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Wednesday, May 17, 2017

In the News

This morning, the Government of Ontario announced the slate of new hospitals, schools, and transportation building projects. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** made the announcement at Etobicoke General Hospital, acknowledging the commencement of hundreds of infrastructure developments across the province this summer. These projects are part of a \$190 billion infrastructure investments over 13 years which began in 2014-15.

A recent poll by Campaign Research found that more than half of Canadians approve of Ontario's basic income pilot project. The basic income pilot project will assist low income people in Hamilton, Thunder Bay, and Lindsay with a no strings attached fund to increase quality of life and financial security. Approval of the plan was highest among millennials aged 18 to 24, and those identifying as Liberal or NDP supporters.

Supporters of prospective PC candidate for Hamilton West—Ancaster—Dundas **Vikram Singh** served an official notice of appeal claiming "gross irregularities and voter fraud" with the nomination process that led to the victory of Singh's rival **Ben Levitt**. The notice, filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, named party president **Rick Dykstra**, executive director **Bob Stanley** and party staffer **Logan Bugeja**. The challenge marks the third PC nomination under judicial scrutiny.

PC Leader **Patrick Brown** called for an investigation into violence in the classroom, after *Global News* revealed that several teachers received physical abuse from students with special needs within integrated classrooms. Parents and teachers agreed that the incidents highlighted a lack of training for educators dealing with special needs students. Education Minister **Mitzie Hunter** noted that school boards must have policies in place to deal with violent incident reporting in schools.

In other news, developers have warned that the Ontario government's new rules extending rent control to all apartments across the province will have them reconsider their projects. The new rules were announced in the Fair Housing Plan last month. One developer is cited as saying there is now too much risk involved with developing new buildings as a result of this plan.

Opinion Highlights

- Planning changes go in the right direction. (Editorial Board, *Toronto Star*)
 - How the Liberals became masters of their brand. (Alex Marland, *The Globe and Mail*)
 - Higher minimum wage will hurt many Ontarians. (Ben Eisen, *Toronto Sun*)
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Question Period Highlights (May 17)

Violence in schools

- PC Leader **Patrick Brown** said that there is a tremendous amount of violence in Ontario's schools, posing a danger to teachers, students, parents, and members of the community. Brown argued that the Liberal Government has failed to act on the broken system, and has relied too heavily on the local school boards.
- Premier **Kathleen Wynne** responded saying that the government has a commitment to the schools and will work to provide the resources they need to solve this problem. Wynne identified the Special Education Grant, which pledges \$2.8 million to increasing support staff within schools.

Hydro One

- PC Leader **Patrick Brown** accused the government of including partisan advertising in hydro bills. He asked how much the Liberals paid for this unethical advertising.
- Premier **Kathleen Wynne** argued that people are seeing their hydro bills decrease, and the Progressive Conservatives are trying to avoid their lack of plan.
- NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** asked the Liberal Government why there have only been seven hours of debate on the Fair Hydro Plan, and why there is not much public consultation on this.

- Premier **Kathleen Wynne** responded by saying that they are doing everything they can to lower bills, recognizing that the government is in the process of developing a long-term plan to keep bills low.
- Government House Leader **Yasir Naqvi** also responded by acknowledging that the NDP announced their disapproval for the bill within the first hour of debate, posing further questions about why Horwath considers seven hours too little time.

Today in the Legislature

Government Business

Bill 127 - An Act to implement Budget measures and to enact, amend and repeal various statutes, third reading.

Bill 96 - An Act to enact the Human Trafficking Awareness Day Act, third reading.

Private Members' Business

Committee Meetings

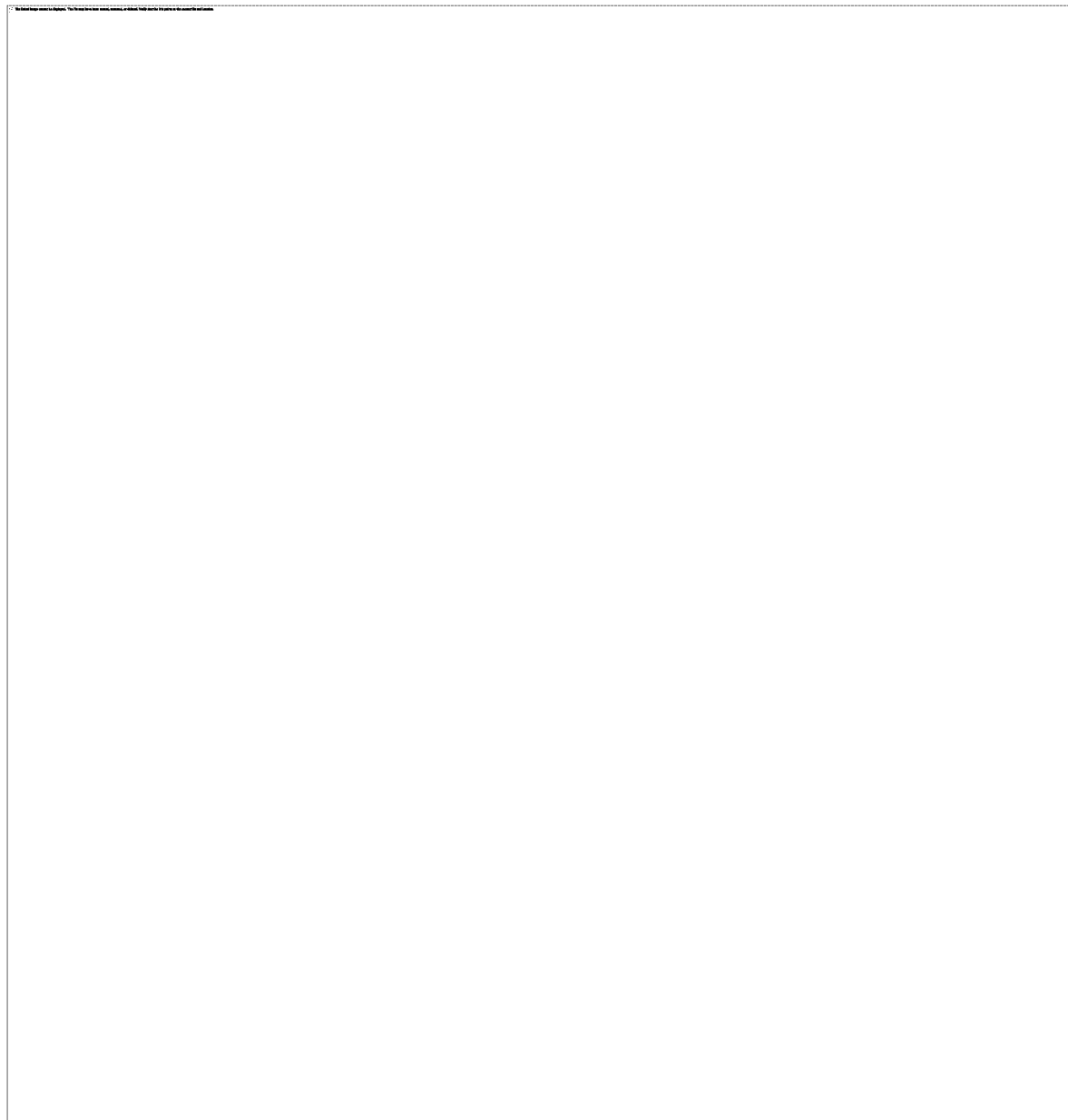
9:00 a.m. - **Standing Committee on Public Accounts** will meet to consider Ministry of Transportation - Road Infrastructure Construction Contract Awarding and Oversight.

9:00 a.m. - **Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills** will meet to consider Bill Pr64, An Act to revive Sierra Cleaning Solutions Inc.

1:00 p.m. - **Standing**

**Committee on the
Legislative Assembly** will
meet for clause-by-clause
consideration of Bill 87, An
Act to implement health
measures and measures
relating to seniors by
enacting, amending or
repealing various statutes

Social Media Snapshot



Events at a Glance

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

PC Leader Patrick Brown will discuss Ontario's affordability crisis that businesses and families alike

are facing in Ontario

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Location: Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <https://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?id=3379>

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Queen's Park Press Gallery Spring Fling

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hart House, University of Toronto

Friday, May 26, 2017

Infrastructure Minister Bob Chiarelli will speak on Ontario's historic infrastructure investment

Time: 7:45 am

Location: Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa

RSVP: <http://www.economicclub.ca/events/display/Ontario%E2%80%99s-Historic-Infrastructure-Investment>

Monday, May 29, 2017

Health Minister Eric Hoskins will outline the government's vision for transforming health care.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <https://www.empireclub.org/events/honourable-eric-hoskins/>

Queen's Park Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Question Period	Question Period Caucus Meeting	Question Period Cabinet Meeting	Question Period Private Members' Business	No Business

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