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- **Hong Kong buyers will have the 15% non-resident speculation tax covered for a condo development on Yonge Street (A2)**

An ad near a Metro station in Hong Kong is offering to cover Ontario's Foreign Buyers Tax for investors in Toronto condos. Ontario's Finance Minister Charles Sousa doesn't see a problem. He says as long as the tax is being collected, it doesn't matter who pays for it. Last month the Ontario government introduced a 15% cent non-resident speculation tax aimed at cooling down the market. The Toronto developer says the ad came from a local third-party broker and while the ad featured a copy of the Menkes Developments logo, it was not authorized by the company.

- **The number of opioid prescriptions filled in Ontario grew significantly over three years (A6)**

The number of opioid prescriptions filled in Ontario grew significantly over three years, affecting almost one in seven people. A new report from Health Quality Ontario released Wednesday found that close to 14 per cent of the population filled prescriptions for the highly addictive and potent medications in the 2015/16 fiscal year. Ontario Health Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins said in a statement Wednesday the report would help "strengthen" the provincial government's response to the opioid crisis.

- **The York Region District School Board will apologize to the black community (A8)**

Charline Grant's public fight against the York Region District School Board came to an end this week, after the two parties agreed to a mediated settlement of three human rights complaints the York parent had filed over the past year, outlining discrimination she and her family had experienced at the hands of the board. Among them, allegations that her son was called "intimidating" and "angry" by his teachers because of his race, and then the high-profile incident last fall, when Grant herself was called the "N-word" by an elected trustee. As part of the minutes of settlement, obtained by the Star, the board has agreed to take a dozen concrete steps to tackle racism within the board including ongoing anti-racism training for all staff, creating additional supports for black males in the board and in a rare step, even offering an apology to the Grants and the black community, acknowledging that they had come across as "hostile" and "dismissive" to the families' concerns. The settlement comes as the new interim director, Kathi Wallace, takes the helm of a school board that has been mired in controversy over the past year.

- **The Ontario government will invest \$190 million over 13 years on infrastructure projects (A11)**

Premier Kathleen Wynne was at Etobicoke General Hospital in Toronto yesterday to announce that shovels are in the ground on hundreds of projects around the province, with many scheduled to be completed this summer. This busy construction season is part of the greatest investment in infrastructure in Ontario's history -- \$190 billion over 13 years beginning in 2014-15. Premier Wynne said: "Making sure Ontario's hospitals,

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schools, highways and transit systems are in good repair and building new ones, when needed, is key to our quality of life. I am excited to see so many shovels in the ground across our province — and so much work being completed. The hundreds of construction projects underway this summer will make a real difference to people in their everyday lives.”

- **The Ontario budget has been passed (A11)**

Yesterday Ontario passed the Stronger, Healthier Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2017, which includes significant investments in health care and education, including free prescription medications for everyone aged 24 and under through OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare, starting in January 2018. The 2017 Budget will help strengthen Ontario's economy by investing in people, communities and businesses across the province. As a leader in economic growth, the Province is set to balance the budget this year and maintain a balanced budget for the next two years. A balanced budget means more funding for the programs and services people rely on most.

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- **A real estate ad has surfaced in Hong Kong promising to cover Ontario's recently-implemented foreign buyers' tax (A2)**

A real estate ad has surfaced in Hong Kong promising to cover Ontario's recently-implemented foreign buyers' tax and a rent guarantee of up to one year for the first 30 buyers of units in a downtown Toronto condo building. It is not clear who the ad claims would pay for the incentives, but Menkes Developments, the Toronto developer mentioned on the ad, says it came from a local third-party broker – not them. “Offering this kind of incentive to prospective buyers is permitted but developers are still better off to selling to Canadian citizens and permanent residents rather than paying the NRST for a foreign buyer”, the Ontario Ministry of Finance said in a statement. “We've seen throughout many industries that businesses use promotions including “pay no tax” to encourage sales of their product. Regardless of these promotions, the tax is still paid to the government.”

- **The Ontario and federal governments will provide \$58.8 million in funding for 450 new affordable housing units (A5)**

Ontario is investing in more than 450 new affordable housing units in Toronto, to help ensure that everyone in the city has a safe and affordable place to call home. Minister of Housing Chris Ballard attended the project's announcement and highlighted a \$58.8 million investment from the province and federal government in affordable housing in Toronto. The project received funding from the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario through the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) agreement. Over the next three years, Ontario will invest more than \$2 billion in affordable and sustainable housing across the province, with \$600 million going towards the City of Toronto.

- **A centre where people can learn about electric vehicles and take them for a test drive has opened (A10)**

A centre where people can learn about electric vehicles and take them for a test drive has opened in Toronto with the help of \$1 million from the Ontario government. Environment Minister Glen Murray said the Plug'n Drive Electric Vehicle Discovery

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Centre is considered the first of its kind and its goal is to convince people to switch to electric vehicles in order to fight climate change. Visitors to the centre, which opened on Wednesday, can learn how electric vehicles work and about Ontario government subsidies and rebates for electric car owners. The Opposition called the centre a “pet project” of Murray’s and said the \$1 million, which came from revenue from the province’s cap and trade program, would be better in taxpayer’s pockets.

- **Tian Bao travel agency organizes a free tour to Ottawa for new immigrants (B4)**
On May 14th (Mother’s Day), Tian Bao travel agency organized a free tour to Ottawa for new immigrants. Ontario Immigration Minister Michael Chan attended the tour’s kick-off ceremony and welcomed new immigrants attending the tour.

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- **The Ontario government announces hundreds of infrastructure projects (8)**
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- **No news broadcast.**

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- **No relevant news**

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- **Improving health of mother and babies (6)**
The province will be supporting mothers and babies with new and expanded health care services, including more midwives, enhanced newborn screening and increased support for vulnerable babies. John Fraser, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care made the announcement in Ottawa.
- **Ontario cutting electricity bills by 25 per cent (7)**
Ontario has introduced legislation that would, if passed, lower electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential customers. The proposed Fair Hydro Act 2017 would result in lower electricity bills for all residential customers and as many as half a million small businesses and farms.

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- **No relevant news**

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- **Ontario NDP to vote against Liberal government's hydro bill plan (1)**
Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath has said her party will vote against the Liberal government's plan to lower hydro bills. The Ontario NDP are calling the Fair Hydro Plan a ploy to buy votes for the next provincial elections.

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