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- **Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa is considering a tax on foreign home buyers (A4)**

A foreign buyers' tax is back on the table in Ontario, with the finance minister saying Thursday its one possible option he's looking at to cool the housing market. Finance Minister Charles Sousa said last year that Ontario would not follow the lead of British Columbia, which imposed a 15-per-cent tax on foreign nationals buying real estate in the Vancouver area. Sousa said Thursday that he is "keenly aware" of how quickly house prices have risen over the past year. "A year ago I was thinking, 'Let market forces prevail,'" Sousa said. "But now I'm concerned about...the ability of people to enter the marketplace. (There are) bidding wars everywhere you go, it appears, and I'm sensitive to that. I'm sensitive to the degree of fast appreciation in the short term and what will that do over the long term." In Ontario, the housing market has been heating up not just in Toronto, but across the whole Golden Horseshoe.

- **Three hundred schools in Ontario are being considered for closure (A10)**

Three hundred schools in Ontario are on the chopping block, the education minister said Thursday, two days after she refused to provide a figure she called "arbitrary." Mitzie Hunter was not in question period Wednesday, but told the legislature Thursday that there are 43 reviews currently underway involving 300 schools and in the 2016-17 academic year; school boards have decided to close 19 schools. While the closure decisions are made by school boards, the opposition parties are slamming the Liberal government for a lack of transparency about the process, and say the guidelines for those closure considerations need to be changed. The Progressive Conservatives have called for a moratorium on school closures and a review of those guidelines.

- **Premier Kathleen Wynne visits small businesses and highlights the benefits of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (A11)**

Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Guelph yesterday to highlight how Ontario is lowering electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for households and small businesses, as part of a significant system restructuring that will address long-standing policy challenges and ensure greater fairness. Premier Wynne and MPP Liz Sandals visited two small businesses in Guelph that will benefit from Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. Starting this summer, small businesses that receive a time-of-use bill similar to residential customers will be eligible for the 25 per cent cut.

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- **Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa has changed his mind and is considering a tax on foreign home buyers (A2)**

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■ **Three hundred schools in Ontario are being considered for closure (A9)**

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■ **Finance Minister Charles Sousa says the Ontario government is considering a foreign homebuyers tax (2)**

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■ **Three hundred schools in Ontario are under review and being considered for closure (3)**

Ontario Education Minister Mitzie Hunter says there are 300 schools under review and being considered for closure. The opposition has called for a moratorium on school closures. Minister Hunter said in the 2016-17 academic year; school boards have decided to close 19 schools.

■ **Cannabis Culture pot shops raided in Toronto (5)**

Today, police raided Cannabis Culture pot shops in Toronto. Attorney General Yasir Naqvi said: "The only way to legally sell medicinal marijuana right now in Canada; is through Canada Post. We've been very clear that these marijuana stores are illegal and it's obviously; totally within the discretion of the local police service to implement the laws."

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- **Seven Ontario politicians who might replace Premier Kathleen Wynne (A-5)**
According to some media reports, there are whispers at Queen's Park about who might replace Premier Kathleen Wynne as Liberal Party Leader if her 25 per cent hydro rate cut gambit fails to improve her popularity. Names of seven Ontario politicians are mentioned in power corridors.
 - **Kathleen Wynne announces 25 per cent to hydro bills (C-1)**
The Ontario government has announced a 25 per cent relief on hydro bills across the province. It includes the removal of the 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST that took effect on January 1st.
 - **Brampton mayor shared city's budget priorities with the finance minister (C-1)**
Finance Minister Charles Sousa met with Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey to discuss Brampton's priorities for the new Ontario budget. Mayor Jeffrey shared her city's concerns about auto-insurance rates, expanding GO train service and investing in infrastructure.
- Ontario extends deadline for immigration applications (C-1)**
Ontario has extended the deadline for foreign graduate students to apply for permanent residency following complaints of technical glitches in the online application process.
- Ontario considering big changes to workplace laws (C-3)**
The Ontario government is considering changes to the laws governing work in the province. The Changing Workplaces Review is examining current labour laws and the resulting proposals could signal the most significant changes in the law since Mike Harris was premier.

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- **Ontario combating systemic racism, breaking down barriers (10)**
Ontario has released a new three-year strategy to combat systemic racism and break down barriers for racialized people across the province. Michael Coteau, Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism, announced the plan called “A Better Way Forward: Ontario's 3-Year Anti-Racism Strategic Plan”.
- **Minister of the Status of Women issues statement on Women Week (10)**
Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of the Status of Women, has said in a media release that Ontario will join in the worldwide celebration of International Women’s Week 2017. She said the government is committed to the strength and success of women and girls.
- **Ontario cutting electricity bills by 25 per cent (10)**
Ontario is lowering electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential customers as part of a system restructuring. Starting this summer, Ontario’s “Fair Hydro Plan” will provide households with a 25 per cent break.

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- **Ontario Accepting More Skilled Newcomers (Page 15)**
The Ontario government announced that it is accepting more skilled newcomers through its Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP). A news release from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration said the federal government has increased the province's 2017 allocation by 500 nominees to a total of 6,000. Nominees include skilled workers, international students, experienced entrepreneurs, and key staff or foreign corporations seeking to expand in Ontario. Laura Albanese, Ontario's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier and Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, were at the University of Toronto's Centre for International Experience on Thursday to make the announcement.

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- **Minister of Children and Youth Services Proposes New Legislation to Deal with Systemic Racism (Page 2)**
Minister of Children and Youth Services, Michael Coteau, spoke to *the Caribbean Camera* about the introduction of the new Child, Youth and Family Services Act. The proposed legislation would affirm Ontario's commitment to diversity and inclusion, and recognize that systemic racism creates barriers for children, youth and families, he said. Ontario will also support the delivery of more culturally appropriate child welfare services to Black youth and their families by supporting the implementation of the One Vision One Voice initiative in children's aid societies. Minister Coteau also noted that a highlight of the strategy will be "the ability to obligate ministries and systems" to collect race-based data and an awareness and/or education campaign about racism. He said details will be released before the current parliamentary session of the Ontario legislature ends next June.
- **York School Board Trustee Resigns Over Racial Slur (Page 3)**
York Region District School Board trustee, Nancy Elgie, has resigned after calling a black

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parent a derogatory term last November. “I hope that this will allow trustees to move forward and focus on the many important issues they face. And that it will enable a process of healing and restoration to begin,” she said. Ontario Education Minister Mitzie Hunter had previously said that the board cannot get past all of its challenges until Elgie stepped down.