

MYAP Priorities

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Commented [AL(1)]: We've been advised by PO to refer to this as Cannabis from now on.

1. OHIP+

- Current status: MOHLTC has set up biweekly steering committee meetings, led by DM Bell, to guide implementation (CO/PO attend).
 - At the inaugural bi-weekly meeting (May 11, 2017), MOHLTC shared an initial high level project plan, including program design assumptions and milestones – no concerns from PO. DM Bell noted the ministry is very confident they will deliver on the January 1, 2018 target.
- Key Risks:
 - Implementation/delivery: for example, supporting IT, informing delivery partners/stakeholders of program details; alignment with other government initiatives (e.g. Basic Income)
 - Fiscal: proposed to be an open-ended program; financial projections to be re-evaluated during program design
 - Program Design: PO interest in ensuring that any savings for children/youth from private benefit coverage will go back to patients. This may be challenging to implement and may raise concerns from private businesses/insurance providers.
 - Stakeholder Engagement: MOHLTC has noted they are not consulting with stakeholders on program design (given budget direction was very clear), but will engage on implementation.

2. Child Care

- Budget announced proposed investments to support access to licensed child care for 24,000 more children through new fee subsidies and spaces.
- EDU to release a *Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework and Expansion Strategy* in spring 2017
- EDU to report back in 2018 on specific components of framework and expansion strategy (e.g. proposal to implement expansion of child care on reserve; outcomes of review of child care and early years funding framework and proposed changes).
- High stakeholder/public expectations and delivery risks (e.g., sector capacity, accountability for expansion) and financial risks (further assessment required in context of 2017 Ontario Budget proposed investments).

3. Housing Affordability

- Measures to expand rent control were part of the amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act
 - Introduced on April 24, Second Reading April 25, Standing Committee May 9 & 10
- Fair Housing Plan (16 point plan) approved on April 12, 2017 and announced April 20, 2017
 - Tax measures, including non-resident speculation tax, came into effect on April 21, 2017.
 - Establishing DM table on Residential Development Approvals in June
 - Location of Housing supply team is TBD, discussions ongoing

4. Basic Income

- Weekly PO/CO led Steering Committee meeting to support implementation.
- Pilot Announced April 24
 - Spring 2017 - Phase 1 –: up to 400 participants, Hamilton and Thunder Bay areas, payments in late Summer
 - Fall 2017 - Phase 2 –: full roll out, up to 4,000 participants, including Lindsay
 - Ministries will report back to Cabinet in Fall 2017 on outcomes from phase 1, before beginning phase 2.
- Key risks:
 - Delivery/Implementation: quick timeline and some unknowns (e.g. how long it might take to get enough participants).
 - Implementation activities underway: co-creation of First Nation pilot; setting up governance structure; procuring evaluator; and recruiting participants.
 - Evaluation: Evaluator still to be procured, framework developed without evaluator input.

5. Autism

- Phased implementation of OAP to begin on June 1st
- Implementation of EDU pilots (EA training and space in schools for autism therapists) to begin in September 2017
- There are high stakeholder/public expectations and delivery risks, particularly around persisting long wait times for service, the possibility of reductions in service under the new clinical assessment process and the impacts of a new direct funding approach on families currently receiving \$10,000 transitional funding payments.
- The details of the new OAP are to be announced over the course of May-June 2017.

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6. Digital Health

- MOHLTC planning to release its *10 point Action Plan for Digital Health* in June 2017 (Budget 2017 committed to releasing this in 2017) and seek TB/MBC approval of final digital health strategy
- CO to confirm with ministry and TBS the sequencing of approval and communications.
- Risks:
 - Timing/Stakeholder expectations: In November 2016, the Minister committed to sharing the government's digital health strategy "in the near future," and Cabinet directed the ministry to release a vision paper within a few weeks (i.e. before January 2017). No vision paper or strategy has been released to date.

7. LHIN Transformation

- MOHLTC provides daily update reports noting any issues, including patient complaints. No major issues reported to date. As of May 15, 2017, two LHINs have completed transition.
- All LHINs will complete transition by June 21, 2017
 - Ministry has calls scheduled with each LHIN 30 days, 27 days, 14 days, 7 days, and 2 days prior to its 'T-day' (transition day), and then 1 day and 2 days after. CO listens in on these calls.
- Risks:
 - Stakeholder perception/experience: ministry managing risk of disruptions to patient care or employees through rigorous pre-transition check-in schedule
 - Delivery/implementation (e.g. IT issues, payroll issues): ministry working with third party provider to ensure readiness of each LHIN and checking in with LHINs several times in lead-up to transition date
 - Longer-term stakeholder expectations: managing expectations on a broader 'transformation' and improvements in the health care system as a result of transition.

8. Fed-Prov Infrastructure

- The 2017 Federal Budget included more details on the federal government's \$81 billion – Investing in Canada plan.
- Ongoing discussions between MOI and federal officials, including any federal transit allocation formula that adequately accounts for regional needs/Metrolinx's service population.
- Formal negotiations are expected beginning Summer 2017.
- Port Lands Flood Protection project (matched funding required from federal government, Toronto and ON). Cabinet and TB/MBC approval needed for Ontario's funding (\$417 million)

9. Cap and Trade/GHGIP/GreenOn

- Upcoming Milestones for Cabinet:
 - GHGIP release from hold-back at TB/MBC May 9, CAB May 17.
 - GreenON programs at TB/MBC May 30, CAB May 31.
- Second Cap and Trade Auction planned for summer 2017.
- Continued heightened stakeholder interest, including from the Auditor General and the FAO, in how government invests cap and trade proceeds.
- Successful implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan requires a high degree of coordination across government, including project design, oversight and funding approvals.

10. NAFTA/trade issues

- Initial negotiating mandate tracking to Cabinet May 31
- Broader Trade Strategy tracking to JEP on May 31, in support of trade diversification
- US Trade Representative Nominee Robert Lighthizer has been approved by the Senate Finance Committee, awaiting confirmation by the Senate. Expected this week or next.
- Expecting US notification to Congress of intent to negotiate in May, triggering 90-day period for US consultation with Congressional Advisory Committees.
- Softwood lumber: US preliminary countervailing duties (19.98%) applied retroactive to Jan. 28. Final countervailing and anti-dumping duties expected end of 2017/early 2018

11. Cannabis

- Upcoming Decision-making Milestones
 - Ministers' Meeting May 31 (MAG/MOF/MCSCS/MTO/MOHLTC)
 - JEP June 15, Cabinet June 27 – high level policy (retail, age, possession, places of use, impaired driving) and consultation minute
 - MOHLTC: Smoke Free Ontario and E-Cigarettes modernization consultations spring/early summer
 - MTO: Vulnerable Road Users tracking to JEP June 15 including impaired driving policy discussion
 - September Report Back to JEP/Cabinet with full policy submission and drafting minute
 - LRC in late fall with legislation
 - LRC in early spring 2018 with regulations

12. Electricity Rate Mitigation

- Fair Hydro legislation at TB/MBC and Cabinet May 10, introduction planned for May 11.
- Changes to be in place by July 1, 2017.
- Regulations being drafted to be approved in June, draft reg intent to be posted in May (TBC)

13. RER/ Transit

- MTO to proceed with an amended procurement strategy to minimize risks associated with a potential delay in the delivery of LRVs by Bombardier for Toronto transit projects (announced May 12)
- Dispute resolution process on Bombardier's LRV contract will take 8-12 months to conclude, after which point MTO will report back with a proposed strategy to minimize risks for the Province, and an assessment of costs
- Other Notable Delivery Milestones:
 - Procurement for enabling works ongoing until end of 2017 (13 AFP procurements and several traditional procurements)
 - TB/MBC in June 2017 (TBC) for off-corridor (stations, parking) and on-corridor (track, signals, vehicles) procurements
 - Negotiations between Metrolinx and CN for Master Agreement on rail rationalization starting in September 2017 (TBC)
 - EA for rail rationalization to begin in June 2018 (TBC)

14. Changing Workplace Review

- Cabinet discussion scheduled for May 17
- Potential Leg Intro June 1st
 - Tight drafting timelines - OLC/Ministry resources?