' interests at heart moving into the spring election.

Today at Queen's Park

On the schedule

The House is adjourned for its winter break. The spring session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, the day after Family Day.

There are mutterings the Liberals may prorogue parliament at some point between now and the spring session so they can come back with a clean slate and a campaign-style throne speech, but Deputy Premier **Deb Matthews** denied the rumours and told reporters the government has no plans for prorogation.

Debates and proceedings

NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** raised a motion to have the House pass **Bill 188**, her legislation banning pre-paid hydro meters, at third reading immediately, but it was shut down by the Liberals.

Bill 177, the government's Fall Economic Statement bill, was voted on at third reading after question period. The bill passed with Liberal support. The PCs and NDP opposed (Ayes 48; Nays 37).

Tourism, Culture and Sport Minister **Eleanor McMahon** introduced **Bill 193**, Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety).

Bill 193 follows a private members' bill from PC MPP **Lisa MacLeod** entitled the Rowan's Law Advisory Committee Act that was passed in June 2016 during the previous parliamentary session. McMahon's bill responds to the recommendations made by the committee struck by MacLeod's bill on concussion awareness and treatment protocols for amateur athletes.

Two bills and one motion were debated during private members' business:

- Liberal MPP **Sophie Kiwala**'s motion calling on the House to recognize September 9 as International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day carried.
- PC MPP **Sam Oosterhoff**'s **Bill 182**, Compassionate Care Act, which would require a provincial framework for improving access to hospice palliative care, passed by voice vote and was referred to the Standing Committee on General Government.
- NDP MPP **Gilles Bisson**'s **Bill 183**, the Fairness in Petroleum Products Pricing Act, which aims to have the OEB regulate gasoline prices, was defeated by the Liberals (Ayes 14; Nays 20).

The Standing Committee on Justice Policy's meeting to study **Bill 175**, Safer Ontario Act, was cancelled.

Topics of conversation

- Thursday was NDP MPP **Cheri DiNovo**'s last day in the House. The Parkdale—High Park MPP is leaving politics to return to her roles as minister at Trinity-St. Paul's Centre for Faith. DiNovo was sent off with kind salutations from all parties, including Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, for her years of service and LGBTQ and anti-poverty activism.
- The Ministry of the Status of Women is relaunching its award-winning #WhoWillYouHelp anti-sexual assault [television advertising campaign](#).
- The Ministry of Transportation closed its request for proposals for design and construction of its \$1.2 billion Finch West LRT.
- Economic Development Minister **Brad Duguid** was honoured with the CFIB's "[Order of the Bear](#)," which recognizes politicians that show leadership in cutting red tape. Duguid is the first Canadian cabinet minister to receive the accolade.
 - Liberal MPP **Cristina Martins** was also honoured on Thursday. Martins receive an award from the Ontario Podiatric Medical Association for her work getting a ban on mandatory high heels in the workplace included in **Bill 177**.
- Guelph City Council voted in favour of a merger between Guelph Hydro Electric Systems and Alectra Inc. The decision is pending approval from the Ontario Energy Board. According to Alectra, a decision is expected in fall 2018.

- Ontario Ombudsman **Paul Dubé** announced he has launched an investigation into the [incident](#) at a Niagara Region council meeting where *St. Catharines Standard* reporter **Bill Sawchuk**'s recorder, computer and notes were seized and he was escorted from the premises.

Today's events



December 15 at 9:45 a.m. — Toronto

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** and Transportation Minister **Steve Del Duca** will cut the ribbon at the new TTC Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station to mark the opening of the Yonge Subway Extension. Wynne and Del Duca will ride the subway to York University Station and then hold a press conference.



December 15 at 10 a.m. — Ottawa

Infrastructure Minister **Bob Chiarelli** and Francophone Affairs Minister **Mari-France Lalonde** will make an announcement at École élémentaire publique - Charlotte-Lemieux.



December 15 at 10 a.m. — Toronto

Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** will present the James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award to five young Ontarians at Queen's Park.

News briefs — Governmental

Ministry of Finance

The ministry released a [statement](#) on the passage of **Bill 177**, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act. The legislation, introduced as part of the fall economic statement, includes a package of goodies for small businesses meant to offset the costs of complying with the incoming minimum wage increases. Small businesses will receive a 22 per cent cut to their Corporate Income Tax rate on their first \$500,000 of income, reducing it from 4.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent. Up to \$2,000 in grants is available to employers and small businesses that hire and retain young workers.

Bill 177 includes Finance Minister **Charles Sousa**'s strategy to position Toronto as an international leader in financial technology, or FinTech, by creating a "regulatory super sandbox" that will allow companies to innovate.

The bill also recognizes Indigenous Institutes as the "third pillar" of Ontario's post-secondary system; establishes a trust to fund the remediation of mercury contamination in Grassy Narrows; converts the WSIB's pension plan to a jointly sponsored pension plan; and promises to create the first standalone French-language university in Ontario.

News briefs — Non-governmental

Ontario NDP

NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** held an end-of-session news conference at Queen's Park on Thursday morning. Horwath said the New Democrats are the only party focused on improving the "basic fundamentals" for Ontarians, including the hospital system, the long-term care system, education and labour rights. "I can say with all confidence that New Democrats have a vision that brings hope back to this province and ensures that every decision the government makes is going to be in the best interest of families and people," said Horwath.

"I hear it everywhere I go. There is a real sense of disappointment with **Kathleen Wynne** and the Liberals. Folks are saying that they've pretty much had enough of what's been happening in the province. They are looking for what's next for Ontario."

Remarking on the Liberal Party's use of partisan self-promotion on hydro bills, Horwath said, "We have seen a lot of that over the last couple of years. **Kathleen Wynne** and the Liberals have been very focused on their own party, on their party's well-being, on where their party can take advantage, instead of the needs of everyday folks."

Horwath also used her news conference to attack the PC Party, which she said Ontarians cannot trust: "We have a conservative party with some 15 or so scandals that have occurred in its nomination meetings. There is a criminal investigation happening in Hamilton ... those are things that reduce people's confidence in whether **Patrick Brown** has a handle on what it is to be a leader and how to manage his own party."

Horwath would not provide a timeframe for when her party's complete election platform will be released, but said, "the people of Ontario will see our full platform way before the \$6.1 billion in cuts that **Patrick Brown** has in his plan come to light."

Looking forward to the spring election campaign, Horwath said she has seen more excitement in the NDP grassroots than in elections past, as well as more "hotly-contested" nomination races. The New Democrats still have to nominate about three quarters of their candidates.

Michael Balagus is acting as the NDP's campaign manager, as well as Horwath's chief of staff. Balagus served as the chief of staff to former Manitoba NDP premiers **Greg Selinger** and **Gary Doer**. The party raised a respectable \$647,000 in the first nine months of the year, more than the Ontario Liberal Party (\$420,000), but far less than their opposition rivals; the PCs raised over \$1.4 million. However, according to Horwath, the New Democrats have more than twice the number of small donors.

Fundraising is less important to the Liberals who have the advantage of government advertising mechanisms and ability to garner media attention, but the New Democrats will be competing against the PCs to have their message break through during the campaign. PC leader **Patrick Brown** did not hold an end-of-session media availability.

Question period

PC lead-off

Fair Hydro Plan

- In rhyming verse, PC leader **Patrick Brown** and his caucus members asked a series of questions to the tune of *Twas the Night Before Christmas*:
 - “‘Twas the last question period before Christmas, when all through the House,
The ministers were retiring, but scandals they couldn’t do without.
They see the waste highlighted by the auditor with care.
Will the Premier admit her hydro plan is unfair?”
- Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** shot back that the PCs are the only “party that’s talking about coal” and they plan to put it in everyone’s stockings.

Other PC questions

- PC MPP **John Yakabuski** carried the Christmas nursery rhyme theme forward to labour issues, asking “Santa’s elves and his reindeer can’t work all night through. With so little time and joyful children at stake, will you give Santa an exemption to **Bill 148**?”
- PC MPP **Steve Clark** asked, “From this side of the aisle, it’s plain to see. Premier, will you be accountable and sign the People’s Guarantee?”
- Eventually the Liberals began responding in verses they frantically scribbled at their seats.
 - Referring to his front-bench colleagues **Kathleen Wynne**, **Liz Sandals** and **Deb Matthews** who were all [wearing red blazers](#), Finance Minister **Charles Sousa** said, “On this side of the aisle, we thank the premier and the jolly red grandmothers of Ontario, who, like Santa Claus, care for all of our children.”

NDP lead-off

Hospital underfunding

- NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** again asked about overcrowding at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Hamilton. Horwath said Ontario has the lowest number of hospital beds per capita and the lowest amount of funding per bed in Canada. She also spoke about Sick Kids hospital, which she visited on Wednesday, and saw even its prestigious neonatal care unit is operating at 114 per cent capacity.
 - She asked the government to admit that the hallway medicine crisis in Ontario is not fearmongering.
- Health and Long-Term Care Minister **Dr. Eric Hoskins** said the government increase Sick Kids Hospital’s budget by \$9 million this year.

Hospital electricity bills

- NDP MPP **Sarah Campbell** said Dryden Regional Hospital in her riding is unable to afford its electricity bills because they surged by 300 per cent.
 - Campbell said the hospital came up with a capital plan to get the hospital off the grid but the government refuses to deliver the funding for its plan.

In response to a friendly Liberal question, Hoskins discussed the incoming OHIP+ plan, which will begin providing free drugs to people under the age of 26 in about two-and-a-half weeks on January 1, 2018.

Bills this session

Government bills

Ten government bills were granted Royal Assent by Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** during the fall session:

- **Bill 139**, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act;
- **Bill 142**, Construction Lien Act;
- **Bill 148**, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act;
- **Bill 152**, Representative Statute Law Amendment Act, (creating two new northern ridings);
- **Bill 154**, Cutting Unnecessary Red Tape Act;
- **Bill 160**, Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act;
- **Bill 163**, Protecting a Woman's Right to Access Abortion Services Act;
- **Bill 166**, Strengthening Protection for Ontario Consumers Act;
- **Bill 174**, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act; and
- **Bill 177**, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act (Budget Measures).

Private members' bills

Six private members' bills were granted Royal Assent by Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** during the fall session:

- **Bill 60**, Lebanese Heritage Month;
- **Bill 71**, Lung Health Act;
- **Bill 74**, Trans Day of Remembrance Act;
- **Bill 82**, Lawren Harris Day Act;
- **Bill 107**, Ontario Craft Beer Week Act; and
- **Bill 123**, Korean Heritage Month Act.

New lobbyist registrations

New lobbyist registrations from December 8 – 14, 2017

Organization — Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Mandatory WSIB Coverage for Residential & Group Home workers: SEIU Healthcare is advocating for the passage of Bill 145: WSIB Coverage for Workers in Residential Care Facilities and Group Homes Act, 2017 by MPP **John Fraser**.
- Education and Training for healthcare workers: Provide adequate training so healthcare workers can meet the changing needs of their patients and assume new roles and responsibilities where they work in hospitals, long-term care homes and in the community.

Client — Canada Green Building Council

Consultant — Brian Teefy

Firm — StrategyCorp Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Discussions with government officials to advocate investment and provincial support for energy benchmarking in Canada.
- To support policy development on energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction initiatives in buildings.
- To seek funding to assist in green building and green apprentice training initiatives.

Client — National Coalition Against Contraband Tobacco

Consultant — Michael Hutchison

Firm — Impact Public Affairs

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Enhanced resources for Law Enforcement - advocating for additional resources for law enforcement so that more seizures and arrests can be made against organized crime that is trafficking contraband.
- Public Awareness Campaign - asking that government commit to improving overall public awareness about contraband tobacco.

Client — Insurance Broker Association of Ontario

Consultant — Michael Hutchison

Firm — Impact Public Affairs

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Auto Insurance Reform: IBAO would like to be consulted as an industry expert on any changes to the Ontario auto product.

- IBAO also recognizes that a major cost driver on the auto insurance product has been zealous litigation incited by contingency and referral fees.
- IBAO believes there must be transparency in all legal costs surrounding auto insurance, including referral fees.
- Autonomous vehicle integration into the Ontario marketplace: IBAO would like to ensure that they are consulted on the integration of autonomous vehicles into the Ontario marketplace.
- IBAO would like to see the following as autonomous vehicles are integrated onto Ontario roads: vehicle owners retain responsibility for road safety - the insurance product must evolve so that the liability remains with the vehicle owner versus solely on the auto manufacturer; insurance should continue to be provided within the insurance sector; consumers must have access to their own data.
- IBAO would also like to be seen as a trusted adviser to the government as these changes will result in the need for increased consumer education.
- Changes to the Ontario labour laws under the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017: IBAO believes the overhaul of the existing system would result in negative economic consequences, including but not limited to, employee benefit programs, charitable giving and community stability in employment.
- Creation of the new Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA): IBAO would like to be consulted during the creation of the new FSRA.
- They also request that the transition from the current model to the new FSRA is completed over a sufficient length of time as to not destabilize the market.
- IBAO would like to act as a key adviser in this process to help ensure that this will be a modern regulator that can adapt to evolving consumer needs.

Client — Conceivable Dreams

Consultant — Grant Gonzales

Firm — Impact Public Affairs

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To raise awareness of fertility issues and to facilitate ongoing dialogue with Conceivable Dreams around the delivery of government funded fertility treatments.

Client — Dairy Farmers of Ontario

Consultant — Brian Zeiler-Kligman

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To educate about the dairy sector in general and the supply management system in particular - the contributions these make to the Ontario economy and the stability they provide to Ontario dairy farmers.

- Based on this outreach, secure ongoing support from Ontario public office holders for the supply management system.

Client — Atlantic Power Corporation

Consultant — Bonnie Hiltz

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To assist Atlantic Power with matters pertaining to the Long-Term Energy Plan in Ontario, in particular related to the treatment of Non-Utility Generators in Northern Ontario, power system planning, market evolution and the development of incremental capacity auctions.

Client — Scaffold Industry Association of Canada

Consultant — Walid Abou-Hamde

Firm — Policy Concepts Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Discussions with government about ways to strengthen the safety regime for working at heights, including the production of technical guidelines for suspended access equipment on construction sites.

Client — Oracle Utilities

Consultant — Robyn Gray

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Providing advice with respect to energy conservation and demand response (DR) programs for residential customers respecting both electricity and natural gas.
- Identifying barriers to residential sector participation in current programs and providing recommendations for enabling residential sector participation.
- Coordinating briefings regarding results of current Ontario pilot programs in conservation and behavioural demand-side management.
- Desired outcome would be the inclusion of energy literacy reports in local distribution company (LDC) conservation plans and consideration of the cost-effective carbon mitigation potential of energy literacy reports as part of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP).

Organization — Les Produit Water Protec TP INC

Consultant — Rene Berthiaume

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Asking for support of the application to change the Canadian construction and Plumbing code.

Organization — Amazon Corporate, LLC

Consultant — Steven de Eyre and Patrick Robert

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Promoting policies that support Amazon's continued growth and investment in Canada, including the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program, digital transformation of government, workplace law modernization, job creation and skills development, research and innovation, recycling and waste management, transportation systems, and economic development programs.

Client — MyHealth Partners Inc.

Consultant — Philip Dewan

Firm — Counsel Public Affairs Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Ensuring that the role of independent clinics for imaging remains viable under any changes resulting from **Bill 160**, Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017, re Schedule 6 proposing the Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017 and Schedule 9 proposing the Oversight of Health Facilities and Devices Act, 2017
- Programs and policies of the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care relating to the ownership, operation, licensing and regulation of PET/CT clinics and MRI/CT clinics, including the annual volume allocations for operation of PET/CT scanners in hospitals and Independent Health Facilities. Ensuring that the role of independent clinics for imaging remains viable under any changes resulting from Ministry response to Health Quality Ontario's July, 2016 "Report and Recommendations on Modernizing Ontario's Radiation Protection Legislation" and that funding is adequate for patient needs.

Client — Indivior Canada Inc.

Consultant — Philip Delistoyanov

Firm — 3Sixty Public Affairs

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To raise awareness of some of the new treatments being developed and that will soon be brought to Canada to address the opioid crisis, with a view to having these treatments covered under the provincial drug plan.

Client — Seine River First Nation

Consultant — Yaron Gersh

Firm — The CCS Group

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Seine River First Nation is seeking funds to complete their multi use community centre facility.

Client — Ontario Society of Nutrition Management

Consultant — Philip Gillies

Firm — Enterprise Canada

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Change to Long-Term Care Act 2007, Regulation 79-10, Section 75, 55 (2) regarding mandatory membership of nutrition managers in CSNM and/or OSNM.

Lobbyist re-registrations and amended registrations

New lobbyist registrations from December 8 – 14, 2017

Organization — Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association

Consultant — Margie Carlson, Marlene Coffey and Michelle Coombs

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To provide comment and advice on the government's recommendations for legislative changes expected for the Housing Services Act, Planning Act, Residential Tenancy Act and the Fire Code.
- Seek grants to conduct research to develop education programs relevant to non-profit housing corporations in Ontario.

Client — Keolis Canada

Consultant — Jackie Choquette

Firm — Hill+Knowlton Strategies

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Keolis is looking to provide feedback into the government's policy development regarding automated vehicles in Ontario.

Organization — OCAD University

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- OCAD University act change or other mechanism for full-degree granting capabilities and expropriation rights on par with other Ontario universities.
- University infrastructure, operating and research funding.

Client — UPS Canada Limited

Consultant — Paul Pellegrini

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To assist UPS Canada with communications to government around existing and potential plans to expand their facility in Ontario.

- Additionally, to assist UPS Canada with matters pertaining to future government programs for alternative fuel vehicles.

Organization — BASF Canada Inc.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Interact with Government of Ontario officials in regards to the following: certification, modification, and approval of BASF Canada's chemical portfolio; regulations which impact our facilities and operations in Ontario as well as the industries we serve; international trade topics; opportunities to collaborate with Government in areas such as innovation and technology, science education and related request for proposals infrastructure development.
- Interaction with Government of Ontario officials in regards to certification, modification and approval of BASF Canada's portfolio, including pesticides, herbicides and other agricultural chemicals. Interaction with Government of Ontario officials in regards to consultations to implement Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals as per Hazardous Products Act.
- Interaction with Government of Ontario officials in regards to hazardous product Act particularly the Controlled Products Regulations; Hazardous Products Regulations and the Hazardous Materials Information Review Regulations.

Organization — Valeant Canada Limited

Consultant — Martin Barbeau and Rosemarie Childerhose

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Ontario College of Chiropractors' drug list approval for Jublia, a topical toenail fungus medication that chiropractors have been trained on, and that saves the government money in the sense that patients do not have to see prescribing doctors redundantly to receive prescriptions.
- Cost-savings to the health care system.

Client — McKellar Structured Settlements

Consultant — Sarina Rehal

Firm — Crestview Strategy

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- McKellar Structured Settlements seeks to create a regulatory framework that assists individuals who choose to receive structured settlements through improved operations, consistent taxation regulation, and government benefit availability broader awareness of the benefits of structured settlements.

Client — Ontario Aquaculture Association

Consultant — Marcel Wieder

Firm — Aurora Strategy Group Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Broadening awareness of Ontario's aquaculture industry and the opportunities Ontario has to be a world leader.
- Providing input on Provincial Policy Objectives for Managing Effects of Cage Aquaculture Operations on the Quality of Water and Sediment in Ontario's Waters.
- Seeking clear and transparent rules for Ontario fish farmers.
- Requesting changes to tenure rules around open water net pen operations.

Organization — The Pollution Probe Foundation

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Increasing energy literacy through education, including youth engagement in energy issues.
- Promoting solutions for transportation system efficiency improvement.
- Optimizing the interaction between electric vehicle use and electricity distribution system operation.
- Supporting legislation that addresses the human health risks posed by environmental contaminants.
- Promote infrastructure development.

Organization — Greenbelt Fund

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To encourage and provide support to Ontario's agriculture and agri-food sector by increasing the amount of local food purchased across Ontario in the broader public sector and in the marketplace.
- Intended outcome is to replace imported food with locally grown food in Ontario, which will protect and create jobs in the agriculture and agri-food sectors, and promote economic development in Ontario overall.
- Investing in the food value chain through two of the funding streams of our Local Food Investment Fund: Broader Public Sector and Market Access.
- The Broader Public Sector stream invests in increasing local food purchases in public institutions, e.g. hospitals, universities, school boards.
- The Market Access stream invests in small and medium scale farmers/producers, processors, and distributors, with the primary goal of increasing their access to the new markets. Our investments support the objectives of the Province's Local Food Act.

Organization — Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Communications with government officials about activities related to implementing the Greenbelt Act and Plan, and activities that encourage a clean environment, promote agriculture and local food, and enhance tourism in Ontario's Greenbelt.
- Recapitalization of the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation Delivering Greenbelt related programs for Government.

Organization — 3M Canada Company

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Enhancing safety of motorists on Ontario's roadways through available technologies and programs focused on road safety and Ontario's vehicle registration system.
- Working, in collaboration with industry associations, to ensure manufacturing sector interests are taken into consideration in energy, climate change, taxation, employment and labour relations, and waste reduction policies.
- Working, in collaboration with industry associations, to provide input into government's health innovation agenda.
- Recommendations with respect to personal safety devices.
- Recommendations with respect to electrical equipment, energy efficiency and GHG reduction technologies.
- Working with industry partners to support Ontario Research Fund applications.

Client — Ontario Psychological Association

Consultant — Aleksandar Stosic

Firm — Stosic & Associates

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To expand the scope of practice for psychologists to prescribe psychotropic drugs and to empower psychologists in Ontario with the ability to write mental health forms.
- The OPA is seeking funds for a workshop to train more psychologists to address the needs of war related trauma victims.

Client — The Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall

Consultant — Micheline McKay

Firm — Micheline McKay + Associates

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Secure funding for Massey Hall revitalization

Client — Aimia Inc.

Consultant — Michael von Herff

Firm — PAA Public Affairs Advisors

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Maintaining communication with officials in identified Ministries with respect to policies, programs and initiatives relating to the Protecting Rewards Points Act.

Client — CUPE Employees' Pension Plan

Consultant — Murray Gold

Firm — Koskie Minsky LLP

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Assisting client with seeking a conversion to a jointly sponsored pension and relief or exemption from the solvency funding rules under Ontario Regulation 909 under the Pension Benefits Act.

Organization — Brookfield Energy Marketing Inc.

Consultant — Steven de Eyre and Patrick Robert

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Lobbying seeking clarification of province's treatment of electricity exports/imports under Cap and Trade regulations.
- Lobbying related to clean energy supply in the Long-Term Energy Plan, clean electricity imports, power market evolution, and implementation of provinces' Climate Change Action Plan.

Client — Bruce Trail Conservancy

Consultant — Jeffrey Bangs

Firm — Pathway Group Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Making recommendations to the government to encourage trail acquisition and improving access through Conservation Authorities and Ontario Parks.

Client — Dart Canada Inc.

Consultant — Jeffrey Bangs

Firm — Pathway Group Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Lobbying to expanding polystyrene collection in recycling streams under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act.

Client — Park and Recreation Ontario

Consultant — Peter Curtis and Jeffrey Bangs

Firm — Pathway Group Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Advocate on behalf of Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) for a dedicated recreation and sport infrastructure fund.
- Seek government support for the implementation of an Ontario Recreation Framework and PRO's Youth Engagement Project.
- Meet with government staff to provide feedback related to the Ontario Child Care and Early Years Strategy and the Modernization of Water Safety Regulations.
- Liaise with government staff to arrange meetings with PRO and appearances by Ministers at PRO events.

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