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- **International Trade Minister Michael Chan is against implementing a foreign homebuyers' tax because it will hurt Ontario's image (A4)**
Recently, there has been a lot of speculation on whether the Ontario government will implement a foreign homebuyers' tax. International Trade Minister Michael Chan said he is paying close attention to this issue; but according to Ontario's housing transaction data; foreign buyers only make up 5% of the market. So it's not fair to pin the issue of rising real estate prices on foreign homebuyers. Implementing a foreign homebuyers' tax will cause international business people to feel as though Ontario doesn't welcome foreign investment, which will give Ontario a bad image. Minister Chan feels one of the main reasons for rising real estate prices is that over 100,000 new immigrants arrive in Ontario each year.
- **Ontario's new child protection law are being criticized (A8)**
Ontario's "historic" promise to put children at the heart of its proposed new child protection law is at risk because of words that water down their voices. That's the conclusion of Irwin Elman, the province's advocate for children and youth, and Kiaras Gharabaghi, director of Ryerson University's School of Child and Youth Care, after a close reading of Bill 89. They are calling for amendments to the act, aimed at overhauling the system that oversees children's aid societies and youth justice. The proposed act was introduced late last year by Michael Coteau, minister of children and youth services. The legislation passed last week with all-party support. The bill extends the age of protection to 18 from 16.
- **The Macau and Canada Economic and Trade Association holds a promotion gala (A10)**
A few days ago, the Macau and Canada Economic and Trade Association held a promotion gala. Close to 400 people attended the event, including International Trade Minister Michael Chan and MPP Han Dong. Premier Kathleen Wynne also issued a letter of congratulations.

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- **Finance Minister Michael Chan believes the best way to solve the issue of rising real estate prices is to build up (build condos) (A4)**
On March 9th, Finance Minister Charles Sousa announced he has changed his mind and is now considering a foreign homebuyers' tax similar to the one already in place in British Columbia. Ontario International Trade Minister Michael Chan said in his opinion, implementing a foreign homebuyers' tax will not solve the issue of rising real estate prices. Minister Chan said the GTA real estate market is mainly comprised of local buyers. Canada accepts two hundred thousand to three hundred thousand new immigrants each year. Out of that number, approximately 130,000 will settle in the GTA. Minister Chan said he believes the best solution is to build up, meaning build more apartments and condos.
- **Premier Kathleen Wynne attends a celebration event for Pacific Mall's 21st anniversary (A8)**
Picture with caption: Yesterday, Pacific Mall in Markham celebrated its 21st anniversary. Premier Kathleen Wynne and International Trade Minister Michael Chan attended the celebration event.

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- **Premier Kathleen Wynne and International Trade Minister Michael Chan attended a celebration event for Pacific Mall's 21st anniversary (7)**
Yesterday, Pacific Mall in Markham celebrated its 21st anniversary. Premier Kathleen Wynne and International Trade Minister Michael Chan attended the celebration event and issued a congratulatory message.
- **International Women's Day on March 8th (14)**
International Women's Day took place on March 8th. International Trade Minister Michael Chan was asked about his opinion on International Women's Day. Minister Chan said the Ontario Liberal government places high importance on equality for women. The Ontario Liberal government has also emphasized that it's important for men and women to be treated equally and have the same rights. Our society won't become truly advanced until women finally have the same opportunities to showcase their abilities and leadership.

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- **Big Ontario festivals (A-2)**
In celebration of Ontario's 150th anniversary, the province will be hosting a number of festivals and events this year. The events are meant to show that the province is a vibrant place to live and visit. Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, said festivals and events bring local communities together.
- **Ontario's \$61 million anti-racism strategy (A-3)**
The province has released a report called "A Better Way Forward: Ontario's 3-Year Anti-Racism Strategic Plan." The plan outlines a strategy for combatting and dismantling systemic racism in order to achieve fairer outcomes for marginalized people.
- **Province making family court system easier to navigate (A-10)**
Ontario is helping families by making it easier for them to navigate family courts and access the legal assistance they need. Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General said navigating the family justice system can be difficult and confusing. Last year, Ontario and the Law Society of Upper Canada asked the Honourable Annemarie E. Bonkalo to lead a review to consider whether a broader range of service providers could deliver certain family legal services.

More opportunities for women and girls in sport (A12)
Ontario is increasing opportunities for women and girls in sport with several new initiatives that provide equal access to programs, training and coaching. Premier Kathleen Wynne and Tourism, Culture and Sport Minister Eleanor McMahon were at University of Toronto's Varsity Centre to unveil the new initiatives.

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- **Students wanted: This is not your ordinary summer job (5)**

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Ontario is offering summer employment opportunities to help students develop important skills, gain meaningful experience and learn more about a career in natural resource management. Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry has said “These opportunities encourage young people to care for our environment while providing them valuable field experience.”

- **Mayor Jeffrey discusses Brampton’s provincial pre-budget priorities with Minister Charles Sousa (6)**

Minister Charles Sousa visited Brampton City Hall to meet with Mayor Linda Jeffrey, and to discuss Brampton’s 2017 pre-budget submission and other important priorities.

- **Ontario cutting electricity bills by 25 per cent (7)**

Ontario is lowering electricity bills by an average of 25 per cent for all residential customers through the Fair Hydro Plan. MPP Amrit Mangat has said “Many small businesses in Mississauga-Brampton South would also benefit from the initiative.”

School closures contrary to community hub program (9)

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said that an internal Liberal government document obtained by the NDP has revealed that the government knows its closing schools based on skewed utilization numbers.

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- **No relevant news**

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- **Cut in hydro bills will benefit families and small businesses: Mangat (3)**

Amrit Mangat, MPP of Mississauga-Brampton South said that the government’s plan to cut electricity prices by 25 per cent cut will benefit families and small businesses across the province. Families and businesses in Mississauga Brampton South will also benefit from the cut.

- **Finance Minister Charles Sousa meets Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey (4)**

Finance Minister Charles Sousa met with Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey at Brampton City Hall to discuss the city’s priorities for Ontario’s 2017 budget. Mayor Jeffrey shared Brampton’s concerns with the minister.