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For the first time in more than 40 years, Ontario residents and visitors can enjoy a spectacular part of Toronto's waterfront at Ontario Place's newly opened park and trail. Premier Kathleen Wynne and Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, were at Ontario Place today to unveil the new Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail, and officially open them to the public. The opening is the first milestone in the province's plan to transform the iconic landmark into a vibrant, year-round destination for people of all ages. To create the new Trillium Park, a seven-and-a-half acre parking lot was converted into green space using ideas from people across Ontario. The new site features an open-air pavilion, as well as open spaces to host art fairs, film festivals, yoga classes, school groups and food vendors. The William G. Davis Trail, named for Ontario's Premier at the time of Ontario Place's opening in 1971, is a 1.3 kilometre-long trail that connects the new park to the Trans Canada Trail. Other highlights of the park include:

- The Ravine with Moccasin Identifier: Developed in collaboration with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, a moccasin etching in this gateway to the park provides a visual reminder to celebrate and honour the history and culture of Indigenous peoples
- The Bluff: Stacked boulders and rocks from a Muskoka quarry are located along the trail, symbolizing the prehistoric Lake Iroquois shoreline.

Transforming Ontario Place is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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Also today:

- Ontario is investing in new and renovated schools across the province to provide students with the best possible learning environments, and improve access to high-quality, licensed child care for families. Education Minister Mitzi Hunter was joined by MPP for Ancaster—Dundas—Flamborough—Westdale Ted McMeekin at Glen Brae Elementary School in Hamilton today to announce 38 new capital projects in schools across the province to build modern learning environments and improve programming opportunities for students. This investment in students across Ontario includes:
 - 10 new schools
 - 28 renovations and additions
 - A combined total of 460 new licensed child care spaces for young children and their families.Investing in new and renovated schools and increasing access to high-quality child care is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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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** 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.