

5 Things Friday



What your government did for you this week.

Helping Families Celebrate Ontario 150

The province is helping families celebrate Ontario's 150th anniversary by expanding the Fun Pass for 2017. The Fun Pass includes coupons that give local elementary school-aged children free admission to 18 provincial attractions, such as the Royal Ontario Museum, the Ontario Science Centre and Science North. This year, the Fun Pass has been enhanced so that two kids will get in free when accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Families will also get \$5 off the regular price of a daily parking permit at most Ontario Parks day-use areas. Fun Pass booklets are being given to children in participating school boards and private schools this month. Ontario parents can also access the Fun Pass online at Ontario.ca/funpass.



New Courthouse in Halton Region



Ontario is investing in a new courthouse in Oakville that will help families settle disputes faster, reduce time-to-trial, and better serve the needs of people living and working in Halton Region. The new, 21-courtroom facility will offer a broad range of justice, family, social and victim services, bringing the Superior Court of Justice and Ontario Court of Justice operations in Milton and Burlington together at one accessible location. The building will feature new technology to make the court run more efficiently.

Improving Access to Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Ontario is improving access to services for adults with developmental disabilities and their families by finding better ways to connect them to supports available in their local community. These new supports and services include:

- Hiring more Developmental Services Ontario staff
- Expanding the Adult Protective Service Worker program, which matches adults who have a developmental disability and live on their own with a worker
- Increasing access to clinical professionals and specialized services at home and in the community for people with an exceptional dual diagnosis or complex behavioural and medical needs

Ontario Place

For the first time in more than 40 years, Ontario residents and visitors can enjoy a spectacular part of Toronto's waterfront at Ontario Place's newly opened park and trail. The opening is the first milestone in the province's plan to transform the iconic landmark into a vibrant, year-round destination for people of all ages. To create the new Trillium Park, a seven-and-a-half acre parking lot was converted into green space using ideas from people across Ontario. The new site features an open-air pavilion, as well as open spaces to host art fairs, film festivals, yoga classes, school groups and food vendors.

Investing in Schools

Ontario is investing in new and renovated schools across the province to provide students with the best possible learning environments, and improve access to high-quality, licensed child care for families. Thirty-eight new capital projects in schools across the province was announced this week to build modern learning environments and improve programming opportunities for students. This investment in students across Ontario include, 10 new schools, 28 renovations and additions and a combined total of 460 new licensed child care spaces for young children and their families.

