

2024 WINTER UPDATE

STEPHEN CRAWFORD

MPP - Oakville



A STRONG VOICE FOR OAKVILLE

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN

Dear Oakville Resident,

As we welcome the New Year, it's a time to reflect on the remarkable growth our province has experienced. This past year, Ontario expanded with unprecedented population growth. While this surge has brought vibrancy and diversity, it also presents significant challenges in housing, healthcare, infrastructure, and transportation.

Ontario's government has been proactive in addressing these issues. Our commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our province remains unwavering. We have made historic investments recognizing these challenges as key areas for sustainable growth.

Highlights of our efforts include:

- **Infrastructure Development:** Under Ontario's Plan to Build, we are investing \$185 billion over 10 years, including \$20.7 billion in 2023–24, to enhance highways, roads, transit, healthcare, education, and digital infrastructure.
- **Housing Initiatives:** We aim to build 1.5 million homes by 2031, focusing on affordability. We're reducing the provincial HST by eight percent on new rental projects, with plans to eliminate the full 13 percent HST, in partnership with the federal government.
- **Healthcare Investment:** With a \$72 million investment, we're accelerating surgeries and reducing wait times. Since June 2023, we've cut the surgery waitlist by over 25,000 cases.

Our focus is clear: to ensure that Ontario continues to be a province synonymous with opportunity and a high quality of life. The government is dedicated to tackling the challenges head-on, ensuring that our growth is both sustainable and inclusive.

As we step into another year, as your representative, I am deeply proud to voice and represent the diverse and vibrant community of Oakville. We are focused on creating good jobs, attracting industry investments, and ensuring that Oakville remains a beacon of prosperity and innovation. Together, we are on a path to build a Strong Ontario - an Ontario that reflects the strength and resilience of our community.

Sincerely,

Stephen Crawford
MPP - Oakville



MPPs from across the province gather in solidarity for Purple Scarf Day on the Grand Stairway in Queen's Park. Highlighting the importance of ending gender-based violence.

2023 FALL ECONOMIC STATEMENT

DELIVERING RESULTS FOR OAKVILLE

TAX RELIEF MEASURES

Extending gas and fuel tax rate cuts of 5.3 cents per litre through June 30, 2024.

TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

Eliminating double fares for local transit with GO Transit and increasing PRESTO discounts.



With Finance Minister MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy and Parliamentary Assistant MPP Rick Byers moments before delivering the "Building a Strong Ontario Together" 2023 Fall Economic Statement.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Raising the general minimum wage to \$16.55 per hour, offering a 6.8% increase to support workers amidst rising costs.

SENIORS' SUPPORT

Providing an average of \$550 to over 200,000 low-to-moderate-income senior families for medical expenses, including aging-at-home aids, through the Ontario Seniors Care at Home Tax Credit.

BUILDING A STRONG ONTARIO TOGETHER

Building a Strong Ontario Together is our responsible and targeted plan to build Ontario and lay a strong fiscal foundation. Ontario is creating the environment for record investments in the auto and manufacturing sectors.



INVEST ONTARIO FUND

Investing an additional \$100 million to the Invest Ontario Fund, totaling \$500 million, to attract companies and create jobs.

CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVES

Refurbishments of nuclear stations, building North America's first grid-scale SMR, and long-duration storage projects.

ONTARIO INCREASING FUNDING TO COMBAT HATE

The Ontario government is investing an additional \$20 million this year to combat the recent rise in faith-targeted crime. This funding will support the province's Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant, which assists faith-based and cultural organizations in implementing measures to ensure that community spaces remain safe and secure.

This initiative builds upon the \$12.5 million already invested earlier this year, helping over 1,400 faith-based and cultural organizations through the first round of the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant.

This additional investment will provide synagogues, mosques, churches, temples, community hubs, and schools affiliated with various religious institutions with up to \$20,000 each. This funding is aimed at enhancing their ability to protect their spaces from hate-motivated incidents, graffiti, vandalism, or other forms of damage.



YOUR HEALTH:

A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care

Making Life Easier and Safer: *Top Accomplishments 2023*

HOSPITAL WAIT TIME REDUCTION

Additional \$44 million to support hospitals in reducing wait times, including smaller emergency departments.

LEARN AND STAY GRANT EXPANSION

Expanded to paramedic and medical lab tech/sciences students, with over 5,000 applicants in 2023/24. The grant supports postsecondary students who enrol in a priority program in a priority community and continue to work in that community after they graduate.

HOSPITAL FUNDING INCREASE

14% funding increase, investing \$208 million for upgrades and repairs in hospitals and community health facilities.



MAMMOGRAM AGE LOWERED

Lowered eligibility for mammograms from 50 to 40, expanding access to 1 million additional women.

ENHANCED PHARMACIST CARE

Expanded pharmacists' ability to treat and prescribe for 19 common ailments, including pink eye, significantly improving access to healthcare for nearly 600,000 Ontarians.

PEDIATRIC CARE INVESTMENT

Historic \$330 million annual investment for over 100 pediatric initiatives province-wide.

COMBATING AUTO THEFT IN HALTON

The Ontario government is dedicating \$300,000 over three years to the Halton Regional Police Services Board as part of the Preventing Auto Thefts (PAT) Grant program.

This initiative, designed to enhance measures in prevention, detection, and enforcement, aims to significantly reduce auto thefts in the community. Halton Regional Police is one of 21 recipients across the province, sharing in the \$18 million total investment to combat auto theft over three years. The funding will also go to the creation of a new Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team providing dedicated support to prosecute complex cases.



Proud to stand with our dedicated officers and community leaders at Halton Regional Police headquarters.
Left to right: Burlington MPP Natalie Pierre, Oakville MPP Stephen Crawford, Deputy Chief of District Operations Roger Wilkie, Halton Police Chief Stephen Tanner, Solicitor General MPP Michael Kerzner and Oakville North Burlington MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos.

PUTTING REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS BEHIND BARS

The Ontario government is dedicating \$24 million over the next three years to the Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) Grant program, with the aim of preventing repeat and violent offenders from committing serious crimes while out on bail.

This significant investment will assist police services in establishing dedicated teams for bail compliance and warrant apprehension, which will closely monitor high-risk individuals. Additionally, the funds will contribute to the development of new technology that will underpin a provincewide system for monitoring bail compliance, enhancing the capabilities of law enforcement to ensure community safety.

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IN THE COMMUNITY WITH MPP CRAWFORD



Fire Station Visit

At Oakville Fire Station 3. Supporting the 31st annual toy drive. Oakville Professional Firefighters Association, Benevolent Fund



YMCA Initiative Announcement

Announcing new play and wellness initiatives at the YMCA of Oakville, bolstered by Ontario Trillium Foundation grants.



Shifa Gala

Joining Oakville's Muslim community to support the Oakville Hospital Foundation's fundraising efforts.



Bronte Village BIA Tour

Enjoyed a morning tour of Bronte with Kylie Wilson, Executive Director of Bronte Village BIA. Thank you for the fantastic coffee at Taste of Colombia.



Apprenticeship Training Support

Boosting apprenticeship training at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 793 to meet Ontario's infrastructure and housing goals.



Oakville Remembrance Day Parade

Spending time meeting our war veteran heroes.



Diwali Celebration

Celebrating Diwali with the Hindu Canadian Foundation, embracing the triumph of light over darkness.



Save Max Empire Realtors Opening

Celebrating the grand opening of Save Max Empire Realtors.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Assistance with Ontario Documents:

- Birth Certificates
- Health Cards
- Driver's Licence
- Marriage Certificate
- Commissioning services for documents

Assistance with Provincial Programs:

- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Ontario Works
- Landlord and Tenant Board
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)

We Also Offer:

- Recognition for special contributions in our community
- Congratulatory certificates for anniversaries, birthdays, events and other special occasions