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Quotation of the week

“#MeToo can be a tool to lift society and I applaud that effort. False allegations however undermine that good work. The truth will come out.”

Former PC leader Patrick Brown speaks out on social media for the first time since his resignation on January 24, suggesting the sexual assault allegations against him were an inside job by members of his party.

This week at Queen's Park

PC Party to elect new leader on March 10

In less than a month, PC Party members will vote for a new leader to replace **Patrick Brown** — and interim leader **Vic Fedeli**. Members will be able to vote online from March 2 to 8, with the winner announced at a convention on March 10. Candidates have until Friday, February 16 to register to enter the contest, which looks like it will be a three-way race between former MPP **Christine Elliott**, former Toronto City Councillor **Doug Ford** and newcomer **Caroline Mulroney** — who happens to be the only leadership candidate currently nominated to run in the spring election.

Each candidate will have to pay the party \$75,000 to run, plus a \$25,000 compliance deposit, to make sure they stick to the rules. Another \$25,000 is required to gain access to the PC Party's membership list, a prerequisite to running a successful campaign. The party's leadership rules state candidates must prove they are “eligible to stand for election to the Legislative Assembly” as of March 8, meaning Ford and Elliott will have to begin the process of seeking riding nominations by that time.

There will be two debates. The first will be held on February 15 and broadcast on TVO. To guarantee membership authenticity, the party will mail each member a verification code for online voting. Votes will be processed by independent third parties.

Who's endorsing whom?

Former OLG head and PC candidate for Ajax **Rod Phillips** announced on Sunday that he would not run, opting instead to endorse Mulroney. She also received endorsements from a number of PC caucus members, including **Monte McNaughton** (who will co-chair her campaign), **Norm Miller**, **Laurie Scott**, **Bob Bailey**, **Jeff Yurek** and **John Yakabuski**. PC candidate and former Toronto deputy mayor **Denzil Minnan-Wong** is also team Mulroney.

Mulroney held an official leadership campaign kick-off event in North York on Tuesday night that included a Q&A with federal Conservative MP **Lisa Raitt**.

Nine members of the PC caucus members have lined up behind Elliott, including **Todd Smith**, **Randy Hillier**, **Ernie Hardeman**, **Randy Pettapiece**, **Ted Arnott**, **Michael Harris**, **Bill Walker**, **Jim Wilson** and **Lorne Coe**. Federal MP **Erin O'Toole**, who was considering a run himself, has also endorsed Elliott. Elliott's campaign will be co-chaired by Smith and York Centre PC candidate **Roman Baber**.

Hillier endorsed Elliott on Twitter, calling her the "unity candidate" needed to defeat the Liberal government. Hillier has been openly critical of Mulroney and of the former Brown supporters who have joined her campaign. In one tweet, Hillier asked a Global News reporter to ask Mulroney "why has the whole [Brown] team migrated to her campaign including the phony membership architect [**Walid Solomon**]? I'm sure many are wondering." Hillier is referring to interim leader **Vic Fedeli**'s admission that the party can only tabulate 133,000 existing memberships, far less than the 200,000 Brown boasted about less than a month ago.

Hillier went even further in another tweet, alleging that Elliott had the last leadership race "stolen with fraudulent memberships by the Brown&dirty campaign team," and revealing how deep the rifts within the PC Party go.

PC MPP **Raymond Cho**, the party's only sitting MPP from the GTA, has endorsed Ford.

Carbon tax

The question that remains is whether any of the candidates will commit to campaigning on the PC Party's existing "People's Guarantee" platform in the general election — in particular the previous leader's commitment to a carbon tax. Under the People's Guarantee, the carbon tax is relied on to generate over \$4 billion in revenue by 2022, tax dollars that will be used to fund much of the platform's other promises. At her campaign launch, Mulroney told Raitt that she supports the People's Guarantee because it was developed by the party's grassroots, but she also told the *National Post* earlier in the week she is ideologically opposed to new taxes and said she will consult with members about the matter.

Also promising to consult with caucus, candidates and members, Elliott put a “Does Ontario Need a Carbon Tax” [survey](#) on her campaign website.

Ford is adamantly opposed to the carbon tax, which provinces will be required by federal law to implement by the end of 2018. At a Saturday night rally in Etobicoke Ford said, “Folks, that is a bad tax and if the prime minister wants to try to make us, I will tell [Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**], just the way his father [**Pierre Trudeau**] said it ... ‘Just watch me.’”

Campaign slogans

Here are the lines the three PC leadership candidates will be pushing as they spend the next month signing up new members and trying to woo the existing progressive conservative base to their sides:

- “It’s time to clean up this mess.” — **Doug Ford**.
- “Let’s get it done.” — **Caroline Mulroney**.
- “Ready. Now.” — **Christine Elliott**.

Tiptoeing into trade wars

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** travelled to the U.S. this week to continue her bridge-building work during NAFTA renegotiations. Wynne was in Washington Tuesday where she met with US Chief Negotiator on NAFTA **John Melle**; officials in U.S. trade representative **Robert Lighthizer**’s office and in Vice President **Mike Pence**’s office; **Ted McKinney**, the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs; and several members of congress.

The bridge-building did not last long, however. On Tuesday evening Wynne announced plans to introduce legislation on February 20, the first day the House resumes for its spring session, that will open the door for Ontario to [retaliate](#) against Buy American laws currently being developed by some U.S. states.

New York State has legislation containing Buy American provisions that is scheduled to become law on April 1. The bill will require all public projects valued at over \$1 million to use only U.S. iron and steel. The original form of the bill contained even tougher Buy American provisions, which Wynne successfully fought by threatening New York Governor **Andrew Cuomo** with trade retaliation in April 2017.

Wynne’s office said the incoming legislation will allow Ontario to “respond in kind to New York state’s legislation and to any other state that enacts similar legislation, including Texas,” another state that has been considering Buy American legislation. Wynne said she hopes all parties in the legislature will enable swift passage of the bill.

PC leader **Vic Fedeli** responded with a statement blaming the Liberals for Ontario losing its competitive advantage against the U.S. Fedeli said, “Initiating a trade war with the United States is a last-ditch election ploy by **Kathleen Wynne** to deflect the blame for her disastrous economic policies.” He did not rule out supporting the legislation, saying only that his party would “review and consider the legislation when it comes forward.”

NDP international trade critic **Taras Natyshak** also accused the premier of “grandstanding before an election.”

In response, Economic Development Minister **Steve Del Duca** said, “If the actions that Premier Wynne has taken over the last year are connected to any election at all, it’s the results of the U.S. election in 2016, which demanded elevated attention to the U.S. and to Ontario’s trading relationship with U.S. states.” He accused Fedeli of showing “absolutely no economic leadership other than spreading false information about the strength of [Ontario’s] economy.”

Wynne, International Trade Minister **Michael Chan** and Del Duca were in New York City on Wednesday to attend a NAFTA breakfast hosted by a business council and to participate in a roundtable hosted by RBC Capital Markets.

Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** is also on NAFTA duty this week, travelling to Chicago Wednesday for a fireside chat at the University of Chicago with **David Axelrod**, an advisor to former president **Barack Obama**. Trudeau will then travel to San Francisco and Los Angeles. Trudeau will use the visit to promote trade ties and goodwill between the countries.

Last Thursday, Wynne, Chan and Del Duca held a roundtable with auto industry leaders to discuss Canada’s decision to sign onto the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CP-TPP), a decision finalized on January 23 that many auto parts manufacturers are very skeptical of. Wynne promised to stand up for the auto sector, saying she will work with “federal partners to understand the potential impacts of the CP-TPP, and continue to tirelessly promote Ontario’s interests at the NAFTA negotiating tables.”

Liberals gather for final rally before election campaign

The premier attended the Ontario Liberal Party’s AGM in Toronto over the weekend. She hosted an onstage meet-and-greet Q&A with the party’s roster of new candidates on Friday evening, participated in a town hall on youth issues on Saturday morning and delivered a keynote on Saturday evening where she introduced a new campaign slogan of her own: “It’s not about who we’re fighting against. It’s about who we’re fighting for.”

At the convention, MPP **Yvan Baker** revealed the top ten ideas submitted during its Common Ground 2.0 platform process. Baker said the online consultation process engaged over 14,500 people that submitted over 1,000 ideas. The top ten include pharmacare coverage for all cancer drugs, regardless of age; more funding for mental health care; charging bottled water companies more money to extract Ontario groundwater; and greater investment in the fight against climate change.

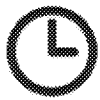
The top ten ideas were determined by votes from 1,600 party members, but OLP spokesperson **Patricia Favre** stressed that the top ideas do not necessarily reflect the party’s policy positions.

Topics of conversation

- Ontario's new law banning protestors from within 50 meters of an abortion clinic is now in effect.
- The federal government signalled it might delay its legalization date for recreational marijuana until late summer. Health Minister **Ginette Petitpas Taylor** told a House of Commons committee on Tuesday that the government will need two to three months after its legalization bill receives Royal Assent to iron out legal issues around packaging, production and the movement of legal cannabis throughout the country.
- Social housing advocates continue to speak out against the draft version of the government's inclusionary zoning regulations. They are admonishing the province for requiring municipalities to pay developers up to 40 per cent of the upfront cost of building new social housing units. They are criticized capping the number of affordable units a municipality can require a developer to build at five per cent of a development, rather than 30 per cent, which was recommended by some experts.
 - Housing Minister **Peter Milczyn** tried to placate advocates in a *Toronto Star* op-ed. Milczyn said inclusionary zoning is a new tool in Canada and he wants to make sure the province gets it right. He said the draft regulations are being reviewed, and what is posted online "will not be the final version."
- The Ministry of Economic Development is onto the next stage of its Red Tape Challenge. This time it is looking at regulations in the tourism industry. So far, nearly all of the online comments pertain to liquor laws.
- The *Toronto Star* uncovered another story about a company that received millions in provincial grants, but failed to create jobs as promised. Legend 3D, a Los Angeles-based digital media company with a Toronto office, received \$3.1 million from the government in July 2017 to create 271 jobs and retain another 280 jobs, but have laid off employees and now have less than 100.
- Eighty-seven more grocery stores will be able to sell beer and wine beginning in April 2018.
- For the first time British Columbia has surpassed Ontario as a production location for film and television. According to the Canadian Media Producers Association, in 2016-17 \$2.991 billion in film production took place in B.C., just ahead of the \$2.977 billion that took place in Ontario.
- Green Party of Ontario leader **Mike Schreiner** delivered a keynote at his party's annual general meeting, which was held last weekend in Guelph. Schreiner said even without "well-paid lobbyists," his party will continue to stand up against the big energy lobby and the nuclear industry.
 - He called on members to fight for small businesses, "green middle class jobs" and a 100 per cent renewable energy future.

- Premier **Kathleen Wynne** received flack for scheduling an upcoming public town hall at Windsor's Caboto Club, an Italian club that has a men-only board member policy.
 - PC MPP **Lisa MacLeod** asked, "What kind of message does this send to little girls that the Premier of Ontario is speaking at a club where women are viewed as second-rate?"
 - The premier's office has since cancelled the event and is looking for a new venue.
- Perhaps the premier regained some of her feminist cred when she posted a photo to Twitter of her eating Doritos during a flight to DC. In the wake of a contentious announcement by the chip company about plans to start selling a less-crunchy version of the chip that is designed for women, Wynne tweeted, "The original is crunchy, messy and delicious enough for everyone."
- Ontario Power Generation sold out its initial public debt offering on Tuesday, raising \$500 million in unsecured 10-year bonds. The funds raised will be moved into OPG's Fair Hydro Trust, which was created to fund the cost of refinancing the global adjustment under Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.
 - This was OPG's first tranche of debt offerings; the regulator is planning to issue more tranches two or three times year as needed.

Today's events



February 8 at 9:30 a.m. — Toronto

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will hold a cabinet meeting at Queen's Park.



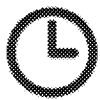
February 8 at 11 a.m. — Barrie

Liberal MPP for Barrie **Ann Hoggarth** will make a small business announcement at Canplas Industries Ltd.



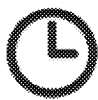
February 8 at 12:30 p.m. — Toronto

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will deliver remarks at the Queen's Park Pyeongchang Olympics flag raising ceremony.



February 8 at 2 p.m. — Toronto

Tourism, Culture and Sport Minister **Daiene Vernile** will make an announcement at the Winter at Ontario Place skating rink.

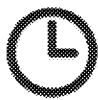
**February 8 at 6 p.m. — Toronto**

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will attend the annual Toronto Region Board of Trade dinner reception at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

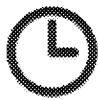
**February 8 at 6:30 p.m. — Toronto**

The Ontario Liberal Party will hold a fundraiser in support of Infrastructure Minister **Bob Chiarelli** at Canoe Restaurant with special guest Liberal campaign co-chair **David Herle**.

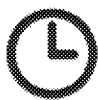
Upcoming events

**February 12 at 11:30 a.m. — Kitchener**

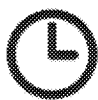
The Ontario PC Party will hold a fundraiser for its Kitchener Centre candidate **Mary Henein Thorn** at Charcoal Steak House with special guest **Tony Clement**.

**February 12 at 6 p.m. — Toronto**

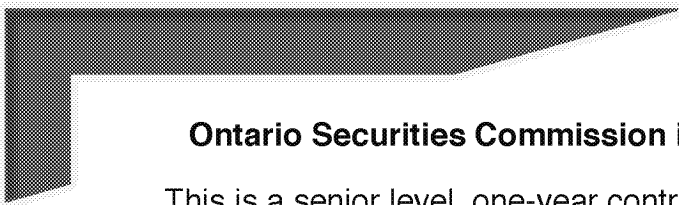
The York-Simcoe PC Riding Association will hold a fundraiser with former prime minister **Brian Mulroney** at a private residence.

**February 13 at 9 a.m. — Toronto**

The York-Simcoe PC Riding Association will hold a fundraiser at the TD Canada Trust Tower.

**February 13 at 5 p.m. — Toronto**

The York-Simcoe PC Riding Association will hold a fundraiser with former prime minister **Brian Mulroney** at Norton Rose Fulbright, Suite 3800, Bay Street.



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Funding announcements

- The **Ministry of Education** announced \$11.2 million to rebuild St. Michael's Choir School in Toronto. The music education school is part of the Toronto Catholic District School Board and has more than 500 students.
- The **Ministry of Environment and Climate Change** announced \$1.8 million in funding for five projects under the Partners in Climate Action grant program. The funding, which comes from cap-and-trade revenues, will be used for pilot projects to help residents lower their carbon footprint.
 - One project is a new app, CarbonCount, which will help Markham residents make decisions for low-carbon travel options.
- The **Ministry of Labour** announced \$174,605 in funding for Ontario Shores Health Sciences in Whitby. The ministry is partnering with Ontario Shores to develop a mental health app that will allow officers and other first responders at Durham Regional Police Service to self-assess their symptoms and find clinical services for mental health issues that may be caused on the job.

News briefs — Governmental

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development

Advanced Education Minister **Mitzie Hunter** released the province's new Apprenticeship Strategy, which includes increased financial incentives for employers that train apprentices. A new Graduated Apprenticeship Grant will replace the Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit and will provide employers with up to \$16,700 to train apprentices in eligible trades, plus an additional \$2,500 bonus to train someone from an underrepresented group, such as women, Indigenous people or people of colour. The data, which the ministry has been gathering since its consultations began last fall, found that only 1.2 per cent of the province's of 64,150 active apprentices are visible minorities; 14.1 per cent are women.

The strategy also includes long-term goals for simplifying the apprenticeship application process and expanding digital access to apprenticeship services. The ministry also wants to better promote apprenticing as a career path to high school students.

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

The ministry announced a \$187-million boost to hospital funding in 2018-19 that will create 1,235 new beds. This is a renewal of Health and Long-Term Care Minister **Dr. Eric Hoskins'** promise last fall to create 1,200 new beds in 2017-18 in advance of the flu season.

The ministry said by renewing its commitment to increasing the number of provincial hospital beds, it is "relieving the stress associated with increased demand."

Responses

The Ontario Hospital Association “welcomes the renewal of the government’s surge strategy,” according to CEO **Anthony Dale**. He said last fall’s investment has been “instrumental in helping hospitals manage extraordinary occupancy pressures this winter.”

Ontario Health Coalition executive director **Natalie Mehra** said the measure is nothing but a Band-Aid: “You can’t cut funding for a decade and then a year before an election start to put some — but not enough — money back in.”

NDP Health critic **France G  linas** agreed, noting that the surge funding did not alleviate the province’s hospital overcrowding crisis.

Appointments and employments

Office of the Premier

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** announced new parliamentary secretary roles last Thursday. The three former ministers who were removed from cabinet in mid-January are back as parliamentary secretaries, allowing them to still have a hand in decision-making during the spring session.

(In a press release entitled “Retiring Wynne Liberals line up for one more taste of the trough,” PC deputy leader **Steve Clark** said the promotion is just an excuse for the premier to give the former cabinet ministers a \$17,000 pay bump.)

- **Liz Sandals** was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure. Sandals has never held an infrastructure portfolio before, but she will work closely with Infrastructure Minister **Bob Chiarelli**, another veteran member of the Liberal caucus.
- **Deb Matthews** was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier — a role that may look a lot like her former cabinet position of Deputy Premier.
- **Brad Duguid** was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs — who also happens to be **Kathleen Wynne**. Duguid will take over from Wynne when it comes to engaging with U.S. state governors during the NAFTA renegotiation process.

Two other current Parliamentary Secretaries also had new portfolios added:

- **Han Dong** was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy. The position was held by **Bob Delaney** until last October. Like Sandals, Delaney is also Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure.
 - Dong remains Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

- **Amrit Mangat** was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. **Harinder Malhi** previously held the position. She was appointed Minister for Women's Issues in January.
 - Mangat remains Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Accessibility.

New lobbyist registrations

New lobbyist registrations from February 1 – February 7, 2018

Client — Labatt Breweries of Canada

Consultant — Graham McLaughlin

Firm — McMillan Vantage Policy Group

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Build awareness about matters relating to emerging regulatory frameworks and potential impacts on the beer industry.
 - Build awareness among public office holders of Labatt's business and the benefits of the beer industry for economic development.
 - Build awareness on matters related to the Master Framework Agreement for beer sales in Ontario and matters related to provincial tax policies.

Client — Mississauga New Credit First Nation

Consultant — Yaron Gersh

Firm — The CCS Group (formerly Connect Consulting Solutions)

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - The goal of the company's lobbying is to help Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation resolve their water claim.

Client — Township of North Glengarry

Consultant — Arti Panday

Firm — Daisy Consulting Group

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - The company is seeking the appropriate funding required to address water crisis - to ensure residents have safe, clean drinking water.

Client — Vale Canada Ltd.

Consultant — Noah Niznick

Firm — Public Affairs Advisors

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - To undertake discussions with respect to Ontario's regulation of greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants by Large Industrial Emitters;
 - To arrange meetings with Members of Provincial Parliament to raise awareness with respect to Vale's operations throughout Ontario
 - To undertake discussions with Members of Provincial Parliament and government officials with respect to Ontario's Mining Industry.

Client — Access Copyright

Consultant — Kenneth G. Stewart

Firm — The Capital Hill Group Inc.

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

- Access Copyright licenses the works of creators and publishers so that educators and other users have access to the materials they need, while creators and publishers received payment when those materials are copied instead of purchased. An area of increasing concern for policy makers, creators, publishers and educators is how to address copyright issues within Ontario's public school system.

Organization — Darta Fleet Solutions

Consultant — Joe Naccarato

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

- To provide product information to the City of Toronto, Fire, Police, EMS and public works. Attempt to encourage the City of Toronto to buy from a Canadian manufacture and service company.

Client — Bayshore HealthCare Ltd

Consultant — Stew Kiff

Firm — Solstice Public Affairs

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

- Lobbying goals are to keep MPPs apprised of the various and substantial ways that Bayshore HealthCare Inc is servicing their riding or the province and encourage positive interactions with Bayshore.

Client — Shoppers Drug Mart

Consultant — Victoria Wiebe

Firm — Santis Health

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

- The company is seeking policy changes that will allow Shoppers Drug Mart to improve Ontario's health care system, and to enable Shoppers to provide better pharmacy services to their customers, using innovative and cutting-edge technology.

Client — Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Consultant — Kevin Dorse

Firm — StrategyCorp Inc.

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

- To ensure the GTAA is a key player in all transit & transportation discussions going forward, in particular, those concerning ground transportation.
- Ensure transit and road funding decisions improve connections to Pearson Airport.

Client — Woodbine Entertainment Group

Consultant — Kevin Dorse

Firm — StrategyCorp Inc.

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

- Ensure sustainability of the horse racing industry in Ontario. This entails discussion on the current industry transition plan. Intended outcomes include ensuring officials understand the impact horse racing has on the economy and the role of Woodbine. Activities include meeting with officials in an effort to better explain and showcase Woodbine's business model and expertise.

Client — Canadian Continence Foundation

Consultant — Kelly Mitchell

Firm — KW Mitchell Consulting Services Inc.

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

- Educate decision makers on the issues associated with people who are incontinent, and discuss options associated with increased educational funding, training of nurses and people impacted by incontinence and increased funding for supplies at Long Term Care facilities.

Client — Neste Canada Inc

Consultant — Ryan Singh

Firm — Temple Scott Associates Inc.

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

- Proposed amendment to the Greener Diesel regulation to create a compliance pathway for renewable jet fuel.

Client — Wildlands League

Consultant — Philip Dewan and Devan Sommerville

Firm — Counsel Public Affairs Inc.

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

- Supporting the Wildlands League in its advocacy to fulfill the Ontario Government's commitment to implement the 2012 voluntary agreement on the management of the Abitibi River Forest, conserving 3 million hectares of boreal caribou habitat near Cochrane, Ontario while providing long-term security to hundreds of local forestry jobs.

Client — SOLARGISE UK LIMITED

Consultant — Omar Khan

Firm — Hill+Knowlton Strategies

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

- Goal is to apply for funding through the New Economy Stream of the Jobs and Prosperity Fund

Client — Eye Spy 2020

Consultant — Donald P. Gracey

Firm — CG Management & Communications Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Obtain approvals, endorsements or acceptances from the Ministries involved for the use of EyeSpy's technology in the testing of children's eyes in Ontario and to explore and pursue any opportunities for funding assistance.

Lobbyist re-registrations and amended registrations

New lobbyist registrations from February 1 – February 7, 2018

Organization — Teranet Inc.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Proposals for alternative service delivery models for statutory registries and associated particular government services.

Client — Serco Des Inc.

Consultant — Scott Munnoch

Firm — Temple Scott Associates Inc.

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Serco is exploring business opportunities with Ontario. These opportunities are based on public statements of intent or public reports that have been issued that have generated their interest. The company's goal is to talk to officials across the province on future possibilities that may come about. If and when the opportunities become a reality (via the Request for Proposal process) Serco may pursue some opportunities.

Organization — MEDEC

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

- **Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:**
 - Meet with Ministry of Health officials and Minister's office re: consultations on the regulations for **Bill 160**, Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017. Goal is to work with the Ministry to align **Bill 160**, Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017 transparency regulations to similar regulations in other countries.
 - Medical Device Issues - promoting the medical technical industry and bringing forward key messages through active engagement and involvement with provincial government, stakeholders and industry partners. Innovation including emerging and licensed technologies.

Client — Cassellholme

Consultant — Donald P. Gracey

Firm — CG Management & Communications Inc.

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

- Advancing the application for redevelopment, including advocating for amendments to the Long-Term Care Homes Act relating to District Homes' financing authorities and a regulation change under the Long Term Care Homes Act to reconfigure the Board of Management.

Client — Ontario Physiotherapy Association

Consultant — Donald P. Gracey

Firm — CG Management & Communications Inc.

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

- **Bill 9's** impact on the delivery of publicly funded physiotherapy.
- Enact regulations under the Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act and the Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act to proclaim certain authorities and authorized acts under Physiotherapy Act, 1991 as amended in 2010;
- Rehabilitation policy being developed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Organization — Alectra Utilities

Consultant — Tamar Heisler

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

- To provide input related to regulatory measures in support of electric utility operations as well as other policy initiatives related to the electricity sector including conservation, climate change strategies and renewable energy.

Client — Ontario Podiatric Medical Association

Consultant — Donald P. Gracey

Firm — CG Management & Communications Inc.

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

- Regulation under the Chiropractic Act to enable podiatrists to prescribe and administer narcotics as prescribed by the (federal) New Classes of Practitioners Regulation.
- Obtain support to launch post-graduate podiatry degree program in Ontario.

Client — Matthews Hall

Consultant — Donald P. Gracey

Firm — CG Management & Communications Inc.

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

- To acquire land deemed surplus by the Government of Ontario

Organization — Solutions Notarius Inc.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Influence the province of Ontario in developing, adopting and promoting internal policies and procedures concerning the receipt, production and archival of official documents in electronic form

Organization — Whirlpool Canada LP

Consultant — Warrington Ellacott

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

- Submitted public comments re: Ontario Environmental Registry 013-1814 Proposed Food and Organic Waste Framework and Stewardship ON Draft Blue Box program.
- Submitted comment to MOECC re: O. Reg. 463/10s regarding HFC regulations.

Organization — Ontario Principals' Council

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Meetings with the Ministry of Education with respect to the Education Act to review any proposed changes to legislation which may affect principals and vice-principals and to make submissions as deemed appropriate. The council is not looking to amend the Education Act at this time but to monitor any amendments that may impact on schools and the responsibilities of principals and vice-principals.

Client — Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques

Consultant — Stew Kiff

Firm — Solstice Public Affairs

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

- Seeking additional funding for the expansion of French Language Catholic Schools in Ontario. And reaching out to all members of the Ontario Legislature to attend a lobby day reception and meetings with school board trustees related to an annual lobby day.

Organization — AbbVie Corporation

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Ontario Public Drug Programs (OPDP) restructuring – The **2017 Budget Bill** introduced OHIP+, a new universal pharmacare initiative for youth aged 24 and younger and AbbVie continues to seek to be involved in the public and industry consultations regarding that initiative. OPDP and the Minister of Health plan to hold public consultations on the restructuring and on OHIP+ (still outstanding) which should include a review and restructuring of all OPDP programs including the Trillium Drug Program.

Both as an individual company and as a member of the pharmaceutical industry, AbbVie will contribute to these public consultations.

- Exceptional Access Program (EAP) – AbbVie will continue to contribute to the ongoing improvements of the EAP including providing advice into the development of the electronic request system (SADIE), which is presently scheduled to become operational in early 2017.
- Subsequent Entry Biologics (SEBs - also known as Biosimilars) – in early 2016, the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) with collaboration from the Ontario government released the pCPA SEB 1st principles document. In 2017, AbbVie will continue to participate both individually and with industry colleagues on the reform and revision of the document through continuing consultations. In addition, there are a number of critical issues relating to SEBs including: interchangeability/therapeutic substitution, preferential listings, multiple SEBs of the same innovator, naming, extrapolation & tracking. As of 2017, these issues remain unresolved and, as such, AbbVie will continue these activities with the goal of contributing to the consultation on SEBs, interchangeability/therapeutic substitution, preferential listing, naming, extrapolation, and tracking.
- Access to Innovative Medicines – AbbVie may seek to advocate for comprehensive patient access to innovative medicines within the public plans. This may include process improvements within the pCPA and/or specific access to key AbbVie medications.
- Hepatitis C/HCV – AbbVie may seek to engage in discussions regarding the Ontario Hepatitis C strategy/policies and the listing criteria for Hepatitis C medications.
- Health Care Sustainability/Deficit Reduction & Cost Containment policies – AbbVie will continue to contribute to ongoing cost-containment/deficit reduction consultations highlighting the numerous and positive impacts the Innovative Pharma market has on the health system. Particular focus will be on policies relating to the drug system including: National Pharmacare, Pan-Canadian Pricing Alliance (pCPA), Class Reviews, Therapeutic Substitution.
- Patients First Act & Implementation - AbbVie may seek to engage in the ongoing discussion around the implementation Patients First Act, both as an individual company and as a member of the pharmaceutical industry.
- Rare Disease – AbbVie will engage in the ongoing policy discussions on how best to handle rare diseases.
- Health Literacy – AbbVie has made a commitment to support Health Literacy projects and will seek to engage select government leaders in the development and refinement of these projects.
- Life Sciences Sector & Research – AbbVie will continue to contribute to the conversations on the growth and structure of the Ontario Life Sciences Sector highlighting the impacts of certain decisions on global research investments. AbbVie will seek to engage, and participate in, the recently announced Life Sciences Strategy and the new position of the Chief Science Officer (unnamed).

Organization — Private Career Education Council (Ontario)

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Modernization of the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005 (PCC Act 2005) - CCO would like to lobby the provincial government in regards to specific changes to parts of the Act. In broad terms CCO believes that the sector can continue to grow and serve an important role in the postsecondary education sector in Ontario.
- CCO has prepared an Issues Briefing Book for use in its meetings with elected officials that outlines issues and recommendations relating to the following topics: Equal application of tuition cap on Second Career Funding; access to Ontario's part-time student loan assistance; increased recognition of the career college sector in regard to apprenticeship; training of RPN's by career colleges in Ontario; OSAP funding for distance education offered by career colleges in Ontario; inclusion of career colleges in the Ontario Qualifications Framework; inclusion of career colleges in the Edu-Canada Brand authorization; renaming of the Private Career Colleges Act 2005 to Career Colleges Act; Training Completion Assurance Fund Changes; Qualifications for Teaching Staff at career colleges should be expanded; Training Completion Review; Key Performance Indicators; inclusion of Private Career Colleges in the Internship exemption under the Employment Standards Act 2000.
- Ontario College of Trades and Apprenticeship Act 2009: inclusion of representation of Private Career College Sector; Access to Post Graduate Work Permit; Ontario Student Grant
- Regulations 414/06 and 415/06 - Revisions to Training Completion Fund, definition vocational training,
- Adoption of provisions reflective of the career college sector **Bill 148**, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act: CCO supports this Bill as it pertains to the freedom of businesses in Ontario equal opportunity to choose Private Career College students using the same guidelines as required for students of public post secondary institutions.
- The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP):
 - CCO would like students at career colleges to have access to the part-time student loan under OSAP that includes the part-time student loan under the Canada Student Loan Program that career college students in Ontario had access to until 2010 – 2011.
 - CCO would like to see students taking distance education/on-line programs at career colleges in Ontario have access to OSAP funding to pay the tuition for these programs.
 - Equal access to OSAP funding for new applicants.
 - CCO would also like to have students at career colleges to have the same access to OSAP funding as students at public community colleges.
 - Determine whether the KPI de-designation of OSAP dates are appropriate.
 - The Second Career Program – CCO would like to see the tuition cap of \$10,000 be equally applied to students attending career

colleges or community colleges thereby increasing a potential student's choice of educational institution and should also allow for cost of living indexing on an annual basis.

- Key Performance Indicators – CCO wants to ensure that Key Performance Indicators that are being collected by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development such as student loan default rates, student graduation rates and student graduate/employment rates are being collected properly and that the collection of such indicators will be beneficial to future post-secondary students.
- International Student Program (ISP) - CCO wants the Ontario Government to take a position in its dealings with the Federal Government that: a. International Students attending ISP designated career colleges in Ontario have access to Post-Graduation Work Permits, similar to international students attending publicly funded postsecondary institutions in Ontario; b. ISP designated career colleges in Ontario be authorized to use the Edu Canada brand.
- Delivery Accredited Profession Training – The government should take steps to more fully utilize the career college sector resource in an effort to increase student choice and meet employer needs by allowing Career colleges in Ontario to deliver certain profession training programs.

Client — Coach Canada

Consultant — Leanna Karremans

Firm — Pathway Group Inc.

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

- Lobbying with respect to public and private transit issues in Ontario. The lobbying goal is to make the government aware of the services Coach Canada presently offers and the willingness of this client to partner with the government to help them reach their transit goals.

Client — Archdiocese of Toronto

Consultant — Leanna Karremans

Firm — Pathway Group Inc.

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

- Discussing the implementation of the federal **Assisted Dying Bill C-14** in Ontario.
- To arrange meetings to build relationships with government and to provide input from a Catholic perspective as issues arise.
- Continue to allow priests to come to Canada from abroad through the Opportunities Ontario program
- Lobbying to provide funding for St. Michael's Choir School.

Organization — Food and Beverage Ontario (formerly Alliance of Ontario Food Processors)

Consultant — Norman Beal

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

- Monitoring for regulatory reviews on all Waste Diversion Act Regulations, Nutrient Management Act Regulations, Farm Products Marketing Act Regulations, Employment Standards and Labour Relations Act, Climate Change and Cap and Trade.
- Potential regulations under the Local Food Act, 2013.
- Participation in Open for Business Consultations at the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs.
- "Growing Forward 2", a new agricultural policy framework endorsed by Canada's federal, provincial & territorial Ministers of Agriculture - lobbying for the implementation of the Strategy for Ontario's Food and Beverage Processing Industry.
- Specialist High Skills Major Program - development of Courses at the Community College Level specific to the food and beverage processing sector.
- Toxics Reduction Act - meetings with government officials to discuss and obtain a better understanding of the Act in an effort to assist food processors to understand their obligations under the Act.
- Farm Products Marketing Act - working with government officials with regard to the governance of regulated marketing. Currently monitoring for any new policies under the Food Safety & Quality Act, 2001 and Employment Standards Act, 2000.
- Monitoring the impact of the Modernization of Approvals process for food processing (formerly the Certificate of Approvals process for food processing).
- Waste Reduction Act - discussions about its impact on the food processing industry.
- Healthy Kids Panel (Childhood Obesity) - consultations regarding point-of-sale advertising.
- Monitoring Electricity Pricing/Industrial Power Rates and potential impacts on the food processing industry.

Organization — CAA South Central Ontario

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Further discussion regarding the issue of highway incident management and how it would coincide with regulatory changes for the towing industry that took effect in 2017.
- **Bill 72**, Safe Roundabouts Act, 2016 - ongoing support of the Private Member's Bill regarding roundabouts in Ontario
- **Bill 136**, Transportation Systems Improvement Advisory Committee Act - ongoing support of the Private Member's Bill related to highway incident management Issues related to school zone safety.

- Following the passing of **Bill 65**, CAA intends to have further discussions with MPPs and government staff on issues related to safety in school zones, as regulations are developed and brought into effect. Issues related to drug impaired and distracted driving.
- With **Bill 174** receiving Royal Assent and regulations pending, CAA intends to have further discussions with MPPs and government staff on issues related to distracted driving and drug impaired driving.
- Continue discussions on further regulation of the towing industry in Ontario. CAA will meet with ministries and key stakeholders to highlight various opportunities to introduce regulations that benefit both the industry and consumers, and avoid introducing certain regulations that would impact road safety and response times to motorists.
- Establishing policies and programs with respect to road user safety, distracted driving, senior driving, towing regulations, Emergency Road Service (ERS), safety protocols, electric and autonomous vehicles, Gasoline and fuel.
- HST - encouraging government to share a portion of the HST on gas and fuel with municipalities. Ensure permanent and sustainable funding for transportation infrastructure.

Client — Consumer Technology Association

Consultant — Clare Schulte-Albert

Firm — Navigator Ltd.

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

- CTA aims to provide research and input on how to improve energy efficiency in consumer technologies through relevant regulations.
- CTA's goal is to work with the Ontario government to collaborate on the development of industry-leading standards for consumer technology products and services, facilitate cross-border dialogue and collaboration on issues affecting the consumer technology industry and promote an "innovation movement" in Canada.

Client — Wataynikaneyap Power LP (Fortis-RES PM Inc.)

Consultant — Chris Benedetti

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

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

- To advise the government on potential regulatory amendments or decisions to be made under the Far North Act, the purpose of which will be to facilitate land use planning to advance development of a new high-voltage transmission line to connect remote First Nations communities to the provincial electricity transmission system.
- To advise government on various policy measures to facilitate the development of transmission facilities to connect remote communities in northwest Ontario.

Client — Ontario Small Brewers Association (OSBA)

Consultant — John Hay

Firm — John Hay and Associates

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

- Lobbying activities generally involve discussions with government officials about retail access, grant renewals and tax structure. Other general discussions include input on alcohol policy and related issues in the marketing, distribution and sale of beer as well as economic development, tourism and any other policy that relates to or impacts the development and operation of a brewery.
- Ontario Small Brewers Strategic Growth Plan - all aspects of small business development as well as any government policies related to any aspect of brewing under the Ontario Tax Plan for More Jobs and Growth Act, 2009.
- Grant from the Government of Ontario for the growth of the Ontario Small Brewers Industry.

Organization — CAAT Pension Plan

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Communication regarding provincial pension legislation including the Pension Benefits Act and its regulations, as it applies to plan administration, investments and new employers joining the Plan
- To educate government about the benefits of single employer pension plan mergers into Jointly Sponsored Pension Plans.

Client — Spark Power Corporation

Consultant — Chris Benedetti

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

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

- To provide input regarding the amendment of O. Reg. 541/05, to best enable virtual net metering in Ontario.
- To provide advice to government on matters related to the development of a community co-operative virtual net-metering program, enabled by the Ministry of Energy and the Independent Electricity System Operator; matters related to the evolution of solar and renewable power planning and procurement in Ontario.

Client — Ontario Convenience Stores Association

Consultant — John Perenack

Firm — StrategyCorp Inc.

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

- To communicate, through a grassroots engagement effort, support for ensuring e-cigarettes are regulated to the same high standard as tobacco products. Lobbying on **Bill 174**, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017, with a specific goal of ensuring

that the bill and subsequent regulation provides a consistent approach to the regulation of electronic cigarettes regardless of the location they are sold.

- 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.
- The creation of a provincially funded program in order to train workers in the retail sector on the regulations and responsible sale of tobacco and gaming (lottery) products.

Organization — GlaxoSmithKline Inc.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- GSK's lobbying goal is to have meaningful input regarding legislative or regulatory proposals related to pharmaceutical drug policy (including vaccines) in Ontario that may have an impact on the company, and/or the growth and sustainability of the life sciences industry in Ontario, health system sustainability and transparency, and/or or patients' access to innovative medications in Ontario. This includes providing input and recommendations regarding **Bill 160**, the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017 (SCHEDULE 4, HEALTH SECTOR PAYMENT TRANSPARENCY ACT, 2017), and future regulations under that Act, so that patients can make better informed decisions regarding their health care. GSK is also concerned with the work of the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA), within which Ontario is a member, as well as other healthcare-related policies and initiatives under consideration by the Council of the Federation and FPT bodies, such as national pharmacare and PMPRB reform.
- Immunization policy and programming, including vaccine tendering activity, is also an area of interest for GSK.
- GSK also seeks the opportunity to provide input regarding the OHIP+ (Child and Youth Pharmacare) program announced in the 2017 Budget. With respect to specific regulations of interest, GSK's lobbying goals may include inputting on proposed regulatory amendments under the Ontario Drug Benefit Act and the Drug Interchangeability and Dispensing Fee Act.
- Other public policy areas of interest to the company include National Pharmacare; Pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA); Pharmacists' Scope of Practice; Immunization Policy, Programming and Procurement, including public health; Health Innovation Policy; and Economic Development, Research and Innovation and Science Policy.
- As a lobbying goal, GSK will continue to explore further partnerships with the Province to grow and strengthen the economic footprint in Ontario.

Organization — AdvantAge Ontario (formerly Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS))

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Process and criteria for awarding new beds.
- Funding policies and level of funding for long term care facilities.
Implementation of various program delivery related policies as described in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Facility Programs' Policy Manual.
- Allocation and reallocation of health funding within the current efforts to strengthen health care.
- Provisions within Workplace Safety and Insurance Board on the level of insurance premium and classification of various employers.
- Devolution/transfer of social and supportive housing to municipalities and other Ministries.

Organization — Cisco Systems Canada Co.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Discussions re: various changes to labour regulations including the review of the IT Professional Exemption under the Employment Standards Act
- Discussions regarding digital government, 21st century skills and training, STEM, education, health care, information technology, telecom, trade, innovation, digitization, R&D, venture capital, IoT, Indigenous peoples, rural connectivity, broadband, 5G, infrastructure, transportation, smart cities, manufacturing, financial services etc.
- Also discussions re promotion of women in technology and business.
- Discussions regarding economic development including the Ontario Transformation and Innovation Initiative, Ontario IT Innovation Initiative and Ontario-Cisco MOU.

Client — Sigma Energy Storage

Consultant — Chris Benedetti

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

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

- To help inform the development of regulations for compressed air energy storage under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act.
- To provide advice to government on matters related to the development of policies, planning and procurement in the area of energy storage, particularly in the context of compressed air energy storage.

Organization — Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Promoting the creation of an Education Sector Regulation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act that will protect education workers and others in the education community.

- Monitoring regulations with respect to educational funding, labour and recertification.
- Secondary School Reform - curriculum and testing, special education issues; private school tax credits; review of provincial education funding formula; extension of funding i.e. private school tax credits, education funding, teacher recertification, curriculum and student testing proposals including the Education Quality and Accountability Office; proposed amendments to the Labour Relations Act regarding the wages and working conditions of Ontarians; safe schools; issues that impact on teachers and educational workers; issues relating to Professional Colleges of teachers and educational workers; Privatization and contracting out; World trade issues related to public services - Public Health Care issues
- Discouraging school boards from privatizing student services including custodial services, educational assistants, psychological and speech services and extension of tax credits to private schools

Organization — Amgen Canada Inc.

Consultant — Grant Gunn

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

- Ontario Public Drug Program redesign scheduled for completion in 2019. Providing input as solicited by the Ontario government to ensure optimal patient access to new and innovative medicines, and ensuring that uptake of Subsequent Entry Biologics is consistent with good medicine and fair market practices. Input will be provided primarily through Innovative Medicines Canada, with input on Amgen-specific issues provided independently as necessary. Participating in a joint working group with Innovative Medicines Canada and the Exceptional Access Program of the Ontario Public Drug Programs, to improve the efficiency of the Exceptional Access Program to bring new and innovative medicines to patients. Discussions to ensure an optimal environment for investments in Ontario.

Organization — Weyerhaeuser Company Limited

Consultant — Erik Holmstrom and Alfred Dzida

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

- Monitor policies that may impact Weyerhaeuser's operations in Ontario. Examples include: Crown dues for hardwood tree species such as aspen and birch; implementation of aspects of the Endangered Species Act that relate to caribou; electricity rates and regulations; relationship between the Government of Ontario and Grassy Narrows First Nation.
- Northern Industrial Electricity Rebate program. Maintain current level of dues for wood fibre used in the manufacture of engineered lumber at Weyerhaeuser's Kenora Timberstrand plant.

Organization — Amazon Canada Fulfillment Services, Inc.

Consultant — Steven de Eyre and Patrick Robert

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

- Promoting policies that support Amazon's continued growth and investment in Ontario, including the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program, digital transformation of government, workplace law modernization, job creation and skills development, research and innovation, recycling and waste management, transportation systems, and economic development programs.

Organization — Alzheimer Society of Ontario.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- The society is supporting the implementation of an Ontario Dementia Strategy and legislation that may be connected to it as part of the implementation process. As well, to ensure continual enhancement and quality improvement in system factors affecting the lives of people living with dementia and caregivers.
- Supporting **Bill 35**: Empowering Home Care Patients Act as it goes through second reading and committee consultations if they happen.
- Supporting **Bill 66**: Caregiver recognition day as it goes through second reading and committee consultations if they happen.
- Supporting **Bill 182**: Compassionate Care Act as it goes through Committee and third reading if it happens.
- Lobbying will include focus on improving the health, community, social and correctional systems for persons living with dementia and their families. Additional lobbying issues include - dementia in the workplace, housing for persons with dementia, risk of going missing with dementia, small scale long-term care housing models, home care and primary care, caregiving policy, family health teams and long-term care homes.

Organization — Ontario Community Support Association

Consultant — Patrick Boily

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

- Following the passage of the Patients First Act A regulatory amendment around the private for-profit delivery of community support services and the appointment of a supervisor by LHINs. Advocating for regulatory changes and exemption for home and community care sector to new scheduling provisions under the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act.
- A change to the process and timing of allocating the Personal Support Worker Training Fund. Reversal of the decision or changes to the announced Self Directed Care Organizations to minimize the impact across the home and community care sector. Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act will have important financial impacts on the home and community care sector. OCSA is aiming to ensure both the Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care understand and funds the additional service delivery costs as a result of the legislation.

Organization — Eli Lilly Canada Inc.

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- Convey the components of a policy framework and provincial drug benefit plan that are critical to maximize patient outcomes, through appropriate access and valuation of the company's innovative medicines. This includes appropriate reimbursement and price of medicines, decisions around coverage under the Ontario Drug Benefit program, integration between the publicly funded and privately funded drug programs as well as the growth of the life sciences sector and economy in Ontario. From this the company hopes to ensure a reduced regulatory burden, speed access to the company's innovation in an environment that fosters a strong price and intellectual property (IP) regime.

Organization — Global Automakers of Canada

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- New waste management legislation that would seek to impose additional costs onto manufacturers and first importers. The organization's goal would be to have waste management/reduction in Ontario focus on environmental outcomes as opposed to utilizing specific tools such as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) or Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR).
- Motor Vehicle Dealers Act Regulations - potential changes to the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act that would bring manufacturers and distributors unnecessarily under the scope of the Act and its regulations
- Advanced Technology Vehicle (ATV) Incentives and infrastructure incentives - ensuring equitable incentive treatment for all forms of advanced vehicle propulsion technologies. The maintenance of incentives and additional infrastructure as a means of encouraging more ATV's as opposed to imposing requirements for manufacturers to produce/market zero emission vehicle mandates. Diversification of Funding for Public Transit ensuring that the personal motor vehicle does not end up bearing the brunt of increased taxation /fees to pay for the development of public transit.

Organization — Sanofi Pasteur Limited

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- To improve access and immunization rate in the interest of public health, Ontario recently expanded the scope of practice for Pharmacist to administer travel vaccines. To further enhance patient access and public health in general, Ontario could consider in the regulation a provision that would allow pharmacists to administer non-publically funded influenza vaccines.

- Over the next several years, there will be new and innovative vaccines which will be licensed and available to Ontarians. Sanofi Pasteur would like to raise the awareness of policy makers on these new vaccines, their potential benefits to patients and the overall health system, as well as opportunities for government adoption. The new vaccines should improve Ontario's universal and publicly-funded immunization programs.
- Provide the government insights in the area of attracting capital investment and implementation of a new bulk biologics project to enhance Ontario's high-skilled manufacturing capacity.

Organization — Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

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

- **Bill 151** - Waste-Free Ontario Act - preservation and expansion of agricultural recycling program and ensuring farmers are not deemed as waste producer
- Conserving our Future - Review of the Conservation Authorities Act - balance and consistency of authorities across all CAs Provincial budget - proposing investment in rural Ontario
- Farm Risk Management Programs (RMP) - seeking a higher cap on the RMP and strengthening of AgriStability and Agri-Invest programs - reinstatement of previous levels of support.
- Pollinator Health Strategy - seeking longer term implementation of Integrated Pest Management strategies without regulation on pesticide coated seed; immediate work on development of a Pollinator Health Strategy.
- Farms Forever - suggesting ways and means of preserving farming near urban centers through land use designations; Review of Greenbelt and Growth Plans - seeking amendments to make all plans language-consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS); higher density requirements for urban areas.
- Great Lakes Protection Act - working to ensure the interests of farmers are protected by avoiding overlap or conflict with existing legislation including Clean Water and Nutrient Management Acts.
- Long Term Energy Policy - seeking farm electricity rate and rural natural gas access
- Food Processing Sector Strategy for Northern Ontario - northern rural economic development Guidance for Invasive Species Assessments under the Invasive Species Act - minimize impacts on accepted agricultural practices

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