

RE: Ontario 360

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Hi Serge. Attached is the short paper I mentioned for the Ontario 360 project. I understand its going to launch in mid-April

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From: Vegh, George
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Imbrogno, Serge (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Ontario 360

Thanks. Let's definitely stay in touch. It's going to be an interesting year.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 24, 2018, at 10:25 AM, Imbrogno, Serge (ENERGY) <Serge.Imbrogno@ontario.ca> wrote:

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> Hi George,

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> Thanks for passing this along. I'm happy to chat any time. I also plan to reach out to you to get your insights as we move forward.

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> Serge

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Feb 24, 2018, at 8:25 AM, Vegh, George <gvegh@mccarthy.ca> wrote:

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>> Hi serge. Thanks for the convo earlier this week. You gave me a lot to think about. As discussed, attached is an internal announcement of the sppg's Ontario 360 initiative.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> Begin forwarded message:

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>> From: SPPG Director
<director.publicpolicy@UTORONTO.CA<mailto:director.publicpolicy@UTORONTO.CA>>

>> Date: February 21, 2018 at 3:59:06 PM EST

>> To: <SPPGTF-L@listserv.utoronto.ca<mailto:SPPGTF-L@listserv.utoronto.ca>>

>> Subject: Ontario 360

>> Reply-To: SPPG Director

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>> Dear Colleagues,

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>> I am very pleased to announce an exciting project occurring at SPPG. Sean Speer, our colleague and SPPG fellow, is leading Ontario 360, a project dedicated to open sourcing policy advice and ideas for Ontario. The guiding objective of this project is to invite leading thinkers – including SPPG faculty – to make actionable policy recommendations that might be considered by Ontario's political parties, our public service, and other policy actors. As you know, Ontario politics are exciting right now and an election is in the offing. But after all the excitement of the election, whichever party (or parties) form government will face a long list of daunting policy challenges. Our hope is that open sourced policy ideas will be picked up by all parties, will earn the attention of public servants, and will become

part of policy discourse, development, and implementation over the next five years.

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>> In practical terms, the project will do three things. First, it will put into the public a large number of thoughtful, rigorous, and accessible policy ideas. This will take the form both of a small number of longer papers, and a series of 30 shorter contributions (more on this below). Second, public events featuring prominent policy thinkers will engage policy makers, public servants, and those in politics, around the most important issues. Third, the project will provide whatever assistance is asked from those in the public service in helping to promote better policy and policy development in the coming months.

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>> I would like your help in this. Below, I have included the list of the 30 issues for which short papers will be written. Please recommend topics which you think are missing, and please recommend those who you think would be well suited to contribute on these issues.

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>> Finally, I want to let you know about how this project will benefit the School. It has always been my view that an important role for our School is to help improve policy discourse in the public, and to use the unparalleled knowledge we have within our School and University to improve public policy. We can add to this convening power, in that we can bring together policy thinkers from across the country in a way that other institutions cannot. At the same time, we must always seek to serve the greatest, broadest public good. We must be even-handed, non-partisan, open, and transparent. I think this project will do all of these things, and so I am very pleased to support it and I am thrilled that SPPG will be a home for it.

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>> To ensure that we are open and non-political, I do want you to know that I have convened an Advisory Council to oversee the project. It represents the breadth of the political spectrum in Ontario, and it includes participation from within our School. The members are Robert Prichard, Mel Cappe, Karim Bardeesy, Drew Fagan, Janice Stein, and Mark Cameron. We will be expanding it further in the coming days. The role of the Council is to provide advice and feedback on the collection of experts who will contribute to the project, while never directing individual experts in their recommendations. It is likewise to ensure that the project is received publicly in the even-handed and non-partisan way we intend. Finally, it is to provide ongoing advice as issues arise. I have also discussed the project with the top staff person in the political leadership of each party, as well as the Cabinet Secretary. There is support and enthusiasm for this project.

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>> I want to finally thank Sean Speer and Rudyard Griffiths for their leadership in initiating this project and their enthusiasm to have the project housed at SPPG.

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>> You will hear more about the project in the coming weeks. I encourage you to provide feedback to Sean and me on the list of topics below, including recommendations for potential authors. I also encourage you to let Sean know how you might want to be involved in the project.

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>> Best,

>> Peter

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>> 18. Youth unemployment

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