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- **Finance Minister Charles Sousa says he plans to include housing affordability measures in his upcoming budget (A2)**

Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa confirmed Monday he plans to include housing affordability measures in his upcoming budget. Premier Kathleen Wynne has said her government is working on a "comprehensive set of plans," to deal with rising home prices in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), as well as rising rental rates. Sousa said he'd like to include those plans in the spring budget. There is a "suite of options" available to Ontario, but the province must be careful to avoid "unintended consequences" from those measures, he said. Just prior to the release of the federal budget, Sousa had asked Finance Minister Bill Morneau for changes to the taxation of capital gains on the sale of homes that are not classified as a primary residence, as a way to address speculative investors flipping homes.

- **Sources say the federal Liberal government will announce legislation that will legalize marijuana next summer (A6)**

The Liberal government will announce legislation next month that will legalize marijuana in Canada by July 1, 2018. The legislation will be announced during the week of April 10 and will broadly follow the recommendation of a federally appointed task force that was chaired by former justice minister Anne McLellan. Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa said the province is still considering its options on how marijuana sales will be handled. "The recommendation is to have government oversight in regards to how it's distributed. The Attorney General's Office already does a lot of that be it in alcohol, be it in tobacco, be it in spirits, wine, beer," Sousa told reporters at Queen's Park. "Those models exist and we're looking at putting something in place that would be most appropriate."

- **The York Region District School Board is being investigated for serious racism issues (A10)**

Parents and community members are urging the Ministry of Education to push for sweeping change within the troubled York Region District School Board, including the dismissal of its director of education and hiring a public ombudsman to deal with complaints. The recommendations come as ministry investigators wrap up their investigation of the scandal-plagued board. Ministry troubleshooters Patrick Case and Sue Herbert have conducted interviews involving about 125 people, including parents, community members, students, current and former staff, unions, professional associations and trustees, according to a ministry spokeswoman.

- **Ontario has appointed its first Chief Digital officer (A10)**

The province has appointed Hillary Hartley as Ontario's first Chief Digital Officer to streamline online government services and make them more efficient for people and business. Ms. Hartley will assume the role in April. She has the important job of setting and executing Ontario's digital government agenda, which will put people first and make

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services simpler, faster and better for users. The Minister Responsible for Digital Government and Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, Deb Matthews, said: "I'm thrilled to welcome Hillary Hartley to Ontario as our Chief Digital Officer, and to have her tremendous expertise as we continue to make it easier for people to access and use the services they depend on from government."

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- **Chinese organizations will post a signature form in newspapers to collect 100,000 signatures in support of Bill 79 (A1)**

The campaign to collect 100,000 signatures in support of Bill 79, which would proclaim December 13 in each year as Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day, is underway. Up until now, the campaign has collected approximately 60,000 signatures. Over the next 30-40 days, the campaign will post a signature form in newspapers for people to fill out. MPP Soo Wong was the one who introduced this private member's bill.

- **Housing affordability measures will be included in Ontario's upcoming budget (A7)**

Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa confirmed Monday he plans to include housing affordability measures in his upcoming budget. Premier Kathleen Wynne has said her government is working on a "comprehensive set of plans," to deal with rising home prices in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), as well as rising rental rates. Sousa said he'd like to include those plans in the spring budget. There is a "suite of options" available to Ontario, but the province must be careful to avoid "unintended consequences" from those measures, he said. Sousa also spoke about pressures on both the supply and demand side of the GTHA housing market. "Demand is high for a number of factors," he said. "Could be speculators, could be people from outside the country, it could very well be the many who are now moving into Ontario creating that demand." "The degree of supply is in question and how to expedite that is also something we're trying to address," he added. Just prior to the release of the federal budget, Sousa had asked Finance Minister Bill Morneau for changes to the taxation of capital gains on the sale of homes that are not classified as a primary residence, as a way to address speculative investors flipping homes.

- **The federal government will introduce legislation next month that will legalize marijuana next summer (A7)**

As CBC News first reported Sunday night, the Liberal government will announce legislation next month that will legalize marijuana in Canada by July 1, 2018. The legislation will be announced during the week of April 10 and will broadly follow the recommendation of a federally appointed task force that was chaired by former justice minister Anne McLellan. The bill would propose putting the federal government in charge of ensuring the country's marijuana supply is safe and secure, and Ottawa will license producers. But the provinces will have the right to decide how marijuana is distributed and sold. Provincial governments will also have the right to set prices. Ontario Attorney General Yasir Naqvi said there have been "no decisions" on a distribution policy ahead of the federal bill being tabled.

- **The 21st annual ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards ceremony (A9)**

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On March 25th, the 21st annual ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards ceremony took place. Over 1,000 people attended the event, including representatives from all three levels of government. Ontario International Trade Minister Michael Chan and Minister David Zimmer were both in attendance.

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■ **Sixty thousand signatures have been collected in support of Bill 79, but more is needed (4)**

Over 60,000 signatures have been collected in support of Bill 79. Bill 79 was introduced by MPP Soo Wong and would proclaim December 13 in each year as Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day. A number of Chinese organizations held a press conference yesterday and said the campaign to collect signatures would continue until the end of April and the goal is to collect 100,000 signatures. MPP Soo Wong said she has already forwarded 23,000 signatures to the Ontario legislature and will forward the rest of the signatures in the future.

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■ **MPP Soo Wong and a number of Chinese organizations are urging the public to support Bill 79 (3)**

The campaign to collect 100,000 signatures in support of Bill 79, which would proclaim December 13 in each year as Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day, is underway. The private member's bill was introduced by MPP Soo Wong. A number of Chinese organizations that support the bill and MPP Soo Wong continue to urge members of the Chinese community to sign the petition. Up until now, the campaign has collected over 60,000 signatures.

■ **The Ontario government wants to first analyze federal legislation that will legalize marijuana before making any policy decisions (4)**

The Liberal government will announce legislation next month that will legalize marijuana in Canada by July 1, 2018. Attorney General Yasir Naqvi said: "I think it's really important that we look at the legislation, be able to analyze the federal legislation because that is going to allow; give us the parameters under which we will be working." Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca said: "I have grave concerns about the impact on road safety."

The 21st annual ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards ceremony (9)

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- **No relevant news**

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- **Women recognized for community service (A-18)**
MPP Amrit Mangat of Mississauga-Brampton South recently honoured women and girls nominated under the province's Leading Women/Leading Girls Building Communities Recognition Program. The program acknowledges and celebrates women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in working to improve the lives of others in their communities.

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- **MPP Amrit Mangat honoured women and girls community leaders (GTA-2)**
MPP Amrit Mangat of Mississauga-Brampton South honoured community leaders and young girls for their exceptional work in the community. Six women and girl leaders were recognized under the Leading Women/Leading Girls Building Communities Recognition Program.

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- **Ontario and Quebec support Clean Water Initiative in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region (6)**
In recognition of the United Nations' World Water Day, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard released a joint statement. They stated that Ontario and Quebec will work with neighbouring US states through the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers and with other governments of Canada and the United States to find solutions to common challenges.
- **Premier Kathleen Wynne allowing privatization of health care through rise of for-profit clinics and services: NDP (6)**
NDP Health Critic France Gelinas has criticized Premier Kathleen Wynne for the deep cuts to the province's public health care system. MPP Gelinas says that the Premier has allowed private for-profit health companies to flourish while Ontarians are being charged for health care. She also blames the Premier for the long wait times patients experience before receiving treatment.
- **Horwath presses Wynne to protect all renters in Ontario (8)**
Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath has asked Premier Kathleen Wynne to stop allowing massive, unfair rent hikes. Horwath has said that the bill the NDP are tabling in

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the Legislature will close the loopholes that have thousands of renters at risk.

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- **MPP Mangat honours women and girls (5)**

MPP Amrit Mangat of Mississauga-Brampton South has honoured six women and girls for their contribution for the community. The Leading Women/Leading Girls Building Communities Recognition Program honours women leaders who play exemplary role for the empowerment of the women.

- **Liberals hydro ad campaign causes contempt in the Legislature: PC Party (5)**

Opposition party leaders have criticised the government's hydro advertisement campaign which announces the province's plan to cut 25 per cent off the hydro bills. PC Leader Patrick Brown said ad campaign serves no purpose other than to regain Premier Kathleen Wynne's popularity. Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault defended the advertisements. He stated that it is important for the government to let everyone know about the 25 per cent rate cut.