

# AFTERNOON MEDIA/TWEET SCAN - Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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## **CFTO (Toronto)**

Ontario's Auditor General released her report today at Queen's Park. Journalists are sharing details about her findings following a lockup period.

Toronto city council is debating restrictions on short-term rentals that are 28 days or less.

## **Global (Toronto)**

The Supreme Court is hearing the case of a man arrested for attempting to bring cheap beer into New Brunswick from Quebec.

## **CKCO (Kitchener)**

The provincial government will make a proposal to increase ethanol in gasoline that could raise gas prices go up.

The Ontario Auditor General will release a final report before the 2018 election.

Provincial officials were in Waterloo to discuss the city being one of the locations for a government licenced marijuana store once marijuana is legalized.

## **MCTV (Sudbury)**

The provincial government unveiled a plan to overhaul Ontario's auto insurance industry.

## **AFTERNOON CLIPS**

### **AG Report**

### [Ontario auditor report finds concerns in how money spent](#)

torontosun.com - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:** Antonella Artuso

## [QP Briefing: AG Report 2017: Lysyk will dive into IESO's books](#)

license.icopyright.net - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:**David Hains

[Permalink](#)

## [QP Briefing: AG report 2017: Lysyk weighs in on fraught relationship with Ontario Liberal government](#)

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**Byline:**Jessica Smith Cross

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## [Ontario Auditor General report: Here are the highlights](#)

CBC.CA News - Wed Dec 6 2017, 12:20pm ET

**Byline:**CBC News

## [Better planning could save Ontario hundreds of millions in health costs: Auditor-General: Lysyk's office found that the province is spending hundreds of millions of dollars too much on generic drugs, laboratory services and stem cell treatments](#)

theglobeandmail.com - Wed Dec 6 2017, 11:56am ET

**Byline:**Justin Giovannetti

## [Auditor general takes aim at Ontario Liberals over spending and waste](#)

thestar.com - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:**Rob Ferguson Robert Benzie

## [Highlights from the Ontario auditor general's 2017 annual report](#)

thestar.com - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:**Rob Ferguson

## **Tax**

## [Move over Toronto and Calgary, this Canadian city has the lowest business taxes in the country](#)

Financial Post - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:** Jesse Snyder

## Morneau charges ahead with tax changes

Toronto Sun - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:** Lornegunter

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## Provincial-Local

## Heritage, development at odds as cities come under pressure from growth

Financial Post - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:** The Canadian Press

## Sharing Economy

## How Kitchener and Waterloo are dealing with the Airbnb market

CBC.CA News - Wed Dec 6 2017, 6:00am ET

**Byline:** CBC News

## Auto Insurance

## Reactions to Ontario's Fair Auto Insurance Plan | Canadian Insurance

[www.citopbroker.com](http://www.citopbroker.com) - Wed Dec 6 2017

[Permalink](#)

## L Alcohol

## Supreme Court of Canada to hear New Brunswick man's cross-border beer case

CBC.CA News - Wed Dec 6 2017, 6:17am ET

**Byline:** CBC News

## Pensions

## OPINION: Coming changes threaten security of Ontario's pensioners

torontosun.com - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:** Postmedia News

## Economy

## **Bank of Canada keeps benchmark interest rate steady at 1%**

CBC.CA News - Wed Dec 6 2017, 10:26am ET

**Byline:** CBC News

## **Bank of Canada holds interest rate at 1%, and signals more caution to come**

Financial Post - Wed Dec 6 2017

**Byline:** Jesse Snyder

## **Bank of Canada keeps rate options open with cautious tone; Central bank maintains key rate at 1 per cent in final policy announcement of 2017; dollar slips**

theglobeandmail.com - Wed Dec 6 2017, 10:04am ET

**Byline:** BARRIE MCKENNA

## **TWEETS**

### **Economy**

#### **Bank of Canada**

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Bank of Canada maintains overnight rate target at 1 per cent [ow.ly/xddz30h3fsf](https://ow.ly/xddz30h3fsf)

#### **barrie mckenna**

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Bank of Canada stays in "cautious" mode, keeps key rate at 1%, but says main pieces of [#cdnecon](#) recovery are falling into place. [#cdnpoli](#)

#### **Statistics Canada**

[@StatCan\\_eng](#)

Labour productivity of Canadian businesses fell 0.6% in the third quarter, after edging down 0.2% in the second quarter and posting a 1.3% increase in the first quarter. [ow.ly/idJD30h392w](https://ow.ly/idJD30h392w)

#### **Statistics Canada**

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Stay tuned! We're releasing new data on the [#FinancialSecurity](#) of Canadians on December 7.

### **Auto Insurance**

#### **FAIR Association**

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Will Gov allow Genex, ExamWorks, Sibley, Cira, Seiden, or AssessMed to bid on taking over the new medical assessment centers? Given what is in this article they should be shut down before more fraud takes place and more injured Ontarians harmed

#### **FAIR Association**

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In his speech Min Sousa indicated assessors would be "subject to a bidding process because we are going to look at who those independent medical assessors will be and we'll be selecting a select few" Given [ow.ly/igml30h24lw](http://ow.ly/igml30h24lw) we should all be concerned

### **FAIR Association**

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The absence of 'duty of care' is the common denominator in various places that have problems with the quality of medical exams - [#Ont](https://twitter.com/FAIRAssociation) a mess where many thousands of people have been harmed by Drs kicking them (again + again) when they are already down

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We are aware of many injured car accident victims who lost their homes in a long battle with their insurer - they end up at foodbanks funded by that insurer - ultimate insult is the insurer picks up good PR EDITORIAL: Don't trust Wynne on car insurance [torontosun.com/opinion/editor...](http://torontosun.com/opinion/editor...)

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And who will run the [#Ont](https://twitter.com/FAIRAssociation) new fraud office? Insurers? In the past month many have been called out on their harmful + dishonest claims practices [ow.ly/mabB30h0n7B](http://ow.ly/mabB30h0n7B) [ow.ly/igml30h24lw](http://ow.ly/igml30h24lw) [ow.ly/tmof30gMeEi](http://ow.ly/tmof30gMeEi)

### **Misc.**

### **CTV Northern Ontario**

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Medical [#marijuana](https://twitter.com/CTVNorthernNews) shop to open in [#Kapuskasing](https://twitter.com/CTVNorthernNews) bringing jobs and cash influx to local economy. [#cannabis](https://twitter.com/CTVNorthernNews) [#canada](https://twitter.com/CTVNorthernNews) [@KapuskasingON](https://twitter.com/CTVNorthernNews) [#news](https://twitter.com/CTVNorthernNews) [@AISpacek](https://twitter.com/CTVNorthernNews) [bit.ly/2zRS5LT](http://bit.ly/2zRS5LT)

### **C.D. Howe Institute**

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Business taxes can reduce local investment, write Adam Found and Peter Tomlinson. Compare how your city fares in our latest annual business tax burden report card: [bit.ly/2AVZmy2](http://bit.ly/2AVZmy2) [#cdnecon](https://twitter.com/CDHoweInstitute) [#canpoli](https://twitter.com/CDHoweInstitute)

### **The Fraser Institute**

[@FraserInstitute](https://twitter.com/FraserInstitute)

Ontarians shouldn't expect meaningful action on tax competitiveness, no matter who wins the next provincial election: op-ed [shar.es/1MC2rk](http://shar.es/1MC2rk) via [@FraserInstitute](https://twitter.com/FraserInstitute) [#onpoli](https://twitter.com/FraserInstitute)

### **AG Report**

### **Auditor General ON**

[@OntarioAuditor](https://twitter.com/OntarioAuditor)

Read our 2017 Annual Report here: [auditor.on.ca/en/content/ann...](http://auditor.on.ca/en/content/ann...)

### **John Michael McGrath**

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Liz Sandals says govt spending on advertising is up because digital ads cost more. Fact that it's highest since 2006-7 (another election year) is a coincidence, apparently.

### **Global News Toronto**

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Global's [@ACarterglobal](https://twitter.com/globalnewsto) asks the Auditor General if Ontario residents really pay \$30 million more for Hydro per year than they should. READ MORE: [globalnews.ca/news/3899366/o...](http://globalnews.ca/news/3899366/o...)

### **Meagan Fitzpatrick**

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What did Ontario's auditor general find in her annual report? Lots of wasted \$ Read here:

[cbc.ca/1.4435503](http://cbc.ca/1.4435503)

**Allison Smith**

[@QueensParkToday](#)

This feels like a less scathing report than usual from the AG, or maybe we've just been inured to her gov't criticism because of the ongoing "public sector accounting standards" scandal.

**Allison Smith**

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For me, most exciting bit is that she is going to audit the IESO's financial cover-up of the Fair Hydro Plan borrowing next year.

**QP Briefing**

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The annual report from [@OntarioAuditor](#) Bonnie Lysyk is out. She weighs in on her relationship with the government, announces her intention to audit the IESO, criticizes Ontario's emergency preparedness and points out gaps in cancer care. And more. [ow.ly/b3iP30h3wZ5](http://ow.ly/b3iP30h3wZ5) # onpoli

**Mike Crawley**

[@CBCQueensPark](#)

HIGHLIGHTS: Auditor general reveals teachers are taking more sick days, government buildings are sitting empty, cancer surgery wait times are too long [cbc.ca/1.4435544](http://cbc.ca/1.4435544)

**Global News Toronto**

[@globalnewsto](#)

Analysis by [@ACarterglobal](#) : Get mad Ontario. Here's the auditor general's report on the "many, many things our provincial government is screwing up." [glbn.ca/HsRtEZ](http://glbn.ca/HsRtEZ) # ONpoli

**David Reevely**

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There are more people on social-housing waiting lists in Ontario than there are units in social housing, the AG says.

**Robert Benzie**

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Using [@OntarioAuditor](#) 's accounting a [@OntarioPCParty](#) government's \$2.8B projected deficit in 2018-19 would be \$7.3B. But Tories use Liberals' accounting so they insist it's \$2.8B. # onpoli

**John Michael McGrath**

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Lysyk also says neither the Assessment Review Board nor the OMB are meeting targets for speedy appeals; also raises accountability concerns. Many issues she cites with OMB will apply to new LPAT as well.

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Sleeper issue today is Lysyk telling govt to file its pre-election fiscal report in time for the election. In 2007 & 2011 govt filed report in April after March budgets, AG reported back in late June. Election day 2018 is June 7.

**Robert Benzie**

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. [@OntarioAuditor](#) Bonnie Lysyk warns the government to "keep the calendar in mind as it prepares its pre-election report" so she can sign off (or not sign off) on the books before the June 7 campaign. A political salvo from a legislative officer. # onpoli

**David Reevely**

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Lysyk's theme is that there's been a lack of thinking-ahead. Which highlights an inherent challenge for governments: We want them to move fast, and sometimes when they move fast, they screw up.

**[Alan Carter](#)**

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Chart attack. This nifty graphic from the AG report shows how energy providers can game the system through the Standby Cost Recovery Program. Report says Ontario paid \$30m/yr more than necessary. [#onpoli](#)

**[Allison Smith](#)**

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For Ontario energy sector watchers – AG announces she will audit the IESO's financial statements, looking at the “government’s complex new accounting/financing design to keep the cost of the 25 per cent electricity discount off the province’s financial statements.”

**[Mike Crawley](#)**

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Empty buildings costing taxpayers \$19M/yr. One out of six provincially owned buildings is vacant (that's 812 ghost buildings): auditor general [#onpoli cbc.ca/news/canada/to...](#)

**[John Bowker](#)**

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AG reaffirms her opinion that the ON govt is cooking the books on its \$40B hydro borrowing scheme, citing the agreement of other AGs from Canada, the former chair of the PSAS board, & international accounting standards authorities. ON govt doesn't care [#onpoli](#)

**[John Bowker](#)**

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AG report: even though the IESO received five separate reports that private gas & coal plant operators were ripping off ratepayers, the IESO continued to pay them for expenses like car washes, scuba gear & raccoon traps [auditor.on.ca/en/content/ann...](#) [#onpoli](#)