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Ontario is partnering in the biggest expansion of Kawartha Dairy's facilities in the company's 80-year history, helping to create 10 new jobs and secure 115 existing jobs in Bobcaygeon. Premier Kathleen Wynne was at the renowned dairy today to announce the government's support for a new state-of-the-art refrigeration facility. This investment, through the Eastern Ontario Development Fund, will help the family-owned company better ensure consistent product quality and explore new product lines so it can expand its domestic and export markets. Kawartha Dairy makes all of its products using fresh milk from Ontario farms and is an important employer in the Kawartha region. The government's support for the new facility will help the company build upon its success while also strengthening the province's food processing sector. **Investing in Eastern Ontario businesses is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.**

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Also today:

- Steven Del Duca, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Julie Dzerowicz, Member of Parliament for Davenport, and Toronto Mayor John Tory reiterated their commitment to expanding Toronto's Bike Share system. The Government of Ontario provided \$4.9 million to the Toronto Parking Authority in 2016 to double the size of their network, adding 80 new Bike Share stations and 800 new bikes in downtown Toronto. The Government of Canada and the City of Toronto will each contribute \$1.25 million towards 50 stations, and the City will contribute an additional \$1.5 million to fund another 20 stations for the Bike Share Toronto system. Over the month of August, the 70 new Bike Share Toronto stations that will be put in place across the city will bring the total number of stations in Toronto to 270 with 2,750 bikes and 4,700 docks. Designed to enhance Toronto's public transit and transportation network, the new Bike Share locations will be in close proximity to TTC subway stations and streetcar stops. Bike Share Toronto now has almost 9,500 active members. Riders have travelled a total of 16,847,127 kms since 2011, offsetting 3,200,954 kg of Co2 emissions. Ontario is making the largest investment in hospitals, schools, roads, bridges and public transit in the province's history. To learn more about infrastructure projects in your community, go to Ontario.ca/BuildON. **Increasing transit options for commuters across Ontario is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.**

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.