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Quotation of the week

“I am thrilled that we're unlocking the incredible potential of these lands for people in Toronto and across Ontario.”

Premier Wynne announces funding for Port Lands redevelopment

This week at Queen's Park

On the schedule

The House is adjourned until September 11, 2017.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will begin its public hearings on **Bill 148**, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, on July 10 in Thunder Bay.

Premier watch

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** made an announcement with Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** and Toronto Mayor **John Tory** at Toronto's Port Lands on Wednesday. The leaders announced \$1.185 billion in joint funding for the Port Lands Flood Protection project. The governments of Toronto and Ontario will each provide \$400 million in funding. The federal government is pitching in \$384 million.

Trudeau said the funding will protect the surrounding areas from flooding, improve the environment, create jobs and housing, and attract investment. Once flood protection is complete, the underused area will become a mixed-use development with 12 million square feet of commercial space and enough housing to accommodate 30,000 people.

The leaders touted the project's "undeniable social, economic and environmental benefits" and painted the investment as a response to climate change and the increased flooding experienced by the city.

On Monday, Wynne met with **Kareen Rispal**, Ambassador of France to Canada, and presented an award at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society Luncheon honouring former prime minister **John Turner**. She held a cabinet meeting at Queen's Park on Tuesday.

Wynne participated in a slew of Toronto Pride events over the weekend, including marching in Sunday's Pride parade with Trudeau. PC leader **Patrick Brown** and NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** also marched in the parade.

Union agreements inked

The four-year contract extension agreement between OPSEU and the Ontario government that includes a 7.5 per cent wage hike for public sector workers was ratified last Friday. OPSEU called it "a good deal that gives members meaningful compensation hikes and new benefits, including catastrophic drug and out-of-country medical coverage." However, Ontario's 8,000 corrections workers voted 94.7 per cent against supporting their contract extension. OPSEAU said a new contract is being developed.

OPSEU's LCBO workers reached a tentative agreement with the province ahead of their Monday morning strike deadline. According to OPSEU, the deal will bring the number of retail workers in casual positions down from 84 per cent of the workforce to 70 per cent over the next four years.

AMAPCEO also ratified its four-year contract extension with the province.

Prices are going up

Perhaps in an effort to wait until Ontarians are distracted by long weekends and Canada Day celebrations, this week has brought quiet news about service fee and natural gas rate increases.

The government's Fair Hydro Plan comes into effect on July 1, completing Wynne's promise to reduce Ontarians' hydro bills by an average 25 per cent. However, Union Gas and Enbridge both announced natural gas price increases Wednesday. Average residential bills will increase between \$36-\$40 per year, depending on location.

Metrolinx is hiking fares for UP Express rides and GO Transit trips by three per cent beginning September 2. This comes amid news that the rollout of PRESTO cards and machines will come in \$130 million over the original budget and that the province is still running a \$11 per ride subsidy on all UP Express trips.

The PCs made a stink about a hike to commercial driver's licence fees. The opposition party said the regulatory change also means the cost of G1 driver's tests will rise, but Transportation Minister **Steve Del Duca** called these "false claims" and said there will be no increase to the cost of first-time drivers' tests.

Topics of conversation

- The United States added an additional seven per cent anti-dumping tariff on Canadian softwood lumber imports, bringing the total duty on Canadian products to nearly 27 per cent. Premier Wynne said she is “frustrated” by the “unjustifiable duties” that represent “protectionism — plain and simple.” The premier pledged to continue to vigorously fight for fair and open trade for the forestry sector.
- The governments of Ontario and Quebec announced another joint cabinet meeting will be held in September. Following the meeting Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will deliver a speech to Quebec’s National Assembly, making her the first leader from outside Quebec to do so.
- A report from the Montreal Economic Institute determined electric vehicle subsidies are the “least efficient and most expensive way of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.” According to the report, Ontario’s \$14,000 electric vehicle subsidy costs \$523 per tonne of GHGs.
- Fair Change Community Services filed a legal challenge against the province’s Safe Streets Act, arguing that it violates the charter rights of panhandlers and has resulted in people suffering from homelessness and mental illness racking up thousands of dollars in unfair fines.
- A report found Seattle’s \$15 minimum wage caused businesses to cut payrolls and led to the average low-wage worker earning \$125 less per month than before the wage hike.
- The province’s rent increase guideline, which is linked to inflation, is set at 1.8 per cent for 2018. The average over the past 10 years was 2.5 per cent.
- In a Vancouver speech, corrections specialist **Howard Sapers** said the number of suicide attempts in Ontario prisons is rising.
- OPSEU has applied to the Ontario Labour Relations Board to represent contract and part-time faculty at Ontario’s 24 colleges.
- The government called an independent public inquiry into the **Elizabeth Wettlaufer** murders. Wettlaufer was sentenced to life in prison on Monday.

Today's events



June 29 at 8:45 a.m. — Toronto

Infrastructure Minister **Bob Chiarelli** will make an announcement with **Karen Pitre**, Ontario's Special Advisor on Community Hubs, at St. James Town Community Corner.



June 29 at 10:15 a.m. — Toronto

PC MPP **Todd Smith** will hold a media conference in the Queen's Park media studio to discuss waste in Ontario's hydro power system.



June 29 at 11:30 a.m. — Toronto

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will deliver remarks and participate in a roundtable discussion at the Centre for International Governance Innovation.



June 29 at 1:00 p.m. — Oshawa

Liberal MPPs **Granville Anderson** and **Joe Dickson** will make an announcement about community and social services at Catholic Family Services of Durham.



June 29 at 5:00 p.m. — Toronto

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will meet with Italian President **Sergio Mattarella** at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.



June 29 at 6:00 p.m. — Toronto

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will deliver remarks at a reception for Eid at Queen's Park.

Upcoming events



July 1 at 10:00 a.m. — Toronto

Canada Day activities and performances will take place on the Queen's Park lawn. The Legislative Assembly building will also be open for an open house.

News briefs – Governmental

Ministry of the Attorney General

Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi** announced he will introduce legislation in the fall banning ticket bots. In addition to making ticket bots illegal, the proposed legislation would cap the resale value of tickets at 50 per cent above face value and require ticket sellers to disclose the number of tickets available for sale, as well as the capacity of the event. All ticket-selling businesses will have to clearly display the all-in price of a ticket as well as the currency it is being sold in before purchase. The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services will establish new provincial offences and fines for violations.

Ministry of Education

Education Minister **Mitzie Hunter** announced changes to how rural school closures are managed. Hunter promised to “overhaul” the process school boards use to review schools for potential closure, as well as simplify the process for building joint-use schools. No new schools will be considered for closure during the review process. Rural school boards will receive \$20 million in funding in September to help them address “local needs in rural and Northern communities.”

Hunter also announced a “Rural and Northern Education Fund” that will provide new funding for rural schools, beginning this September.

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Health and Long-Term Care Minister **Dr. Eric Hoskins** announced the province is expanding access to transition-related surgeries. In 2018, Ontario will become the second jurisdiction in Canada to provide in-province genital surgery. Access to top surgeries will also be increased. This follows last year’s move to expand access to doctors’ referrals for transition surgeries. Hoskins said, “Every person has the right to be who they are. Our health care system should reflect and support this.”

Funding announcements

- The **Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration** announced \$6 million through the Multicultural Community Capacity Grant Program for programs that assist refugees and newcomers to Ontario. Local community organizations can apply for grants of up to \$8,000.
- The **Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change** announced \$85 million for the remediation of mercury contamination in the Wabigoon River at Grassy Narrows.
- The **Ministry of Northern Development and Mines** announced a \$500,000 investment in Avalon Advanced Materials. The company makes lithium-ion batteries from mineral deposits in the Kenora area.

- The **Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport** announced \$3 million for the Improving Library Digital Services fund, which will expand access to WiFi hot spot lending programs and e-readers.
- **Infrastructure Canada** announced \$333 million in federal funding for the Finch West LRT.

News briefs – Non-governmental

Ontario Liberal Party

The Liberal Party was happy to announce that Finance Minister **Charles Sousa** will be running for the party again in 2018. The press release announcing his reelection bid included an endorsement from former Mississauga mayor **Hazel McCallion**.

Sitting MPPs **Soo Wong** and **Yvan Baker** were re-nominated in Scarborough—Agincourt and Etobicoke Centre, respectively.

City councillor and community activist **Marilyn lafrate** was nominated in the new riding of King—Vaughan. In the statement about her nomination, lafrate said she worked hard as a councillor to deliver investments to her constituents in Maple and Kleinburg, including the planned GO station in Kirby. The proposed Kirby station has been under fire since it was revealed Metrolinx recommended it not be built.

Ombudsman Ontario

Ontario Ombudsman **Paul Dubé** released his 2016-17 annual report on Tuesday, marking his first year in office. In his largely positive report, Dubé praised the expanded mandate of the ombudsman's office, which now includes school boards, universities and municipalities, as a new source of government accountability.

Of these new areas of jurisdiction, the ombudsman's office received the highest number of complaints about municipalities (2,667), mostly about the integrity of municipal councils. However, Dubé thinks complaints of this nature will decrease once provisions in **Bill 68**, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, requiring municipalities to instate integrity commissioners and codes of conduct are implemented. The office continues to receive complaints about closed-door municipal council meetings and 43 per cent of the meetings it investigated were deemed to be illegal.

School boards received 945 complaints. The office's investigation into school bus shortages in Toronto will be completed and reported on later this summer. Dubé said progress is already being made. Universities received 175 complaints.

Across government, correctional facilities continued to receive the highest number of complaints (3,998). Complaints about the Family Responsibility Office, which deals with issues like child support payments, and about the Ontario Disability Support Program also remain high.

On corrections, Dubé said he looks forward to the government's promise to introduce new inmate segregation legislation this fall. He is also hopeful about upcoming legislation that will increase the police oversight powers of the Special Investigations Unit, also due to be introduced in the fall.

Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario

The PCs nominated a number of candidates this week, including **Dr. Merrilee Fullerton**, a family physician who will run in **Jack MacLaren's** riding of Kanata—Carleton.

- **Christine Hogarth** will run in Etobicoke—Lakeshore.
- **Karin Howard** was nominated in Ottawa South.
- **Gillian Smith** was nominated in University—Rosedale.
- **Rudy Cuzzetto** was nominated in Mississauga—Lakeshore.

Ontario's newest MPP **Ross Romano** was sworn in last Friday. Romano will not officially take his seat in the House until September.

PC leader **Patrick Brown** is still cleaning up messes in some nomination races. The *Toronto Star* reports Durham regional councillor **Joe Neal** threatened to take to the PCs to court because they would not let him run in Durham. According to Brown, Neal had been campaigning with the Ontario Liberal Party as recently as 2016. Neal dropped the court challenge once Brown informed him he would not be allowed to run as a PC even if the judge ruled in his favour.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday the Newmarket-Aurora Provincial Progressive Conservative Association's board became the third to resign because of anger over the candidate nomination process.

New Democratic Party of Ontario

NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** and NDP Health critic **France Gélinas** released documents obtained by a Freedom of Information request that reveal Sudbury's Health Sciences North was operating at 100 per cent capacity every day from January 2015 to December 2016. A capacity of 85 per cent is considered optimal; at times the capacity at Health Sciences North reached 111 per cent. Gélinas said the previous Conservative Party and the Wynne Liberals are "the exact same when it comes to health care—they cut and privatize and every opportunity."

In response to the Wettlaufer inquiry, Horwath said, if elected premier, she would call a full inquiry into seniors' care – not just the deaths of eight long-term care residents. Horwath's inquiry would investigate staffing levels, safety conditions and funding.

Appointments and employments

City of Toronto

- **Jim Hart** was appointed City Councillor for Ward 44 – Scarborough East.
- The seat became vacant in April after the death of councillor **Ron Moeser**.

Education Quality and Accountability Office

- **Dave Cooke** was appointed chair of the EQAO, effective August 1, 2017. Cooke is currently the associate director of education at Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

New lobbyist registrations

New lobbyist registrations from June 22 – 28, 2017

Client — Adobe

Consultant — Kenneth Stewart

Firm — The Capital Hill Group Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Adobe is interested in raising their profile within the Government of Ontario.
 - The objective of these engagements is to increase Adobe's awareness of government projects and objectives that may lead to identifying and seeking out procurement opportunities in relation to Adobe's digital government solutions.

Client — BMC Software

Consultant — Kenneth Stewart

Firm — The Capital Hill Group Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Looking to raise profile within the Government of Ontario and more specifically seeking procurement opportunities to build an information technology footprint within Ontario ministries' information technology clusters.
 - More specifically, BMC is interested in showcasing their enterprise, workload and cloud management services.

Client — American Carbon Registry

Consultant — Robyn Gray

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - As one of the prominent third party registries in California, ACR wishes to provide input into Ontario's compliance offset policies development under the cap and trade program as well as MOECC's policy development regarding voluntary offsets, based on its experience in other jurisdictions .
 - The objective is for that input to be considered as the MOECC prepares its final regulation for the compliance offsets, and its next steps for the voluntary component.

Client — Ontario Convenience Stores Association

Consultant — John Perenack

Firm — StrategyCorp Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Building relationships with government and opposition officials regarding modernizing alcohol sales in Ontario.
- Providing officials with information, academic studies, and data regarding options for modernizing alcohol sales, and sharing with government
- OCSA members' experience as socially responsible community retailers of age restricted products, including tobacco, Government of Ontario lottery products, and alcohol.
- To communicate, through a grassroots engagement effort, support for ensuring e-cigarettes are regulated to the same high standard as tobacco products.

Organization — MaRS Discovery District

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Collaborating with the Government of Ontario in growing the innovative businesses by:
 - Seeking increased access to capital for innovative companies
 - Seeking increased support for entrepreneurs and startups in a range of sectors—from health and cleantech to finance and education
 - Advocating for more support for company export opportunities to help them grow in the global market
 - Advocating for government policies that facilitate procurement of innovative technologies

Client — Concentrix

Consultant — Paul Pellegrini

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- The lobbying goal is to assist Concentrix in identifying government business support programs and to help pursue any resulting opportunities to apply for government funding/support programs.

Client — Natural Resources Defense Council

Consultant — Mitchell Beer

Firm — Smarter Shift Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Share analysis on endangered species and caribou habitats and express NRDC's expectation that critical habitats will be protected, as already required by provincial policy

Client — Canadian Produce Marketing Association

Consultant — Ivy-Lea Lunau

Firm — Eventive Consulting & Project Management Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - To promote increased consumption of Fruits and Vegetables as the Government completes its Healthy Kids Strategy and Health and Wellness Strategy.
 - To discuss NAFTA and its important role for the fresh produce industry

Client — Shaw Communications

Consultant — Charles Bird

Firm — Earnscliffe Ontario Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Seeking clarification around The Putting Consumers First Act (Consumer Protection Statute Law Amendment), 2017, which received Royal Assent on April 13, 2017 and amended portions of Ontario's Consumer Protection Act, 2002, to include "restrictions and related regulation-making powers respecting the soliciting or entering into of prescribed direct agreements at a consumer's dwelling or at any other prescribed place" and how these might impact on the business practices of Shaw Communications.

Client — Central Ontario Building Trades

Consultant — Peter Landry

Firm — Enterprise Canada

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Discussions regarding funding for training and parameters for retro-fitting for energy efficiency and green energy. The aim of the lobby is to ensure that funding for climate change training respects skilled trades and that publicly funded climate change infrastructure such as retrofitting does the same.

Lobbyist re-registrations and amended registrations

New lobbyist registrations from June 22 – 28, 2017

Client — Stars Group

Consultant — Charles Bird

Firm — Earnscliffe Ontario Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - To brief officials with respect to developments pertaining to the global online gaming industry and how the company might be of support to the Ontario government in its modernization efforts.

Client — Association of Canadian Pension Management

Consultant — Charles Bird

Firm — Earnscliffe Ontario Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Providing advice for changes to the Pension Benefits Act to support pension plans available to the private sector such as Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans as well as matters such as decumulation and solvency. Providing input on the implementation of Pooled Registered Pension Plans (PRPPs) and the Canada Pension Plan (CPP).
- General and ongoing information exchange on pension matters with the government.

Organization — Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Seeking legislation, regulation, and policies related to Ontario's economic competitiveness and prosperity of our membership and their communities.
- Issues surrounding a competitive tax and regulatory environment including pursuing a simplified tax system and improve transparency in regulation.
- Issues around regional economic development - including the development of an export growth strategy focused on SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises), access for businesses seeking export assistance and the removal of inter-provincial trade barriers.
- Issues regarding modernizing energy and infrastructure.
- Issues concerning health care sustainability such as direct and indirect support for research and development. Issues relating to a skilled workforce such as universities and colleges should expand recruitment initiatives aimed at international students, reinvent employment and training services and ensure the apprenticeship system becomes more flexible.
- Issues related economic competitiveness such as leveraging Ontario's innovation advantage and collaborate with the private sector to fully leverage Ontario's competitive advantages.
- Issues related to fiscal position of the province including. Issues related to supporting Ontario's competitive advantage including agri-food, immigration tourism, and lowering electricity rates through investment in sustainable energy infrastructure.

Organization — Canadian Association of Direct Relationship Insurers

Consultant — Catherine Allman and Alain Thibeault

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Focusing our attention to potential changes to the Insurance Act and Regulations.
 - Monitor and propose potential changes that facilitate:
 - The adoption of new technologies in the insurance market
 - More efficient licensing requirements
 - Optimization in the auto insurance rate regulation process and overall a regulatory environment that is conducive to greater competition for Property and Casualty insurance, and, thus, benefit to consumers.

Organization — General Electric Canada

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Cap and Trade Regulations -- coverage and thresholds for credits. To ensure regulations are simple, do not create perverse effects, eg, encourage higher emissions, and the process for credits is clear and accessible.
 - Pension reform: lobbying to ensure defined contribution (DC) plans are considered comparable to proposed scheme.
 - Climate change: assess impacts on power generation and distribution and the cost of manufacturing.
 - Healthcare: lobbying to promote managed equipment services as model for diagnostic equipment. Power Generation and distribution: lobbying to ensure policy framework supports gas, renewables and nuclear.
 - Government incentives and taxes: lobbying to ensure suitable framework to encourage investment and employment.
 - Jobs and Prosperity Fund: grants for new investments.
 - Support for GE investment plans.

Client — ACS Infrastructure Canada Inc.

Consultant — John Duffy

Firm — StrategyCorp Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Seeking to influence and monitoring procurement policies relating to Public-Private Partnerships; seeking to influence and monitoring provincial infrastructure development; seeking opportunities for infrastructure project procurements.

Client — EDF – EN Canada Inc.

Consultant — Sarah Simmons

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Matters related to the procurement of renewable energy and storage and the development of the revised Long Term Energy Plan.
- Matters related to the development, permitting and approvals of renewable energy projects.

Organization — APAO Biogas Association

Consultant — Jennifer Green and Sarah Stadnyk

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- The Canadian Biogas Association's lobbying goal is to grow the biogas and RNG sector.
- Helping develop government policies and programs related to renewable energy, environment and climate change, resource recovery and the circular economy to offer biogas and renewable natural gas opportunities for agriculture, municipalities and private sector businesses.
- In Ontario, there are a number of policies/programs that we have focused on including: the Climate Change Action Plan, Cap and Trade legislation and regulation, and complementary measures to highlight opportunities for Renewable Natural Gas through a renewable content requirement; Offset Protocol regulation to provide carbon credit opportunities for non-regulated sectors like agriculture; Waste Free Ontario Act and Organics Action Plan promoting organics diversion as a priority; Long-Term Energy Plan to embrace biogas and RNG in the energy supply mix.

Client — Greyhound Canada

Consultant — Charles Bird

Firm — Earnscliffe Ontario Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Proposals to maintain and improve transportation infrastructure to benefit the commuting public, including increased accessibility.
- Active discussions with officials concerning the potential deregulation of inter-city bus transportation in Ontario and the negative implications of such an action.

Client — Longyuan Canada Renewables Ltd.

Consultant — Sarah Simmons

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Matters related to permitting and Renewable Energy Approvals processes for wind generation projects in Ontario.

- Also, policy and planning for additional electricity generation in Ontario, as related to the Long Term Energy Plan and other initiatives of the Independent Electricity System Operator and the Ministry of Energy such as the electricity generation procurement.

Client — Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie

Consultant — Eric Wolfe

Firm — KPMG LLP

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Development and implementation of a strategy and business case for procurement of funding for the Port of Algoma Redevelopment Project through Provincial & Federal sponsored funding programs.
- For this undertaking, KPMG will communicate with various government ministries and agencies, including the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Economic Development Employment and Growth, as well as the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. Potential funding programs include the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component of Infrastructure Canada's "New Building Canada Fund".

Organization — Cannabis Canada Association

Consultant — Colette Rivet

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Putting into place a mechanism to recognize medical cannabis within the drug formularies and informing of potential retail / distribution of cannabis for recreational use.

Organization — Colleges Ontario

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Monitoring all policies and programs that impact on the quality of postsecondary education and training with a emphasis on post-secondary credentials, integrated learning and apprenticeship training.
- Improved program and infrastructure funding to build capacity within the college system to develop a highly skilled labour force of international calibre. Securing funding to strengthen Ontario's economy through college education and training and support colleges contribution to the government's climate change strategy.

Organization — Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- CME is continually seeking improvements, updates and clarification on legislation, regs and polices that affect our manufacturing members and their prosperity in Ontario.
- These include but are not limited to: Property Tax changes in legislation, DB Pension Reforms, Corporate Taxes, HST, ORPP/CPP and Innovation Tax Credits.

Organization — David Suzuki Foundation

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Improvements to Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights: The lobbying goal: including the substantive right to a healthy environment, updated principles and procedural improvements to Ontario's EBR
- To support the expansion of renewable energy, we're lobbying on Ontario Regulation 541/05: Net Metering, made under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 Lobbying goal: Amend Regulation 541/05 to permit Virtual Net Metering and allow third-party ownership of renewable energy systems.
- Transportation and public transit policy: The lobbying goal: securing new revenue tools for municipal transit; expansion of infrastructure for bicycling including bike lanes; ensuring Ontario uses transportation policy to reach its greenhouse gas emission targets for 2020, 2030 and 2050.
- Renewable energy policy: The lobbying goal: strengthen Ontario's long term-energy plan so it commits to the growth of renewable energy in the province; keep in place a feed-in-tariff program for community owned renewable projects.
- Seeking to expand renewable energy capacity through strengthened interprovincial electricity grid connections and cutting emissions through electrification of transportation (e.g. electric vehicles) and other end uses.
- Habitat conservation for species at risk.
- The lobbying goal:
 - Habitat protection for species at risk to advance survival and recovery
 - To ensure Ontario's pollinator species are protected Ring of Fire.
- The lobbying goal: Transparent decision-making process that safeguard environmental values and First Nations' rights.

Client — ENGIE

Consultant — Robyn Gray and Sarah Simmons

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Matters related to the development of energy supply in Ontario, including the Large Renewable Procurement process; the anticipated refresh of the

Ontario Long Term Energy Plan; and planning and procurement of energy storage and thermal generation assets.

- The objective is to provide clarity on government policies and programs that will affect ENGIE's business, and to advise government as appropriate on ENGIE's insights and recommendations for the evolution of policy, programs and planning for energy storage, power generation, and electricity market operations and reform as managed by the Independent Electricity System Operator.

Client — Prolacta Bioscience

Consultant — Jason Grier

Firm — Santis Health Inc.

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To raise awareness of the nutritional requirements of extreme low-birth weight neonates and encourage governmental support for evidence-based best practices in Ontario NICUs which may or may not include direct funding for strategies to support the use of human milk and/or human milk products for low-birth weight premature babies.

Organization — Mitacs

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Innovation policy and programming to support collaboration between academia and the private sector, particularly in relation to Mitacs' programs such as Accelerate, Elevate, Globalink, Converge and related programs.
- Seeking federal funding and policy development to support industry-academic research and development partnerships, commercialization, job creation, training and professional skills development for undergraduates, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, international research collaborations and the promotion of activities that support innovation in Canada.

Client — Power Workers' Union

Consultant — Barry Campbell

Firm — Campbell Strategies

▪ **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Energy policy pertaining to issues related to the closure of power plants and the role of nuclear power. Specifically, to encourage provincial plans related to climate change that would support the inclusion of co-generation using biowaste and nuclear power as part of a province-wide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Client — Yellow Pages Digital & Media Solution Ltd.

Consultant — Natalie Dash, Barry Campbell, Chris Holz and Paul Brown

Firm — Campbell Strategies

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Encourage the development of provincial policies that promote the increased integration of digital media for small and medium sized businesses.
- Promote YP's commitment to the advancement of women in the workplace, as well as other YP initiatives.

Client — Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists

Consultant — Yaron Gersh

Firm — The CCS Group

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- OSOT is seeking to share its vision for the future of occupational therapy in Ontario in areas of long-term care, and community care.
- The association is working to ensure that the contributions of occupational therapists are acknowledged and reflected in the government's health care strategy.

Organization — Human Resources Professionals Association

Consultant — Scott Allinson and Bill Greenhalgh

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- The Human Resources Professionals Association (HRPA) will advocate to elected officials and public servants of the government so that they are informed of issues that affect the HR profession in Ontario.
- The association goal is to heighten the visibility of HRPA and the HR profession in Ontario to position the association as a resource for government stakeholders.
- By lobbying on the following policy issues:
 - The HRPA will be advocating for the government to offer more experiential learning opportunities; and, work with industry to involve stakeholders in skills development programs.
 - The impact of legalized recreational use of marijuana in the workplace. The HRPA will be advocating to that the government set a clear legal definition of "impairment" and the grounds under which an employee can be tested in relation to cannabis use. Special considerations for safety-sensitive industries may be necessary.
 - The province should implement its own labour market research – It has been an ongoing recommendation of the HRPA that Ontario should conduct its own labour market research to project demand for skills, both in the near and distant futures; and on a rolling basis.

Organization — Association of Ontario Midwives

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Removal of mandatory eye prophylaxis as part of the Public Health Act
- Improved Hospital Integration - work with Minister and staff at MOHLTC to resolve issue of hospital integration privileging for midwives such as restriction in scope of practice, restrictions on growth of the profession and privileged issues.
- Contract negotiations & Pay equity for midwives & Continued support for the funding and growth of Aboriginal midwifery.

Organization — AstraZeneca Canada Inc.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- AstraZeneca Canada is interested in a wide range of policies, laws and regulations that impact and influence Ontario's economy, its healthcare system, providers and patients, and its leading universities and research and development institutions.
- In 2017 the company is closely following a number of individual policy initiatives, proposals and programs, including:
 - The pan-Canadian Pricing Alliance for innovative pharmaceutical products, the national generic pharmaceutical procurement initiative launched in January 2013, and other health system policies arising from the work of the Council of the Federation;
 - The current Product Listing Agreement (PLA) policy framework overseen by the Ontario Public Drug Program;
 - Vaccine tendering and procurement activities;
 - Chronic disease management initiatives, with a particular focus on chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD) and diabetes management;
 - Actions and activities emerging from the Ontario Action Plan for Health, the Transparent Drug System for Patients Act, the Excellent Care for All Act, and the Ontario Health Innovation Council;
 - Ontario's presence at - and plan for - the 2017 BIO Conference in San Diego;
 - Key public sector organizations shaping Ontario's healthcare policy agenda, such as Cancer Care Ontario and Health Quality Ontario; * Funding mechanisms and institutions that support the commercialization of the life sciences R&D

Client — Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario

Consultant — Robyn Gray

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- To advance discussions with the Government of Ontario regarding conservation and demand management programs in Ontario, as well as measures related to industrial policy and the energy market in the province. Additionally, matters related to the development and implementation of Ontario's cap and trade market.

Organization — Motorcycle and Moped Industry Council

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Regulations dealing with electric motorcycles and scooters and with off highway vehicles
- Policy dealing with registration fees of off highway vehicles for sustainable funding. Policy dealing with motorcycle insurance affordability

Client — Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

Consultant — Peter Curtis

Firm — Pathway Group Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**

- Lobbying to raise awareness on the impending shortage of cemetery plots.

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