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Premier Kathleen Wynne is inviting the public to share their ideas and ask their questions about education, health care, job security and other issues that matter most to people in Ontario. Following her wide-ranging town hall in Toronto on November 20, Premier Wynne will host a second meeting today, December 13, in Peel Region. The Premier's Town Hall will take place at [Century Gardens Recreation Centre](#) at 340 Voddan Street East in Brampton. Admission is free at the event, which is open to anyone who wants to share their thoughts on the government's plan to create a fairer, better Ontario for everyone. **General admission seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Century Gardens Recreation Centre. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and the Premier's Town Hall will start at 7:00 p.m.**

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Also Today:

- Ontario families can now access rebates to complete low-carbon, energy-efficient renovations to their homes through a new program from the Green Ontario Fund, a non-profit provincial agency funded by proceeds from the province's cap on pollution and carbon market. New GreenON Rebates will cover:
 - o Up to \$7,200 off new insulation and a \$100 rebate for air sealing
 - o Up to \$20,000 to install ENERGY STAR certified ground source heat pumps (home geothermal), to save up to 65 per cent in home heating costs, or up to \$4,500 to repair existing heat pump systems
 - o Up to \$5,800 off air source heat pumps that are ENERGY STAR certified or meet program requirements, to save up to 50 per cent in home heating costs.
 - o Up to \$5,000 for replacement windows that meet program requirementsIn addition to the renovation rebates, homeowners and tenants can access a \$100 smart thermostat rebate through a partnership with Save on Energy. The province is also launching GreenON Support, offering free impartial advice from energy experts to help consumers learn how they can save money and reduce their carbon footprint through home upgrades. Visit [GreenON.ca](#) to find out how small – or big – changes in your home can help save money while reducing greenhouse gas pollution.

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- Today, Ontario passed legislation that will strengthen protection for consumers making significant purchases, such as travel services, event tickets and real estate. The Strengthening Protection for Ontario Consumers Act will:
 - o Introduce stronger rules and professional standards in the real estate sector, including new measures to address conflict of interest issues that arise in multiple representation situations and heavier fines for Code of Ethics violations by real estate professionals.
 - o Strengthen confidence in Ontario's new home warranties by enabling the establishment of two administrative authorities — one to administer the new home

- warranty program and the other to regulate new home builders and vendors.
- o Further protect consumers buying travel services by enabling the creation of new rules for representations, such as advertising by out of province travel businesses that target people in Ontario, creating a registration requirement for individual travel salespersons and improving compliance with the rules by enhancing enforcement tools, such as administrative penalties and compliance orders.
 - o Help prevent ticket fraud and excessive markups in the resale ticket market, including banning ticket bots, capping the resale price of tickets at 50 per cent above face value, requiring businesses selling or reselling tickets to disclose key information to consumers and establishing new enforcement measures.

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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 through OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare**, providing free **tuition to over 210,000 students** and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, 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.