



*The Niagara Catholic District School Board through  
the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership,  
nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all  
to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.*

*AGENDA AND MATERIAL*

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

*NIAGARA LAUNCH CENTRE  
OFF LANCASTER DRIVE BEHIND SEAWAY MALL, WELLAND, ONTARIO*



### **A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Opening Prayer – Trustee Burtnik -
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of the Agenda -
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest -
5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 13, 2017 A5
6. Consent Agenda Items -
  - 6.1 Naming of St. Martin Catholic Elementary School Chapel A6.1
  - 6.2 Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan A6.2
  - 6.3 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities A6.4
  - 6.4 Capital Projects Update A6.5
  - 6.5 In Camera Items F1 and F4 -

### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

### **C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

1. Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2017-2018 School Year C1
2. Summer Camp 2017 C2
3. Niagara Launch Centre C3
4. Monthly Updates -
  - 4.1 Student Senate Update -
  - 4.2 Senior Staff Good News Update -

### **D. INFORMATION**

1. Trustee Information
  - 1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 20, 2017 D1.1
  - 1.2 Calendar of Events – September 2017 D1.2
  - 1.3 OCSTA Information – June 23, 30, July 7 & 14, 2017 D1.3

1.4	OCSTA Memorandum – Bill 68 Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act – Implementation Issues	D1.4
1.5	OCSTA Memorandum – The New Ontario Municipal Election Cycle – May 1, 2018 – October 22, 2018	D1.5
1.6	Letter to Students and Parents – September 2017	D1.6
1.7	Letter to Staff – September 2017	D1.7
1.8	OCSTA 2017 Fall Regional Meeting – September 19, 2017	D1.8
1.9	Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Golf Tournament – September 20, 2017	D1.9
1.10	Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade – September 23, 2017	-

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

1.	General Discussion to Plan for Future Action	-
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## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN CAMERA SESSION**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2017**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 13, 2017, as presented.



# MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 in the Father Kenneth Burns c.s.c. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair MacNeil for Vice-Chair Burtnik.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Chair MacNeil.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik				✓
Maurice Charbonneau		✓		
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Kira Petriello	✓			
Nico Tripodi	✓			
<b>Student Trustees Elect</b>				
Hannah Tummillo	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 13, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Fera with Items F6.1, 6.2 & 6.3 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members who are teachers, or employees of the Board and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2017**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 9, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 23, 2017**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 23, as presented.

**6.2 Educational Field Trip Policy (400.2)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Educational Field Trip Policy (400.2), as presented.

**6.3 Privacy Policy (NEW)**

**THAT** the Policy Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval of the Privacy Policy (NEW), as presented.

**6.4 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Committee**

Presented for information.

**6.5 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan**

Presented for information.

**6.6 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2017-2018**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$3,150.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards per eligible student, as presented.

**6.7 Research Collaborations in the Niagara Catholic District School Board 2016-2017**

Presented for information.

**6.8 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Moved to Section C9

**6.9 Capital Projects Update**

Presented for information.

**6.10 In Camera Items F1 and F4**

Trustee Sicoli requested Item 6.8 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C9 of the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2017-2018 Introductions**

Director Crocco introduced Hannah Tummillo of Lakeshore Catholic High School and Nico Tripodi of Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School, provided a background report and welcomed them as Niagara Catholic District School Board's 2017-2018 Student Trustees.

Chair MacNeil welcomed Hannah and congratulated Nico on his re-election to his second term of Student Trustee.

**2. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2016-2017 Appreciation**

Director Crocco expressed appreciation to Student Trustees Kira Petriello and Nico Tripodi for their commitment to Catholic Education as a model and example of Catholic education, for the opportunity to get to know Kira Petriello as an upcoming graduate and alumni and for Nico who will return as a Student Trustee.

Chair MacNeil thanked Kira and Nico and noted how very important their voice is to Niagara Catholic.

Nico Tripodi expressed his gratitude for the passion and faith that is required to maintain a system and for the opportunity to be a voice for the students of Niagara Catholic.

Kira Petriello thanked Niagara Catholic for providing a foundation for her future. Kira noted that Niagara Catholic and its exemplary staff sparked a fire and passion that has no limits or boundaries on the goals that can be achieved.

**3. National & Provincial Medalists 2017**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education, provided a brief presentation on National and Provincial competitions during the school season and introduced Dino Germano, Athletic Association Convenor. Mr. Germano introduced several coaches, principals and teachers who presented background information the students who were recognized.

Students were congratulated for their success, and Chair MacNeil and Director Crocco presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Academics, Excellence in Arts, or Excellence in Athletics” pins.

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017 Update**

Director Crocco along with sac presented the Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2016-2017.

**2. Niagara Catholic District School Board Level Graduation Rates for the 2011-2012 Grade 9 Cohort**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education presented the Niagara Catholic District School Board Level Graduation Rates for the 2011-2012 Grade 9 Cohort for Trustee information.

Chair MacNeil noted how impressive the results continue to be for Niagara Catholic and that a congratulatory letter be drafted on behalf of the Board to all staff.

Moved by Trustee O’Leary

**THAT** a letter of appreciation be drafted on behalf of the Board to all staff.

**CARRIED**

**3. Annual Board Budget 2017-2018**

Director Crocco, along with Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the balanced Annual Board Budget 2017-2018.

Director Crocco and Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the 2017-2018 Annual Budget, as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. **Final Staff Report for the Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Modified Pupil Accommodation Review**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented the Final Staff Report for the Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Modified Pupil Accommodation Review.

Superintendent Farrell answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Final Staff Report for the Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Modified Pupil Accommodation Review.

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the consolidation of Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School, subject to funding approval by the Ministry of Education for renovations and/or an addition to Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School.

**CARRIED**

5. **Capital Priorities Submission 2017**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Capital Priorities Submission 2017

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Capital Priorities submission 2017 for renovation and/or addition to Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School to facilitate the consolidation of Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School.

**CARRIED**

6. **Award of Custodial Supplies and Service Tender**

Controller Whitwell presented the Award of Custodial Supplies and Service Tender report.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the awarding of the Custodial Supplies & Services Tender to Flexo Products Limited, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole meeting be extended.

**CARRIED**



7. **Tender Approval for Notre Dame College School – New Weight Room, Renovated Change Rooms and Storage Areas**

Controller Whitwell presented the Tender Approval for Notre Dame College School – New Weight Room, Renovated Change Rooms and Storage Areas.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Award of Construction Tender for Notre Dame College School – New Weight Room, Renovated Change Rooms and Storage Areas to Stolk Construction Ltd., as presented.

8. **Monthly Updates**

8.1 **Student Trustees' Update**

Kira Petriello and Nico Tripodi, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

8.2 **Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

**Superintendent Baldasaro**

- Niagara Catholic secondary students participated in the Special Olympics School Championship games that took place in the Niagara Region from June 12-14, 2017. Niagara Regional Police Services, Special Olympics Ontario and Brock University partnered to coordinate the games this year. Congratulations to the following schools that achieved a medal at these provincial games:
  - Blessed Trinity: Bronze in Unified Soccer
  - Denis Morris: Silver in Soccer
  - Holy Cross/Saint Francis: Bronze in Basketball
  - Notre Dame College: Bronze in Unified Soccer
  - Saint Michael: Silver in Bocce
  - Saint Paul: Silver in Basketball

**Controller Whitwell**

- Recycle Your Electronics raised approximately \$700.00 with proceeds going to Helping Hands Charities.

9. **Consent Agenda Item A6.8**

Trustee Sicoli inquired if Trustees could attend the Dr. Michael Ungar's Workshop on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Director Crocco responded affirmatively and that an invitation would be sent to all Trustees along with our Board Chaplaincy Leaders and Social Workers to attend.

## **D. INFORMATION**

### **1. Trustee Information**

#### **1.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 23, 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 23, 2017 issue for Trustees information.

#### **1.2 Calendar of Events – June 2017**

Director Crocco presented the June 2017 Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Retirement and Service Recognition being held on June 23, 2017 at Club Roma and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

#### **1.3 OCSTA Information – May 26, 2017, June 2 & 9, 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Information of May 26, June 2 and June 9, 2017.

#### **1.4 Niagara Catholic District School Board Summer Camp 2017**

Director Crocco highlighted the Niagara Catholic District School Board Summer Camp for 2017.

#### **1.5 Bill 68 Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act**

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum regarding Bill 68 Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act.

#### **1.6 Trustee Survey re: OCSTA/Ontario Catholic University Certificate Course**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the OCSTA/Ontario Catholic University Certificate Course in Leadership & Good governance.

Director Crocco asked Trustees wishing to enroll in the program to confirm with Anna Pisano by June 19, 2017.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

**1.1** Director Crocco noted a number of items Senior Administrative Council and staff will be working on between the June 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting now and the first Committee of the Whole Meeting in September;

- System Priority 2017-2018 Final Achievement Report,
- various Policies for revision,
- preparation of information for the Attendance Area Review Committee for the Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School Family of Schools,
- School level and system level staffing.

**1.2** Chair MacNeil reminded Trustees of the decision to form a System Scan Ad Hoc Committee. He invited Trustees interested in participating on the Ad Hoc Committee to

inform him by the June 20, 2017 Board Meeting. Following the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee, they would meet in the fall to draft the Terms of Reference for Board approval, followed by the selection of a facilitator through the Board's Request for Proposal process.

## **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

**CARRIED**

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:54 p.m. and reconvened at 10:21 p.m.

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 13, 2017.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on May 9, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

### **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on May 9, 2017, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F6.2)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F6.3)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Vernal

**THAT** the June 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 13, 2017.**

Approved on **September 12, 2017.**

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: NAMING REQUEST – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHAPEL AT  
THE NEW ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – St. Martin of Tours Chapel at the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary school, as presented.

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Prepared by: Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader  
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Recommended by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: September 12, 2017



## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

### **NAMING REQUEST – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHAPEL AT THE NEW ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Niagara Catholic District School Board received over \$12.6 million in funding from the provincial government to replace the aging St. Martin Catholic Elementary School in Smithville. On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, Niagara Catholic broke ground on the site for a new St. Martin Catholic at 18 Streamside Drive, in Smithville.

On September 5, 2017, the first day of the 2017-2018 school year, arrangements were made for the St. Martin Catholic School community to participate in a memorable ceremony that honoured both the past and present St. Martin Catholic Elementary School. The school community assembled to say “good-bye” at the original school site that had provided over 50 years of Catholic educational excellence in Smithville, and then boarded school buses to move together, a kilometre down the road, to celebrate the new school opening. Over 400 students, along with staff, parents, Chair McNeil, Vice-Chair Burtnik, Director Crocco, Superintendent Baldasaro, Controller Whitwell and Mayor Joyner entered the new school building which includes a beautifully appointed school chapel at the entrance of the school.

In accordance with Board Policy 100.15, Naming of a Board Facility, Designated Area or Chapel,

All Chapels in the Niagara Catholic District School Board will be named after the Blessed Trinity, or a name for Christ, or a mystery of his life already accepted in the liturgy, or the name of the Holy Spirit, or a name for the Blessed Virgin Mary, or a name of a holy angel, or the name of a Saint, or the name of a blessed provided the Bishop has given permission.

1. All requests will be presented to the Family of Schools’ Superintendent of Education for consideration.
2. If supported by the Family of Schools’ Superintendent of Education, a recommendation will be made to the Director of Education for consideration.
3. The Director of Education will consult with the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines for endorsement.
4. If supported by the Director of Education and endorsed by the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines, the Director will present the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for consideration.
5. The Board of Trustees will approve the naming or renaming of a Chapel within a Board facility.
6. The name of the Chapel within a Board facility will be displayed with an appropriate interior sign or lettering.

## **Recommendation**

A recommendation has been made by the Family of Schools' Superintendent of Education, and Principal of St. Martin Catholic Elementary School to the Director of Education - to name the chapel at St. Martin Catholic Elementary School - after St. Martin of Tours. The Director of Education has consulted with the Bishop Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catharines and received Bishop Bergie's endorsement of the recommended name for the chapel.

Born in Sabaria, modern day Hungary, in 316, Martin was raised in Italy by non-Christian parents. The son of a military veteran, by law he was forced into service with Roman army at the age of fifteen. During a military mission in France on a cold winter day, Martin encountered a shivering beggar. Having no money to offer, Martin removed his cloak, tore it and wrapped half around the man and half around himself. Later that night he had a vision of Christ wearing his cloak and saying, "Martin, a mere catechumen has clothed me." The next day he resolved to be baptized and after completing his catechumen studies was baptized at the age of eighteen. After being discharged from military duties, Martin began his ministry of preaching and later was made Bishop of Tours, a position he faithfully carried out until his death in 397.

We are requesting the chapel at the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary School be named after St. Martin of Tours. His full title, St. Martin of Tours, is an acknowledgment of the service and leadership he provided to the people of Tours over the course of his twenty-five year ministry as their bishop. While his encounter with the beggar in France is often the most recognized image of St. Martin, it was his time in Tours that set him apart as a true shepherd and faithful servant of God. He is credited with numerous healings and miracles and his preaching drew large crowds from cities and villages far beyond Tours. Christian peacemaking was a theme throughout his episcopal ministry as the Bishop of Tours even going so far as to oppose violence against heretics. Firmly rooted in his faith, and devoted to a life of service to Christ, St. Martin of Tours is a great model and witness to the faith we share and the life of service Christ calls us to.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming Request – St. Martin of Tours Chapel at the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary school, as presented.

Prepared by: Krista Wood, Board Chaplaincy Leader  
Presented by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: September 12, 2017

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: THE PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES – SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN**

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The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan  
report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2017





**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

**THE PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES – SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As a follow up to the June 13, 2017 Report to the Board, The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges to Services 2017 and Beyond* will be presented to the Board of Trustees and the Special Education Advisory Committee in the fall of each school year.

The plan is posted on the Board website, [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca) and can be viewed by accessing the following tabs: Programs/Special Education/Special Education Plan.

The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education  
Presented by: Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education  
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: September 12, 2017

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TITLE: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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The Report on Staff Development Department:  
Professional Development Opportunities is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education  
Anthony Corapi, Coordinator of Staff Development

Presented by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2017



## REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In alignment with the Board's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and Annual System Priorities, the Department of Staff Development, as an integral aspect of its mandate, acts as the point of co-ordination among various departments. Thus ensuring that all professional development opportunities for staff, both teaching and non-teaching, occur in a seamless fashion so as to minimize disruptions to the myriad services provided within our Niagara Catholic community.

The following is a listing of activities occurring during the period September 12, 2017 through October 10, 2017.

#### **Monday, September 11, 2017**

##### *NAV Training Session for Principals (CEC)*

- The Business and Financial Services Department is providing a 1-hour training session for all Principals regarding the new finance software **Microsoft NAV**. All purchase requisitions, receiving, payment requests (cheque requisitions), expense claims (Purchasing VISA), approvals, and financial analysis will take place within the webapp version of the software called **Employee Centre**. This 1-hour training session will provide Principals with a review of the Employee Centre, as well as, the approval process and financial reports.

#### **Wednesday, September, 27, 2017**

##### *Understanding the Needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students Workshop (CEC)*

- Educational Resource Teachers (ERT's) and regular Classroom Teachers, who will be working with deaf or hard of hearing students in their schools during the 2017-18 school year, are invited to attend one of two workshop sessions available on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 being held in the Father Burns Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.
- Ron Foster, Resource Services-Outreach Programs Provincial Schools, together with a Niagara Catholic team of Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be presenting on:
  - o Hearing loss / the audiogram
  - o FM systems in the classroom
  - o Academic and social implications of a student's hearing loss in the classroom.
  - o Strategies and accommodations that are necessary to meet the needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
  - o How the classroom teacher collaborates with the teachers of the deaf

**September, November 2017 & January 2018**

*Free Virtual Series: Promoting Equity and Well-Being Through the Assessment Process (Online)*

- EduGAINS is now offering a free three-part virtual learning series (September 2017, November 2017 and January 2018) for educators and administrators across the province. During the online sessions, participants will learn how to use the assessment process effectively to get to know and understand students in order to collectively improve learning while promoting and sustaining equity and well-being for all learners.
- **By the end of three-part series, you will be able to:**
  - o Deepen understanding about the connections between and supports for “equity”, “well-being” and “assessment *for* and *as* learning”
  - o Understand how to collect, analyze and use a variety of data
  - o Differentiate assessment tools and strategies for diverse learning and assessment needs
  - o Identify key learning, strengths, growth in learning and next steps for our students, and communicate these in appropriate and relevant ways throughout the learning cycle
  - o Use technology effectively to support and enhance the assessment process

The Report on Staff Development:  
Professional Development Opportunities is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education  
Anthony Corapi, Coordinator of Staff Development

Presented by: Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2017

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE**

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The Capital Projects Progress Report Update is presented for information.

Prepared by: Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services  
Presented by: Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services  
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: September 12, 2017



**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Individual progress reports for capital projects are presented as follows:

In Progress

**NEW BUILD**

Appendix A

St. Martin Catholic Elementary School

**ADDITIONS**

Appendix B

Our Lady of Fatima (G) Catholic Elementary School

The Capital Projects Progress Report Update is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services

Presented by: Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2017



**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

**APPENDIX A**

**ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Scope of Project:**

Design and construction of a replacement school and child care centre on a new site.

**Current Status:** The new St. Martin Catholic Elementary School opened on September 5, 2017.

**Project Information:**

New Area to be Constructed	44,067	sq. ft.
Existing Area to be Renovated		sq. ft.
Total New Facility Area	44,067	sq. ft.
Total Site Area	6	acres
Pupil Places Added	115	students
New Facility Capacity	454	students



**Project Funding:**

Capital Priorities	9,910,289
	<u>\$9,910,289</u>

**Project Costs:**

	Budget	Paid
Construction Contract	7,734,824	6,982,565
Fees & Disbursements	937,360	980,081
Furniture & Equipment	260,917	2,446
Other Project Costs	977,188	191,115
	<u>\$9,910,289</u>	<u>\$8,156,247</u>

**Project Timelines:**

	<u>Scheduled Completion</u>	<u>Actual Completion</u>
Funding Approval	July 7, 2011	July 7, 2011
Ministry Approval (space)	December 2011	February 14, 2012
Architect Selection	January 30, 2012	March 22, 2012
Design Development	March 2012	October 2013
Contract Documents	January 2014	Feb 2014
Tender & Approvals (re-design)	Summer/Fall 2015	October 2015
Ministry Approval (cost - revised)	Summer/Fall 2015	November 2015
Ground Breaking Date	December 2015	December 9, 2015
Construction Start	December 2015	
Occupancy	September 2017	
Official Opening & Blessing	TBD	

**Project Team:**

Architect	MMMC Inc. Architects
General Contractor	Brouwer Construction
Project Manager	Anthony Ferrara
Superintendent	Yolanda Baldasaro
Principal	Chris Zanuttini



**NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

**APPENDIX B**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA (G) CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Scope of Project:** Design and construction of a 6 classroom/3 child care room addition.

**Current Status:** First floor block work completed. Working on second floor block walls. Parking lot completed for first day of school.

**Project Information:**

New Area to be Constructed	14,974	sq. ft.
Pupil Places Added	138	students
New Facility Capacity	541	students



**Project Funding:**

Capital Priorities	2,997,890
Child Care	1,527,338
	<b>\$4,525,228</b>

**Project Costs:**

	Budget	Paid
Construction Contract	0	1,005,065
Fees & Disbursements	0	281,191
Furniture & Equipment	0	0
Other Project Costs	0	31,292
	<b>\$4,525,228</b>	<b>\$1,317,548</b>

**Project Timelines:**

	Scheduled Completion	Actual Completion
Funding Approval	November 9, 2015	November 9, 2015
Ministry Approval (space)		
Architect Selection	April 18, 2016	June 30, 2016
Design Development	August 2016	December 2016
Contract Documents	January 2017	February 2017
Tender & Approvals	February 2017	
Ministry Approval (cost)	March 2017	
Ground Breaking Date	March 2017	
Construction Start	March 2017	
Occupancy	December 2017	
Official Opening & Blessing	January 2018	

**Project Team:**

Architect	Svedas Architects Inc.
General Contractor	Brouwer Construction Ltd.
Project Manager	Tunde Labbancz
Superintendent	Yolanda Baldasaro
Principal	Brian Palujanskas



**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND SENIOR STAFF  
INTRODUCTION TO THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

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The report on the Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2017-2018 School Year is presented for information.

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Prepared by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Presented by: Senior Administrative Council

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2017



**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND SENIOR STAFF INTRODUCTION TO  
THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Annually, at the first Committee of the Whole Meeting to begin a new school year, the Director of Education and Senior Staff present a visual update and an introduction to the 2017-2018 school year for the information of Trustees.

As part of the presentation, the following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix A: Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2017-2018

Appendix B: Board Calendar 2017-2018

The report on the Director of Education and Senior Staff Introduction to the 2017-2018 School Year is presented for information.

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# NIAGARA CATHOLIC SYSTEM PRIORITIES 2017-2018

## Mission Statement

*The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.*



## Vision 2020

NURTURING SOULS AND BUILDING MINDS

## MINISTRY GOALS

- Achieving Excellence
- Ensuring Equity
- Promoting Well-Being
- Enhancing Public Confidence

## BOARD STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- Build Strong Catholic Identity and Community to Nurture the Distinctiveness of Catholic Education
- Advance Student Achievement for All

## ENABLING STRATEGIES



### Provide Supports for Success

- Increase student engagement, and student voice in student achievement, well-being and mental health awareness
- Engage in a review of specific programs, pathways, services and supports provided for all students
- Enhance global competencies and experiential learning opportunities for all students

### Enhance Technology for Optimal Learning

- Improve access and use of technology for all students and staff

### Building Partnerships and Schools as Hubs

- Create opportunities for meaningful dialogue, feedback and input from students, parents, staff, pastors and the community
- Refine brand awareness and communication with stakeholders
- Enhance and develop wrap-around partnerships with community services

### Strengthen Human Resource Practices and Develop Transformational Leadership

- Enhance professional development opportunities for all staff
- Consolidate Board requirements for the Health and Safety of staff and students
- Address regulations regarding data management

### Create Equity and Accessibility of Resources

- Conduct a review of the criteria used in the allocation of resources to deliver approved programs, supports and services within Board and School Improvement Plans

### Ensure Responsible Fiscal and Operational Management

- Maintain financial stability through a balanced Budget for 2017-2018
- Achieve Ministry of Education compliance for Grants for Student Needs

### Address Changing Demographics

- Continue to optimize efficiency in capacity utilization in all Board facilities





# NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## 2017-2018 School Year Calendar & Meeting Dates

SEPTEMBER 2017						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 SEAC	7 NCPIC	8	9
10	11	12 SAL CW	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 PC BD	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 2017						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 SEAC	5	6	7
8	9	10 SAL CW	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 PC BD	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER 2017						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 SEAC	2 NCPIC	3	4
5	6	7 SAL CW	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 PC BD	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2017						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5 ORG BD MTG CW	6 SEAC	7	8	9
10	11	12 SAL	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 BD	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31						

JANUARY 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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14	15	16 SAL CW	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 PC BD	31			

FEBRUARY 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7 SEAC	8	9	10
11	12	13 SAL CW	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 PC BD	28			

MARCH 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 NCPIC	2	3
4	5	6 SAL CW	7 SEAC	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 PC BD	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Holy Thursday	30 Good Friday	31 Holy Saturday

APRIL 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Easter Monday	3	4 SEAC	5	6	7
8	9	10 SAL CW	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 PC BD	25	26	27	28
29	30					

MAY 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 SEAC	3 NCPIC	4	5
6	7	8 SAL CW	9	10	11	12
<b>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 6-11</b>						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 PC BD	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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10	11	12 SAL CW	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 BD	20	21	22	23
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JULY 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

- Committee of the Whole
- Supervised Alternative Learning Meeting
- Board Meeting
- Organizational Meeting of the Board
- Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
- Policy Committee Meeting
- Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

- 7:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- 2:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- 7:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month
- 6:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of December
- 7:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month
- 4:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month
- 7:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every other month

- CW
- SAL
- BD
- ORG
- SEAC
- PC
- NCPIC

- Elementary P.A. Day
- Secondary P.A. Day
- Elementary & Secondary P.A. Day
- Statutory & Other Holiday
- School Holiday
- Board Office Shutdown
- Secondary Exams



# 2017-2018 NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	PHONE
<b>Fort Erie</b>		
Our Lady of Victory	Adrian Bishop	905.871.3092
St. George	Rosanne Sandel	905.894.3670
St. Joseph	Diane Pizale	905.382.3822
St. Philomena	Lorrie MacKenzie	905.871.1842
<b>Grimsby</b>		
Our Lady of Fatima	Brian Palujanskas	905.945.5500
St. Joseph	Lisa Incaviglia	905.945.4955
<b>Lincoln &amp; West Lincoln</b>		
St. Edward	Carla Bianco	905.562.5531
St. John	Deborah Guthrie	905.945.5331
St. Mark	Steven Ward	905.563.9191
St. Martin	Christopher Zanuttini	905.957.3032
<b>Niagara Falls</b>		
Cardinal Newman	Patsy Rocca	905.354.9033
Father Hennepin	Amanda Cybula	905.354.4469
Loretto Catholic	Antonio Cardamone	905.356.4175
Mary Ward	Joseph Tornabuono	905.354.9221
Notre Dame	Christopher Moscato	905.358.3861
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Domenic Massi	905.354.2523
Sacred Heart	Irene Ricci	905.295.3732
St. Gabriel Lalemant	Sheri Bassett	905.354.5422
St. Mary	Rosetta Araujo	905.354.7744
St. Patrick	Gustine Marchio	905.354.6631
St. Vincent de Paul	Jeff LaFontaine	905.356.7505
<b>Niagara-on-the-Lake</b>		
St. Michael	Blaine MacDougall	905.684.1051
<b>Pelham</b>		
St. Alexander	Anne Marie Crocco	905.892.3841
St. Ann	Jennifer DeCoff	905.892.3942
<b>Port Colborne</b>		
St. John Bosco	Mary Kay Kalagian	905.835.1930
St. Patrick	Mark Venzon	905.835.1091
St. Therese	Lisa Selman	905.835.8082
<b>St. Catharines</b>		
Assumption	Wendy Brant	905.935.5281
Canadian Martyrs	Alan Creelman	905.934.9972
Mother Teresa	Margaret Marion	905.682.6862
Our Lady of Fatima	Branka Jones	905.935.4343
St. Alfred	Emma Fera-Massi	905.934.9922
St. Ann	Scott Root	905.934.1755
St. Anthony	Loredana Spadafora	905.685.8859
St. Christopher	Roger Demers	905.684.3963
St. Denis	Kevin Lamb	905.682.4156
St. James	Jacqueline Watson	905.934.3112
St. Nicholas	Theo Dagenais	905.685.7764
St. Peter	Victoria Wegelin	905.984.3040
St. Theresa	Deborah Mercnik	905.682.0244

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	PHONE
<b>Thorold</b>		
Monsignor Clancy	Dan Trainor	905.227.4910
St. Charles	Susy Walsh	905.227.3522
<b>Wainfleet</b>		
St. Elizabeth	Kimberly Kuchar	905.899.3041
<b>Welland</b>		
Alexander Kuska	Carlo Arghittu	905.735.4471
Holy Name	Terry Antoniou	905.732.4992
St. Andrew	Christopher Kerho	905.732.5663
St. Augustine	Mary-Clare Cavasin	905.734.4659
St. Kevin	Maria Solomon	905.734.7709
St. Mary	Joseph Romeo	905.734.7326

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

<b>Grimsby</b>		
Blessed Trinity	Joseph Zaroda	905.945.6706
<b>Niagara Falls</b>		
Saint Michael	Kenneth Griepsma	905.356.5155
Saint Paul	Bradley Johnstone	905.356.4313
<b>Port Colborne</b>		
Lakeshore Catholic	Glenn Gifford	905.835.2451
Lakeshore Catholic Toll Free		905.382.3846
<b>St. Catharines</b>		
Denis Morris	Danny Di Lorenzo	905.684.8731
Holy Cross	Denice Robertson	905.937.6446
Saint Francis	James Whittard	905.646.2002
<b>Welland</b>		
Notre Dame	Ralph DeFazio	905.788.3060

## OUR LADY OF GRACE RETREAT CENTRE

Our Lady of Grace	Fort Erie	905.894.8910
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## CONTINUING EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRES

<b>Fort Erie</b>		
St. John Centre	Mario Di Vittorio	905.991-8951
<b>Niagara Falls</b>		
St. Ann Centre	Mario Di Vittorio	905.354.3531
<b>St. Catharines</b>		
St. John Centre	Mario Di Vittorio	905.682.3360
<b>Welland</b>		
Father Fogarty Centre	Mario Di Vittorio	905.734.4495
Pope Francis Centre	Mario Di Vittorio	905.735.8668

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN OR COMPLAINT (Complaint Resolution Policy 800.3 - as may be amended from time to time)

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is committed to open communication with its parents, Catholic ratepayers and all educational partners through effective system and school-based communication procedures. The Board recognizes that differences of opinion and concerns may arise during a school year. To facilitate the resolution of complaints the following process will be followed to focus on the issue:

### COMPLAINANT AND EMPLOYEE CONCERNED

The complainant is to contact the employee involved to discuss the concern and attempt to resolve the matter. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

### COMPLAINANT AND THE EMPLOYEE'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

The complainant will be referred to the employee's immediate supervisor to discuss the concern and attempt to resolve the matter. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

### COMPLAINANT AND SUPERINTENDENT/CONTROLLER OF PLANT

The complainant will be referred to the appropriate Superintendent or Controller of Plant to discuss the concern and attempt to resolve the matter. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

### COMPLAINANT AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

The complainant will be referred to the Director of Education for consideration of the complaint and the decisions made by supervisory staff of the Board. If not satisfactorily resolved, then:

### APPEAL TO THE BOARD

A complainant may submit a written request to the Chairperson of the Board to delegate to the In-Camera Meeting of the Board if not satisfied with the decision of the Director of Education. The delegation request will follow Board By-Law Section 14 subsection B through J. The complainant will be advised in writing, unless otherwise advised by Board legal counsel, of any decisions taken by the Board in relation to the complaint.

## TRUSTEES

		Home Phone
Kathy Burtnik	St. Catharines	905.935.5564
Maurice Charbonneau	St. Catharines	905.687.3942
Frank Fera	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	905.374.8129
Fr. Paul MacNeil	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham	905.933.9386
Ed Nieuwesteeg	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	905.354.3712
Ted O'Leary	Welland	905.732.7696
Dino Sicoli	Lakeshore	905.835.8177
Pat Vernal	Thorold/Merriton	905.227.5806
	Student Trustee	
	Student Trustee	

## SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

John Crocco	Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer	220
Yolanda Baldasaro	Superintendent of Education	227
Ted Farrell	Superintendent of Education	230
Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells	Superintendent of Education	229
Frank Iannantuono	Superintendent of Education	228
Giancarlo Vetrone	Superintendent of Business & Financial Services	232
Scott Whitwell	Controller of Facilities Services	252

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: SUMMER CAMP 2017**

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The Summer Camp 2017 report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Jennifer Pirosko, Coordinator of Student Success

Presented by: Jennifer Pirosko, Coordinator of Student Success

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2017



## REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

### SUMMER CAMP 2017

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Niagara Catholic's first Summer Camp was provided to 275 elementary students over 5 weeks from July 10 to August 11, 2017 at six sites throughout the system.

Summer Camp 2017 is an *integrated* summer program that consists of Summer Learning Program (for students with high literacy and numeracy needs) and General Camp. Summer Camp involves all students participating in a variety of activities themed around life skills, pathways planning, active living and general interests- infused with lessons in literacy and numeracy.

#### Summer Camp Modules

The following modules were part of each week long summer camp:

- **Home Sweet Home-** Develop skills you need to be handy around the house. Learn how to read and follow instructions, algorithms, general assembly, fixing and maintenance, home budgeting, sewing and crafts.
- **Master Chef-** Have fun creating nutritious and popular meals and snacks with emphasis on reading instructions, measurement, ratio, proportions and counting. Learn about local produce, nutrition, health and wellness, gardening and safe food practices.
- **Nuts and Bolts-** Learn woodworking and tool basics. Design and build large and small projects, read blueprints/ diagrams with emphasis on measurement, scale, angles and calculation. Build confidence and motor skills with the use of hand and small power tools.
- **On the Move-** Learn about common and alternative transportation and energy sources while focusing on mileage, consumption and power. Calculate numbers regarding travel and distance and utilize maps and guides to "travel" Canada and the world.
- **Robotics-** Explore VEX and build a robot. Sharpen your science, technology, engineering and math skills working both independently and as a group on simple machines, motion, sensors and computer programming.
- **General Camp Activities** (with YMCA consultation)
- **Links for Greener Learning Environmental Activities** (St. Catharines site only)

Six sites across Niagara Catholic plus our Indigenous Camp:

1. Fort Erie- Our Lady of Victory
2. Grimsby- Blessed Trinity Catholic
3. Niagara Falls- Saint Michael Catholic
4. Port Colborne- Lakeshore Catholic
5. St. Catharines- Holy Cross Catholic
6. Welland- Notre Dame College
7. Indigenous (with Niagara Regional Native Centre students from across the Region)- St. Kateri

## **Outcome of the Summer Camps 2017**

### **Strengths:**

- 275 students from across the Niagara Region participated in Summer Camp at 6 sites (plus an Indigenous and an ESL Camp)
- Camp operated from Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 (5 week period, various weeks at each site, repeat campers)
- Combination of paid (\$175 per week) and subsidized campers (CODE Summer Learning Program)
- Use of secondary schools as camp sites to promote Niagara Catholic District School Board and encourage and ease Family of Schools transition
- Full day camp- 9am-4pm, bus transportation-various stops in each city
- Literacy and numeracy instruction through life skills modules (Home Sweet Home, Nuts and Bolts, On the Move, Robotics, Master Chef) and traditional camp activities (physical activity, games, leadership, cultural lessons, healthy living)
- Physical activity throughout/ literacy and numeracy instruction authentic and integrated- minimum of 3 hours per day
- Each site staffed by Camp Teacher, Camp Counsellor and Assistant Camp Counsellor (YMCA Trained)- invaluable support for a variety of activities and outdoor adventures including visits to historical sites, picnics, scavenger hunts and orienteering, physical and mental gameplay and environmental activities. Multiple skills developed and all learning styles addressed.
- Teachers highly communicative with each other and with parents on a daily basis. Much support across the system from expert teacher as well as skilled community members
- Parent engagement and involvement through sharing of experiences, expertise and skill sets. Important and tangible career/ pathway exploration. Some parents involved as guest speaker, community mentors- Eg. Firefighter visit, Nonna (Grandma) in the kitchen
- Successful integration of VEX Robotics program- transition into elementary schools



**Opportunities:**

- Great potential for principals and secondary staff to identify future students- subject specific interests
- Alignment with Summer School schedule to ease site needs, custodial support, CEC support
- Continuation of VEX Robotics program in elementary schools (student and teacher support needed)
- System support with subsidized camper selection- camper profile to be forwarded for 2018
- Secondary support with resources- maximum exposure for parents and future students to buildings, staff, site/ program assets, Niagara Catholic District School Board culture
- Partnerships with **local** neighborhood businesses and organizations unique to each city. Eg. Corner mechanic shop (learn to change bike tire), downtown nonprofit (collaborative project decorate rock garden), restaurant (food preparation demo), local farmer (sustainability talks). Promotion of “Work, Stay, Play in Niagara”
- Student access to healthy food throughout summer period- take away produce, meals
- Senior Student Mentors in specific skill areas (eg. Construction, Robotics) to ease teacher “fear” of completing more complex projects in these areas, leading to greater manageability and confidence in projects
- Parent engagement- great feedback verbally and written- online parent survey to be considered

Based on the enthusiastic response from students, families and staff, we will begin our 2018 Summer Camp registration in February 2018.

A visual presentation of Summer Camp 2017 will be part of this report.

The Summer Camp 2017 report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Jennifer Piroso, Coordinator of Student Success  
Presented by: Jennifer Piroso, Coordinator of Student Success  
Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer  
Date: September 12, 2017

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: NIAGARA LAUNCH CENTRE – POWERED BY NIAGARA  
CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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The Niagara Launch Centre report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Ivana Galante, K to 12 Consultant: Business/Technological Education/Specialist High Skills Major

Presented by: Ivana Galante, K to 12 Consultant: Business/Technological Education/Specialist High Skills Major

Approved by: John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2017



## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

### **NIAGARA LAUNCH CENTRE – POWERED BY NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Approximately thirteen years ago Niagara Catholic embarked on a journey to assess our current technology programs, reviewed their alignment not only to education but more importantly their alignment to industry and career opportunities. We invited staff, students and engaged the experience of business leaders, municipal leaders and social agencies. With this review it was clear to align ourselves strategically in strong partnerships within the community and open our doors wide to the community.

Holding our annual Niagara Catholic skills Competition event in public spaces like the former Canadian Tire building on Niagara Street, Welland, Seaway Mall and the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, has encouraged us to look at relocating some of our technology programs that are hosted within our schools to that very same open public forum. We started with the Hair Styling Program by leasing space from the Seaway Mall and built a full hair salon, followed by a construction program taking place in another unit with storefronts set up as retail units. The general public has been able to come and watch our youth work live in a subject area that can lead them to rewarding career opportunities.

We signed several memorandums of understandings with partners including the Region of Niagara, City of Welland, City of Port Colborne, Algoma Central Marine Corporation, Niagara Parks Commission, and several construction, manufacturing and engineering businesses and agencies. These partnerships are great opportunities to enrich the education and valuable assets for students.

Our mission is to provide innovative and creative education, training and inspiration for students in all pathways. Our vision is to fuel student interest and passion through exciting and engaging education that leads to valuable skill development and career prosperity. This mission and vision has lead us today to exciting times with our staff, students and gracious partners.

**Niagara Launch Centre – Powered by Niagara Catholic District School Board** has opened its first innovative facility for elementary and secondary students. Together with the support of Seaway Mall we have acquired over 1,114 square meters (1,2000 square feet) of space and have developed a creative student and business focused career-training centre. This centre has come from Niagara Catholic listening to staff, to student voice, parents, community, business and Ministry of Education. The *Niagara Launch Centre* will allow us to work closely with all of our stakeholders and allow our students to be creative, innovative and dabble in their entrepreneurial skills and talents. This centre will align our programs and develop a true community hub – an incubator space not only for students but for business training and educational opportunities.

*Niagara Launch Centre* is committed to providing community connected experiential learning through authentic industry partnerships and realistic work and career opportunities.

We Value:

- Student driven inquiry and learning
- Diversity and inclusivity– celebration of all skills and pathways in recognition of God given talents
- Passionate and knowledgeable students, teachers and leaders
- Student voice
- Unconventional problem solving and refined solutions
- Continuous adaptation to meet changing economic realities and industry expectations
- Local post-secondary connections and transitions
- Local industry supports and partnerships
- Contributions to the regional, provincial, national and global highly skilled workforce
- Exemplifying our Catholicity through community giving, strength and support

At this Committee of the Whole meeting, our industry partners/supporters along with our former students will present their testimonials on the valuable benefits and opportunities provided.

As part of this report, Trustees will participate in a guided tour of the *Niagara Launch Centre*.

The Niagara Launch Centre report is presented for information.

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Date: September 12, 2017

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION  
SPOTLIGHT ON NIAGARA CATHOLIC – JUNE 20, 2017**

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**June 20, 2017**

### **2017-2018 Budget Approved**

Niagara Catholic's 2017-2018 Annual Budget has been approved by Trustees.

During the June 20 Board Meeting, Trustees approved the Annual Budget, set at \$268,734.758, which is balanced without the need from reserves. Read the media release [here](#), and you can view the full budget here.

### **Trustees Recommend Consolidating Thorold Schools**

During the June 20 Board Meetings, Niagara Catholic's Board of Trustees approved a staff report that would see St. Charles and Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools consolidated, provided the Ministry of Education approves funding for addition and renovation of Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School. This is Niagara Catholic's only Capital Priorities Submission for 2017-2018.

The decision brings to a close a five-month-long process that began in February, when Niagara Catholic began a Modified Pupil Accommodation Review for Monsignor Clancy and St. Charles Catholic Elementary Schools.

The parent communities of St. Charles and Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary Schools was involved with the Modified Pupil Accommodation Review Process, as were community stakeholders, through a number of public meetings throughout the early part of 2017.

## 100 Per Cent EcoSchools Certification for Niagara Catholic Schools



For the eighth, consecutive year, Niagara Catholic has had 100 per cent of its 57 schools certified as Ontario EcoSchools.

The Ontario EcoSchools program integrates environmental education, environmentally sound practices and environmentally responsible actions into a school or classroom setting. This creates a culture of conservation that is ingrained in students from their early years which they will practice at home and at school, and changes the habits of teaching and school staff.

Niagara Catholic was the first school board in Ontario to receive 100 per cent EcoSchools certification in 2010, and is the only Board to have had eight years of consecutive Board-wide certification. This year, five schools received Platinum certification, 34 schools received Gold certification, 14 schools received Silver certification and four schools received Bronze certification.

The full media release is available [here](#).

## Students Raise Funds for Niagara Children's Centre

Every year since 1998, elementary students across Niagara Catholic have participated in the annual Kids Helping Kids fundraiser, which financially supports the Niagara Children's Centre.



This year, students raised nearly \$31,000 through a variety of activities during Kids Helping Kids Week in February. A cheque for the money, which provides funding for a number of programs and services, was presented during the June 20 Board Meeting.

## Students Recognized for Excellence

Each year during the final Committee of the Whole Meeting for the school year, Trustees recognize students who have achieved excellence in academics, the arts and athletics throughout the school year with pins in recognition of their accomplishments. This year, six teams from across Niagara Catholic that competed in the Special Olympics received Excellence in Athletics pins during the June 20 Board Meeting. See the chart below for those honoured, and [click here](#) for a few photos from the meeting.

School	Event	Award	Name
Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School	Special Olympics School Championships Unified Soccer	Bronze	<b>Coaches:</b> Emma Holloway, Jackson Holloway. <b>Team</b>

			<b>members:</b> Christian Gigliardi, Allen Malunay, Alex Giglia, Cameraon Karniej, Ewen Barclay
Denis Morris Catholic High School	Special Olympics School Championships Soccer	Silver	<b>Coaches:</b> Kevin O'Rourke, Mary Hagar, Rob Battista <b>Team members:</b> Leonardo Alves, Ben DiMaurizio, Jordan Eberhardt, Stanley Graham, Hayden Johnston, Ben Murphy, Isabella Taraba, Blair Thorne, Tyler Watson
Holy Cross/Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School	Special Olympics School Championships Unified Basketball	Bronze	<b>Coaches:</b> Lisa Fazzalari, Andrea Packham <b>Team members:</b> Katrin Gega, Rebeca Hayden, Rachel Smith, Jennie Rankin, Julia O'Reily, Hailey Orth (HC)
Notre Dame College School	Special Olympics School Championships Unified Bocce	Bronze	<b>Coaches:</b> Sharon Phillips, Steve Kochan, Stephanie Fowler <b>Team members:</b> Kyle Poulin, Dakota Jones, Meagan Rynberk, Frank Ravenda
Saint Michael Catholic High School	Special Olympics School Championships Bocce	Silver	<b>Coaches:</b> Ron Bobyk, Dave Young <b>Team members:</b> Alyssa Savoia, Brianna DiDomenico, Aaron Amadio, Andrew McIntyre, Julianne Misk
Saint Paul Catholic High School	Special Olympics School Championships Basketball	Silver	<b>Coaches:</b> Mauro Angrilli, Kelly Majka, Pat Mete <b>Team members:</b> Michael Ciccone, Jacob Friend, Matthew Sargeson, Brandon Cassie, Rjay Cayouette



## **School Excellence at Assumption Catholic Elementary School**

Every month, one Niagara Catholic school is provided with the opportunity to showcase their school to the Board of Trustees.

In June, the spotlight was on Assumption Catholic Elementary School, which is located in the North end of St. Catharines.

This month's presentation was led by Ailish Newhouse, one of Assumption's Student Senators, supported by incoming student senators Dustin Schuhmann and Sophia Gandola, video director Adam Sauriol, Principal Wendy Brant, and teachers Mrs. Turcotte, Mrs. Vinc and Mr. Cirillo.

During their brief presentation, they shared the many connections Assumption Catholic Elementary School has in place to enhance the learning environment for students. Advancing technology has been priority for staff, and students have access to 50 Chromebooks and a SmartBoard in every homeroom.

They also spoke about the very close tie to St. Alfred Church, and St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School. The students from both schools frequently attend Mass and prepare for sacraments together, and also held a joint fundraiser for Syrian refugee families they adopted. They also fondly recalled their relationship with St. Alfred's Associate Pastor, Father Trevor Plug, who died suddenly earlier this month.

In addition to having a close tie to St. Alfred, the students at Assumption Catholic are also very close to Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. The Raiders made a Buddy Bench for Assumption, where kids can go and sit when they need a friend. Students in Holy Cross's Construction Technology class also paid homage to Canada's history by building a quiet space for primary students in the shape of a teepee.

Students at Assumption have also benefitted through strong community connections such as Therapy Tails, the Gary Landry Rotary Club Reading Partners, Niagara Nutrition Partners, the Niagara Ice Dogs, a Goodlife Grant 4 Kids and the Canadian Lifesaving Swim to Survive Grant. The students are also active in WE Day.

The four pillars of Assumption's Action Team are: The Faith Ambassadors, Healthy Heroes, Eco Warriors and the Spirit Squad. Each pillar encourages students to enrich their learning and to create opportunities outside of school. The Action Teams allow students to take ownership of their learning, in part, through the Google Classrooms which allow students to engage in ongoing discussions to collaborate on initiatives and to effect change in their schools.

## **Trustees Approve Policies**

During the June 20 Board Whole Meeting, Trustees recommended two policies for approval by the Board: *Educational Field Trip Policy (400.2)* and *Privacy Policy (New)*. The policies will be considered during the June 20 Board Meeting.

All Niagara Catholic [policies](#) are available to the public on our website.

## **Larkin Estate Awards**

In 1969, the Board received a bequest from the estate of Maria Eveleen Larkin and Aimee Theresa Larkin to provide funding for students entering the field of nursing or a social service program.

The Larkin Estate Admission Awards are administered by the Board of Trustees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board. During the June 20 Board Meeting, Trustees approved supporting five new applicants entering nursing and social work programs with a total of \$1,125, and providing \$2,025 in ongoing support to nine students who are continuing on in their post-secondary education nursing programs.

## **Stay up to date with our Good News!**

Have you checked out the [Good News](#) section of the Board website lately? If not, you're missing some great stories and photos about our students. Be sure to check it out often to keep up to date on the fantastic things happening in our schools and across the system. For example, did you know one of our Principals received a [Principal of the Year Award](#)? Or did you see the photos from our [Festival of Families](#) and our participation in the [Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association National Convention](#)? Don't forget our monthly Director's Video is also available on the main page of this website.

## **Follow us!**

To ensure you stay connected with Niagara Catholic news and events, please be sure to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and check our website often for updates and breaking news. It's the best way to stay in the know.

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# SEPTEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labour Day	5 First day of school	6 SEAC Meeting	7 NCPIC Meeting	8	9
10	11	12 CW Meeting (Launch Centre)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education's Charity Golf Classic	21	22	23 Niagara Wine Festival Parade
24	25	26 Policy Committee Board Meeting	27	28	29	30

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June 30, 2017

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**BOOZE CRUISE** — Last weekend was no doubt a tense one for people looking ahead to this weekend’s Canada Day festivities, what with the prospect of the LCBO stores being shuttered due to job action. But the last-minute scramble to get their libations for the long weekend proved to be for naught as the province’s sole distributor of liquor reached a tentative settlement with OPSEU and avoided the PR mess that would have been picket lines in front of closed stores as the country (and province, for that matter) geared up for sesquicentennial celebrations. While details are remaining under wraps until the deal can be ratified both by OPSEU members, LCBO management and the provincial government, the union negotiating team has unanimously endorsed the agreement. The OPSEU website, meanwhile, is now encouraging you to “Shop LCBO” to pay for highways, teachers, nurses and more. Although it must be noted clicking on the link still directs you to some of the harsh critiques lobbed at the LCBO during negotiations, including the Liqileaks campaign microsite that promises “The Real Story on the LCBO,” with details on the part-time work, low wages and job instability that OPSEU is seeking to address.

**NOMINATION NIGHTMARES** — PC Leader **Patrick Brown** just can’t shake the troubles stemming from the nomination of candidates in preparation for next year’s election. Even when the news seems good on the surface — like spurned Durham candidate **Joe Neal** (who had run for the Liberals in the 1980s and was fundraising for them as recently as a 2016 by-election) dropping his legal challenge — it gets nasty down below, where Neal offers his rationale: “I’m upset. They’re trying to suggest I was a Liberal plant. Even if I pulled off a win in court, they made it known I would not be approved. I was an inconvenient obstacle to the parachute candidate.” But in other areas, the news isn’t even good on the surface, including three en masse resignations of riding association boards of directors:

- Toronto police were called out to the nomination meeting in Scarborough Centre on Monday evening when a much-larger-than-expected crowd (staff at the community centre where the nomination meeting was held were expecting 150 people and CTV reported somewhere in the area of 1,000 showed up) grew unruly when polls were closed before everyone could vote. Sealed ballot boxes were removed by PriceWaterhouseCoopers officials, who have been retained by Brown to oversee future nominations. While cellphone video from the night shows tempers flaring, no charges were laid by police.
- The entire PC executive board in Ottawa West-Nepean quit last week in protest of allegations that the ballot box was stuffed to give **Karma MacGregor** the nomination in a 15-vote victory over **Jeremy Roberts**. “We will not continue to support a leadership that condoned the serious, even fraudulent, irregularities at our nomination meeting,” said departed riding president **Emma McLennan**. “Frankly, what this party has done to Ottawa West-Nepean is stunning and unforgivable.”

- That was on the heels of **Jack MacLaren** loyalists in Kanata-Carleton quitting after the troublesome MPP was turfed from the PC caucus (or quit, depending on your point of view) to join the Trillium Party and sit as an independent.
- In Newmarket-Aurora, the board quit in protest of the nomination of **Charity McGrath Di Paolo** amid allegations supporters of her opponents were physically blocked from engaging with PC Party members on site during the nomination meeting.
- In Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas, defeated candidate **Vikram Singh** is proceeding with a court challenge of the nomination of **Ben Levitt**.

If there is a silver lining for Brown, it's that nomination disputes rarely, if ever, have any significant impact on election night results. No doubt Brown must be hoping this long-held view holds in this election cycle.

(On a positive note for the PCs on the nomination front in the Capital District, the party nominated former Ottawa city councillor **Karin Howard** in ex-Premier **Dalton McGuinty**'s old Ottawa South riding this week, and did so without a firestorm of protest.)

**BATTLE BOTS** — The Liberals may say they are not paying much heed to polling numbers that have them languishing well behind the Tories, but they have certainly been paying attention to a survey about attitudes towards ticket scalping. Stemming largely from a nationwide hue and cry about the difficulty securing tickets for the final Tragically Hip tour last summer, the government went online to consult, and found that 90% of the people they engaged favoured banning so-called scalper-bots — computer software that quickly scoops up mounds of event tickets the moment they go on sale to the public. These tickets often end up on re-sale sites where they are listed for substantially more than their face value. It thusly follows that the government has announced its intentions to do just that and more in an effort to restore some fairness to the ticket-buying crowd. “Between bots, lack of transparency and unfair prices on resale sites, there is a pervasive sentiment that the system is rigged,” said Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi** while announcing the legislation, which will also forbid markups of more than 50% and require resellers to provide more information. Interestingly, the rise of the scalper-bot in Ontario can be traced back to the Liberals removing a prohibition on ticket scalping, a measure taken in an effort to crack down on counterfeit tickets.

**ANOTHER ROUND** — With low polling numbers feeding rampant speculation about which Liberal MPPs may opt to step aside from politics rather than face the risk of electoral defeat in June 2018, one of Premier **Kathleen Wynne**'s chief lieutenants is standing by her side. Finance Minister **Charles Sousa** — a Wynne ally, but also a rumoured replacement should the Premier step aside — has been nominated as the Liberal candidate in the newly formed Mississauga-Lakeshore riding.

## FOR THE RECORD

*“It is a complete betrayal of trust when a caregiver does not prolong life, but terminates it. She was the shadow of death that passed over them on the night shift where she supervised.”*

- Justice **Bruce Thomas**, while sentencing former long-term care nurse **Elizabeth Wettlaufer** to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 25 years on eight counts of first-degree murder, four counts of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault. Immediately after the sentencing, Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi** and Health Minister **Eric Hoskins** announced they would launch an inquiry into the case to ensure something similar does not happen again.

*“If you're a scum drug dealer that has one in his basement, you're going to go to jail.”*

- Tory MPP **Michael Harris**, who has introduced a private member's bill to make the possession of pill pressing machines — seen as a key tool in perpetuating the opiate crisis in many Ontario communities — illegal.
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*“Not a chance. I'm very happy in the mayor's job, which has a much bigger impact on the daily lives of people.”*

- Windsor Mayor **Drew Dilkens**, throwing cold water on local rumours he was being recruited to run against the Liberals in next year's provincial election.

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June 23, 2017

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**POLLING PUNCHES** – Premier **Kathleen Wynne**'s Liberals probably won't be inviting any pollsters up to the cottage this summer – the conversation would be too gloomy. Despite a flurry of major policy announcements in the spring, Liberal popularity remains in the doldrums according to recent polls by Forum Research and Mainstreet Research. In both surveys, **Patrick Brown**'s PCs are cruising right along, with 44% and 43% support, respectively. After that, Forum found the Liberals with only 23% – a 10-point plunge from a month ago – which put them into third place behind the NDP's 24%. Extrapolated to seat counts, Forum calculated an 87-seat Tory majority with the Liberals reduced to nine MPPs. Mainstreet also pegged NDP support at 24%, but the LIBs fared a bit better, garnering 29% support among decided voters.

**SAY AAH** – Whatever the broader electorate may be thinking, the Liberals are making a concerted effort to bring various interest groups onside – or at least mute their hostility. Teachers? Check – contract extensions signed beyond the election. Public servants? Check – four-year contract extensions, with 7.5% wage increases, pending ratification votes. Doctors? Not just yet – but a major hurdle has been overcome, as the two sides agreed to a framework for binding arbitration. Doctors voted 65% to 35% in favour of the agreement, and now the Ontario Medical Association will look to reach an overarching deal covering how physicians get paid. OMA President **Shawn Whatley** wasn't exactly magnanimous in announcing the framework deal, asserting, "After three years of unprecedented fee cuts and unilateral government action this agreement now provides for a fair, independent process and prevents the government from taking unilateral actions." But he did offer some hope that, "Now Ontario's doctors can finally look to establishing a new, fair and respectful relationship with the government." Aside from the Liberals de-escalating a nasty battle, the Tories must be breathing a sigh of relief as well. Brown had openly sided with the doctors, but there was no guarantee the public would have similar sentiments. This way, he can reap the support of grateful docs, while the arbitrator takes care of any animosity if negotiations don't work out.

**LIQUOR TICKER** – One interest group that most definitely is not happy at the moment is LCBO workers, who could be on the picket lines as early as Monday. Premier Wynne keeps getting asked about the dispute, and she keeps insisting she won't interfere. But OPSEU, the union representing 8,000 LCBO employees, is determined to draw her into the fray, prominently featuring her on the "LiqiLeaks" website it has launched as a focal point for its views. "She talks about good jobs, but she's okay with two-hour shifts at the LCBO," the site intones on its "Ugly Truth" page. "Our Premier has been making a big deal about creating good jobs, but she has nothing to say about the terrible way the LCBO – a company she controls – treats its employees." OPSEU President **Warren "Smokey" Thomas**, who had been seemingly relishing a fight with the Liberals until they surprised him with the four-year contract

extension for other OPSEU members, didn't spare the vitriol in the liquor store skirmish. "The LCBO should be setting an example for Ontario employers," he chided, "not joining a race to the bottom with Walmart."

**E-TAIL WAGGING** – At the other end of the employment scale, Premier Wynne was all smiles at the launch of Amazon's Canadian headquarters in Toronto. Taking credit for the new office – Amazon is here "thanks to the province's highly skilled workforce, culture of innovation and competitive business climate" gushed a government news release – Wynne disdained critics clinging to old economic strategies. "There is no doubt that some of the uncertainty that we are feeling in the economy, some of the uncertainty that is felt globally, has to do with – at least in part – technology," Wynne said at the opening of Amazon Canada headquarters near the Rogers Centre. "We have a choice at this point. We can either choose to be concerned and we can retrench and say, 'Well, we're not going to take part,' and then we will have to follow those changes, or we could take the leadership role." At the same time, she was careful to offer a more inclusive message, praising Amazon for providing new online retail opportunities for small businesses.

**BURNING BRIDGE** – Not satisfied with hammering away at the current Liberal government, the Ontario PCs have set their sights on a *former* Liberal minister, demanding that **Dwight Duncan** resign from his post as Chair of the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority overseeing the \$4.8-billion Gordie Howe International Bridge. It's supposed to be a politically neutral position, but Duncan – who always had a reputation for fierce partisanship, both in Opposition and as Finance Minister under Premier **Dalton McGuinty** – was flagged for overtly biased social media posts. For example, during the federal Conservative leadership race, Duncan tweeted a photo of three of the candidates with the caption, "The disturbing face of today's conservatism." He was similarly disparaging of U.S. President **Donald Trump** and provincial PCs on many occasions. Following a *Globe and Mail* report, PC Transportation Critic **Michael Harris** called for Duncan's resignation, scolding that he "should be spending all his time and efforts trying to get this bridge delivered on-time and on-budget, not grandstanding with partisan attacks." Duncan quickly issued an apology, in the form of a letter to federal Infrastructure and Communities Minister **Amarjeet Sohi**, in which Duncan pleaded, "A number of my postings clearly violated the letter and spirit of Parliament's direction ... respecting partisan involvement while serving [as a public appointee]. Those postings have been or are being deleted today."

## FOR THE RECORD

*"Ready, fire, aim. They make a big announcement, but they don't have the details figured out. They shoot first then figure out the details later."*

- Nipissing PC MPP **Vic Fedeli**, bemoaning the lack of electric vehicle chargers in Northern Ontario, despite promises they'd be mapped out and operational by the end of March.

*"When this bill came into effect the Liberals got the headlines but the tenants continue to get the headaches."*

- NDP Housing Critic **Percy Hatfield**, slagging loopholes in new rental laws he claims gives landlords a year to evict tenants and/or inflate their rent.

*"These types of decisions can be the subject of judicial review because ... parties are now in receipt of substantial public money. ... These aren't just private clubs we're dealing with that are immune."*

- Durham municipal councillor **Joe Neal**, one of several disgruntled would-be candidates taking the Ontario PC Party to court over the nomination process. In Neal's case, he was disqualified ostensibly because he ran for the Liberals in 1985.
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*"To ensure access to the best product selection and to avoid disappointment, customers should shop in advance of Sunday ... if possible."*

- From an LCBO statement announcing extended shopping hours in preparation for a possible strike on Monday.

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July 7, 2017

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**PLAYING THE PERCENTAGES** – Exactly 11 months from today Ontarians will cast their ballots for a new government, and according to at least one poll the outcome of that vote is very much a question mark. Flying in the face of virtually every other poll showing the PCs with a commanding lead, **Greg Lyle's** Innovative Research Group released results indicating a statistical tie between the Tories and Liberals. The poll still has **Patrick Brown's** PCs ahead, with 30% support, but **Kathleen Wynne's** LIBs have closed the gap, with 27% of decided voters leaning their way – despite the Premier's own lingering unpopularity. Broken down regionally, the survey found the vote-heavy Greater Toronto Area once again trending red, while the Tories have significant leads pretty much everywhere else. Interestingly, this contradicts a poll by Forum Research, which suggested Toronto is shifting away from the LIBs. Forum reported 38% of Toronto voters favouring the Tories, compared to 32% for the Liberals. In both polls, the NDP is holding steady in the low 20s, a level they have consistently – and maddingly for them – been stuck at for ages.

**DOUG OF WAR** – Forum also asked another question with provincial implications, probing whether Toronto voters would support another mayoralty bid by former Toronto councillor **Doug Ford**. Two thirds of respondents said no, they'd prefer to re-elect current Mayor **John Tory** – which adds fuel to speculation Ford will opt to run provincially instead, likely in Etobicoke North. This is considered a good news-bad news scenario for Team Brown, inasmuch as Ford would be favoured to win the seat, but his bombastic, disruptive style could be a headache internally.

**PREZ RELEASE** – As if the Ontario Liberal Party didn't have enough troubles as it prepares for the election, with uber-campaign organizer **Pat Sorbara** still sidelined by a pending court case, reportedly shaky finances and difficulties attracting candidates, now the party is in search of a new president. **Michael Spitale** has resigned from the volunteer post, citing increased responsibility in his day job at the Service Employees International Union as making the extra workload untenable. Long-time party administrator and current executive vice-president **Peter Curtis** will serve as interim president, while the OLP posts the job on its website for three weeks before the vacancy is filled by an appointment.

**BARN BURNER** – Not many targets could steer the Tories' wrath away from the Liberals, but a great grudge match is brewing between them and an ex-Tory. PC MPP **Lisa MacLeod** wasted no time in skewering her former caucus mate and riding neighbour **Jack MacLaren**, who is now sitting as an independent MPP under the fledgling Trillium Party banner. In a move that would normally be reserved to try and embarrass the Liberals, MacLeod filed a formal complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer accusing MacLaren of participating in a fundraising event – now verboten under new campaign financing laws. “As you can appreciate, MPP's [sic] who are following the new law and who are

respecting the ban on attending fundraisers, are concerned with what appears to be a flagrant disregard for the law by MPP MacLaren,” MacLeod wrote, calling for an investigation. She cites a Trillium Party Facebook promotional video, in which MacLaren says, “I would like to invite you and all the people of this community to a fundraiser for the Trillium Party of Ontario at my farm.” In his own defence, MacLaren told the *Toronto Star* that he misspoke, and was actually referring to a food drive rather than a fundraiser. “It was plain and simple not a fundraiser,” he insisted. “No fee was charged to come to the barn dance. This was a free event like it has always been for all the years I have been putting it on.” He also fired back at MacLeod, chiding, “this complaint from a disgruntled PC MPP is pure nonsense and is a waste of time for the Chief Electoral Officer and a waste of taxpayers’ money.” This is only the latest salvo in a war of words that has also seen Trillium Party Leader **Bob Yaciuk** taking nasty shots at Brown (see For the Record, below.)

Meanwhile, the Tories have chosen their candidate aiming to unseat MacLaren next June. Retired doctor **Merrilee Fullerton** won the PC nomination for Kanata-Carleton – a new riding carved out of MacLaren’s current seat of Carleton-Mississippi Mills.

**ICEMAN COMETH** – Brown is an unabashed sports fan and counts many sports personalities, including legendary hockey superstar **Wayne Gretzky**, among his supporters. Now Brown has a former NHLer on his own roster, welcoming **Troy Crowder** as the PC candidate in Sudbury. Crowder was known as an enforcer during his playing days, which comprised 150 games over seven seasons for four NHL teams from 1987-97. He didn’t score much, compiling nine goals and seven assists, but did amass 433 penalty minutes and was a feared tough guy. Since then he’s been a development coach and has dabbled in skate design. “In the hockey world, I have figured a few things out, so that’s what I have been doing for the last bunch of years, trying to get the full potential out of people,” Crowder told the *Sudbury Star*. “Hopefully now, I can take that same kind of philosophy into politics.” For his part, Brown didn’t shy away from Crowder’s pugilistic reputation, gushing, “Troy is a fighter who will stand up for taxpayers and put the needs of his constituents first. Having played hockey alongside some of the greatest players of all time, Troy has proven he’s got the drive and work ethic to stand up for the people of Sudbury, making sure their voices are heard.” Crowder, who was acclaimed, will be up against Liberal Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault**, in a riding the Tories haven’t held since the mid-1980s.



## RUMOURS AND RUMBLINGS

### REUNION MOVEMENT

Trailing in the polls and in fundraising, the Ontario Liberals are uncertain of who their friends are these days. So they’re turning to one group they know for sure will wave the party flag: Liberals staffers, past and present. In just a few weeks, the Ontario Liberal Alumni and Staff Facebook page has amassed more than 1,400 members, some from as far back as the 1970s. The FB page is mostly a repository for old campaign photos and reminiscences, but it has a strategic purpose in the here and now. It’s basically the database of an army of political veterans who can – and presumably will – be deployed for a variety of campaign tactics. Up to 500 of them will gather face-to-face at a reunion soiree in downtown Toronto on July 25, partly to rehash war stories but mostly to cogitate on how to forestall disaster in next year’s election. As one wag joked, unless they can turn things around, come next summer there will be a lot fewer staff and many more alumni.

## FOR THE RECORD

*“Why do people think that Patrick Brown will be better than Kathleen Wynne? This is a man that campaigned to become leader of the party based on scrapping the sex ed curriculum, based on fighting the carbon tax. Now he supports a carbon tax and won’t fight the sex ed curriculum. And now we are supposed to hope and gamble and throw the dice that he is going to be better than Kathleen Wynne? I challenge anybody to come up with a policy that Patrick Brown has that is different than the Liberal program.”*

- **Bob Yaciuk**, Leader of the upstart Trillium Party, which is made up almost entirely of disgruntled Tories. Yaciuk told radio host and Postmedia columnist **Jerry Agar** that there is a “cancer” inside the PC party forcing MPPs to follow orders, which is why MPP **Jack MacLaren** bolted to the Trillium Party (although technically he’s an independent).
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*“To those of us on the outside, this may seem a reasonable and overdue consequence of shifting away from an outdated willingness to let big money buy influence. To a good number of provincial Liberals, Ms. Wynne’s attempt to belatedly take the high ground ... just looks self-defeating.”*

- *Globe and Mail* columnist **Adam Radwanski**, positing that the Liberals’ failure to adjust to new fundraising rules – which they brought in themselves – has left the party nearly broke.
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*“The OMA is a 137-year-old bureaucracy with an administrative staff of over 300. It is accountable to no one and is a tool for the Ontario Liberal government, which ensures the organization’s survival through mandatory, legislated membership dues of nearly \$70 million annually.”*

- **Kulvinder Gill** and **Mark D’souza**, two of the outspoken doctors unhappy with negotiations for a new provincial physicians’ contract, announcing – through a Sun Media guest column – that they are resigning, in protest, their posts as Chairs of Ontario Medical Association districts.

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**QUITTING TIME** – This is a summer of contemplation for more than a few veteran Liberal MPPs, who will have to decide soon whether to run for re-election next year. This week saw one MPP say yes and one say no, while a couple of dozen others are still on the bubble. **Lou Rinaldi** – who first won in 2003, lost in 2011 and was back in 2014 – has re-upped, announcing he'll be the Liberal candidate in Northumberland-Peterborough South. Meanwhile **Mario Sergio** – to no-one's surprise, given that he stepped down from cabinet last year – confirmed that he's done as an MPP as of next spring. It didn't take long to find a potential successor, however, as **Deanna Sgro** – daughter of long-time federal MP **Judy Sgro** – was acclaimed as the Liberal candidate in the newly-named riding of Black Creek-Humber River.

Of the current 57-member caucus, more than half have been at Queen's Park for more than a decade, and may be looking to do something else:

- Thirteen Liberal MPPs will be nearing the 15-year milestone by next June's campaign. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** is among those first elected in the Liberal sweep of 2003, but we know she's running again – she's answered that question many, many times.
- Another eight were first elected in 2007, while eight more go all the way back to the party's Opposition days – and in a handful of cases even before that.
- Speaker **Dave Levac**, who was the lone Liberal newcomer in 1999, has already announced he won't seek re-election. From the class of '95, Sergio is packing it in, **Michael Gravelle** is on a leave of absence for mental health reasons so his future is a question mark, and **Mike Colle** is expected to run again. **Ted McMeekin**, who won a by-election in 2000, also voluntarily resigned from cabinet and probably won't run again.
- Two MPPs trace their roots all the way back to the *previous* Liberal government. **Bob Chiarelli** was first elected in 1987, left for awhile to be Mayor of Ottawa, and returned in 2010. **Monte Kwinter**, an octogenarian first elected in 1985, is already the oldest-ever MPP in Ontario history and has had health issues of late.
- The ageless **Jim Bradley**, who has been at Queen's Park since 1977, is expected to have one more go. If he does and he wins again, in a couple of years he would break the record for longest-serving MPP, which currently stands at 42 years.

**AT A MINIMUM** – Labour reform is shaping up to be a key issue in the impending campaign, and we got a taste of it this week as a legislative committee dug into hearings on Bill 148, the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act*. Central to

the legislation is an increase in the provincial minimum wage to \$15/hr, which is vehemently opposed by some business groups and just as passionately championed by many social justice advocates. Beyond the fine points of the legislation – which the Liberal majority is expected to pass in the fall – this issue could have far-reaching political ramifications, and may even be *the* key wedge in the election. NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** surely doesn't want to cede left-wing territory to the Liberals, so she's decrying the measures as tepid, writing in a *Toronto Star* op-ed column that the bill is "riddled with inconsistencies, giving some rights to some, not to others," and that it "fails" workers. Horwath vowed to table a "full package of meaningful amendments" – presumably to force Liberal committee members to vote against them, giving the NDP some space on the left. PC Leader **Patrick Brown** is, obviously, coming at the issue from the other direction, but he has to determine just how much he wants to align himself with opponents of the reforms. He will be under pressure to promise to repeal the laws, a stance that could make him sound further right-wing than he wants. In the meantime, this jockeying will continue amidst scores of delegations at the hearings. After stops in Thunder Bay, North Bay, Ottawa, Kingston and Windsor this week, the committee heads to London, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Toronto next week.

**SUMMER CAMP(AIGN)** – Brown is letting his caucus members on the committee handle the legislative hearings, while he's on a tour of his own. In what has now become something of a tradition for Opposition parties with a rookie leader, the Tories are staging a practice campaign to get Brown used to the rigours, complete with a tour bus adorned with his image and the party logo. He's scheduled to visit some 20 different ridings, aiming to build support and reinforce messages – primarily, "Life is harder under the Liberals," an oft-repeated phrase from Brown at tour events. This weekend, the PCs are organizing a province-wide canvass, and major rallies are in the works as well, all designed to replicate what will happen for real next spring.

**PICK A FIGHT** – Brown doesn't talk about it at partisan events, but he continues to be dogged by allegations of wrongdoing in the PC nomination process. In the latest twist uncovered by the CBC, party President **Rick Dykstra** is quoted as arguing that nomination meetings are "not determinative of who will ultimately be listed on the ballot" – that basically they're a "concept" or guide for the party leader, who singularly chooses the candidate in any given riding. The CBC pulled that from court documents around a lawsuit in Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas, where federal political staffer **Ben Levitt** got the nod over **Vikram Singh** – underhandedly, according to Singh. He is appealing for a judicial review, and Dykstra's formal response was to explain that the nomination meeting has no legal force anyway, and that Brown has the authority to pick whoever he wants. In this case, the court documents show party brass thought of Singh as "unreliable." In an affidavit, Dykstra pointed to "political and demographic analysis" as the grounds for choosing Levitt, noting that the 25-year-old is seen as "a largely risk-free candidate whose candidacy is unlikely to detract from the provincial campaign." Liberal strategists undoubtedly took note of Dykstra characterizing nomination meetings as just for show, adding it to their arsenal as they try to keep the spotlight on alleged voting irregularities. If nothing else, the ongoing controversy could neutralize some of the Tory attacks as the LIBs' deal with their own nomination scandal this fall, in the trial over bribery allegations in Sudbury.

## FOR THE RECORD

*"I was struck by how much they knew about Ontario – and they all have great respect for agriculture here."*

- Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister **Jeff Leal**, at the end of U.S. tour, where he met with government and business reps in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Missouri – soliciting support in the fight against "changes to NAFTA that would thicken the border" as floated by U.S. President **Donald Trump**.



*“Life experience should be brought to bear on political decisions. I don’t think people should try right out of university or college. [Brown] has learned how to win; he doesn’t know a hell of a lot more than that.”*

- Former Barrie Mayor **Janice Laking**, who held the post for 12 years until 2000, which was when current PC Leader **Patrick Brown** started his political career as a 22-year-old Barrie councillor. (Tory insiders rolled their eyes at this quote, pointing out that Laking was once a federal Liberal candidate, and that her own “life experience” includes 40+ years as a politician.)
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*“The transition is going very well. Some people might think this would be a traumatic period. Stressful and all that. But it’s the exact opposite ... Our website is so busy with people wanting to know who the candidate is in their riding because they want to vote for us. I’m thoroughly enjoying myself with my new job. I feel happier and people say I look happier. Some see this as an uphill battle, but I’m looking forward to climbing that hill.”*

- Former PC MPP **Jack MacLaren**, excited about representing the upstart Trillium Party.

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**TRUMP CARD** — It wasn't that long ago that Premier **Kathleen Wynne** used to stage at the Council of the Federation — the annual meeting of Canada's premiers — to put Ottawa on notice that her government wanted the Canada Pension Plan reformed or she would lead Ontario into creating its own pension plan with greater benefits for retirees. The ploy ultimately worked, and Wynne had designs of re-enacting her tactic this year but with a call for a national pharmacare program mimicking the one Ontario announced in its budget this past spring. But as important as the issue may be, it was, ahem, trumped by international trade when U.S. President **Donald Trump** released his agenda for NAFTA renegotiations on Monday (particularly pertinent to Ontario on the U.S. wish list is the scrapping of supply management in dairy and poultry farming, which are key staples in Ontario agriculture and have been staunchly defended by both Queen's Park and Ottawa). Given that international trade is a federal concern, it is an odd issue to dominate the agenda of the Council, but given the importance of trade with the U.S. to every provincial economy, it is incumbent on the premiers to ensure they are doing what they can to protect their own interests. For her part, and she is not alone, Wynne is trying an end-around strategy by avoiding Trump and pleading Ontario's case to state governors — she has attended 22 such meetings thus far, and is encouraged by the response: "What I have found in the United States is that there's a very deep understanding among leaders there that the connectivity between our economies is important for both of us."

**JUMPING THE GUN** — Officially, an Ontario provincial election campaign is 28 days long — that means the next Ontario election begins on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. But you would have a hard time convincing Ontarians that it isn't already under way with still more than 10 months to go before voting day. The governing Liberals have been taking advantage of the summer break to make various announcements in an effort to shore up their sagging fortunes, such as labour reforms that will boost minimum wage to \$15 and efforts to prohibit (or at least curtail) online "scalper bots" that have been the bane of concert-goers' existence. PC Leader **Patrick Brown** is in the midst of a campaign-style bus tour and candidates of all stripes are plastering their social media feeds with pictures and news of them going door-to-door to build awareness, interest and, ultimately, support. Noticeably quiet amid this flurry of attempted vote garnering (with the notable exception of her critiques of the government's labour reform legislation) is NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**. (See Rumours & Rumbings for our speculation on this.)

**WHAT SAY YOU?** — Summer is usually pretty quiet on the political front, but that is not the case in 2017. Besides the early campaigning under way, the government is currently engaged in several public consultation efforts at the moment. Among them, the Ontario College of Trades is seeking input on the way it classifies skilled trades, there is a solicitation of feedback on the province's Fair Wage Policy and on a proposed change that will prohibit real estate

agents from representing both the buyer and seller in a home sale, Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi** is seeking public input to help Ontario shape its cannabis distribution policy (in advance of the Criminal Code amendment coming July 1, 2018, that will de-criminalize marijuana) and the province is in the midst of a road show of public hearings for its proposed minimum wage hike. This last one, at the very least, is not happening without some heat. Several business interests feel like they have been shut out of the process, while the hearings are dominated by labour interests and academics who typically support a higher minimum wage. It prompted Canadian Federation of Independent Business President **Dan Kelly** to quip, “It’s a shocking and clear sign that the province is not keen to hear anything other than what they want to hear.” There is also some question whether a consultation on raising the minimum wage is even necessary or will change anything as the legislation appears to be a fait accompli. When asked if there is a chance the Liberals may pull the idea off the table, Liberal MPP **Arthur Potts** said, “Oh, we’re going to do it.”

**KWINT-ING TIME** — For the past 33 years he has represented York Centre in Queen’s Park, and at 86 years old he is the oldest MPP to ever serve in Ontario. But it all comes to an end next year as Liberal **Monte Kwinter** has announced he will not seek re-election in 2018. Kwinter, who has served in cabinet with three different premiers — **David Peterson, Dalton McGuinty** and Wynne — has been battling health problems in recent years and missed significant time during the last session while he battled a case of shingles. But his accomplishments and commitment have been noted by MPPs across all party lines. For his part, Kwinter said he is retiring “to let the next generation serve.” The Liberals have yet to set a date for the York Centre nomination meeting to select the candidate with the tough challenge of filling Kwinter’s role.

## RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

### JAG-GED EDGE

With Wynne and her ministers making policy announcements and Brown traversing the province in a branded PC Party bus, noticed by their absence have been the NDP. But there is likely a good reason for that. Former Deputy Leader and generally popular MPP **Jagmeet Singh** is seeking the leadership of the federal wing of the party, and that is no small undertaking. Many wags around Queen’s Park believe the excitement around Singh’s bid is drawing an upswing of volunteers from Ontario, and it is tapping the already-limited resources of the NDP. No doubt, once the federal leadership vote takes place in October, you will see activity in the Ontario NDP corner ramp up significantly.

## FOR THE RECORD

“When the provinces come together they should build a respectful relationship. We are not just another special-interest group.”

- Assembly of First Nations Chief **Perry Bellegarde**, who, along with the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Metis National Council, is calling for Indigenous People to have a permanent seat at the Council of the Federation — the annual meeting of Canada’s premiers. The three groups pulled out of a planned meeting with the Council at this week’s gathering in Edmonton.

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“I saw the light, I saw what Liberals are – they’re not me, I’m a New Democrat.”

- Seventeen-year-old **Zach Hatton**, who wants to make PC MPP **Sam Oosterhoff**’s reign as the youngest MPP in Ontario history a short one. The Grade 12 student — who turns 18 in January — is seeking the NDP

nomination in Peterborough for next year's provincial election.

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*“Samsung had no history in renewable energy before they came to Ontario. They came only for the subsidies, and when the subsidies dry up, they'll disappear as quick as they landed.”*

- Energy analyst **Tom Adams**, in the wake of Siemens Canada (in partnership with Samsung) announcing it is closing its plant in Tillsonburg that makes blades for wind turbines and putting 340 people out of work. Adams further warned this could just be the beginning of a rough ride unless Ontario wind turbine plants start getting orders for export.

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**BABY STEPS** — Amid griping about electricity prices and pot shots over nomination irregularities is truly life or death situations that are the business of government. Such was the case on Monday when Health Minister **Eric Hoskins** and his federal counterpart **Jane Philpott** reached an agreement in principle with the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN — representing 49 reserves in Northern Ontario) that will eventually see the First Nations lead their own health-care system. The landmark deal follows a tragic time for Indigenous communities in Ontario's far reaches that have been wracked by a spate of youth suicides, including two sisters who took their own lives. "Because of the last 150 years, because of the colonial history of this country, many of (our systems) have been broken," said **Alvin Fiddler**, Grand Chief of the NAN. Added Hoskins: "The system as it's constructed, the colonial health-care system, is not providing the access, equity and positive outcomes we would expect for any of us who are not First Nations, who are not Indigenous." There have been 24 suicides in NAN territory so far in 2017, with eight of them children between the ages of 10 and 14. While much of the agreement reached on Monday is medium- to long-term solutions that will allow NAN communities more say over the delivery of their health-care services, the deal does include short-term emergency measures to provide more mental health crisis counsellors and supports to the remote Pikangikum community, near the Manitoba border and only accessible by air. While this is just an agreement in principle, it is a significant first step in the right direction. The challenge for all parties involved is to keep this process moving forward.

**PEOPLE'S COURT** — Two long-simmering issues that have plagued the Liberals will hit the courtrooms after Labour Day, and one of them can now be expected to draw a larger-than-expected amount of media attention. Liberal fundraiser **Gerry Lougheed** and top aide **Pat Sorbara** will be in provincial offences court on alleged *Election Act* violations in relation to recruiting **Glenn Thibault** — now Ontario's Energy Minister — to be the party's candidate in the 2015 Sudbury by-election. The case itself is enough to get the tongues wagging of political observers in Ontario, but it got even juicier when Premier **Kathleen Wynne** was not only subpoenaed by the Crown to testify, but has said she will waive her parliamentary privilege and take the stand. "I will testify and I will go along with the process and do what I can to clarify as I have in the legislature many, many times," she said, adding: "I've been very clear that I was going to work with the process and I've done that and I will continue to do that." Thibault will also waive his parliamentary privilege when, as is expected, the prosecution calls him to the stand as well. The mere presence of a Premier of Ontario and one her top cabinet ministers in a courtroom — never mind in the witness box — is a rare occurrence and will keep the chattering classes chattering. The other trial is no less a headache for the Liberals as **David Livingston**, who was former Premier **Dalton McGuinty**'s chief of staff, and deputy chief **Laura Miller** are on trial for breach of trust and mischief in relation to deletion of emails in the gas plant scandal.

**FOLLOW THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL** — After her rare foray into the courtroom, Wynne will make another historic venture in November when she heads east on a trade mission that will include stops in China, Hong Kong and Vietnam, which Wynne says will be the first trade mission to the country by a sitting Ontario premier. In a rapidly shrinking and globalized world, trade missions have become a matter of course for governments of all levels. Ontario's two-way trade relationship with China is now estimated at \$42 billion; this will be Wynne's third trade-related visit to the country. Trade with Vietnam is much more modest at only \$3 billion, but Wynne says that is three times as much as it was just five years ago. When in Vietnam, Wynne will visit Hi Chi Minh City and Hanoi.

**MEA CULPA** — Another week, another chapter in the nomination woes of PC Leader **Patrick Brown**. While many of the most contentious matters are already in the rearview mirror — albeit Brown's political opponents are doing all they can to keep the memories alive on their social media channels — this week Brown issued a written apology to one ousted candidate for claiming he had raised funds for the Liberals in the 2016 by-election that sent PC **Lorne Coe** to Queen's Park. "I appear to have misspoken," Brown wrote to Durham Regional Councillor **Joe Neal**, who was seeking the PC nomination in the Durham riding. "There is no evidence that you engaged in fundraising against Lorne Coe in respect of the 2016 Whitby-Oshawa byelection. I regret any misunderstanding." Neal was a Liberal candidate in 1985 and had been fundraising for the party as late as 2015, but during the Whitby-Oshawa byelection he actually worked with Coe to recruit members.

**COAL IN YOUR STOCKING** — It may not always be of a good nature, but Ontario's electricity system is adept at making the news. The way the system is managed, how much Ontarians have to pay for it, partial privatization or being turned into a political football, it is one of the leading news generators for the provincial government. The latest is a \$6.7-billion purchase of Washington State's Avista utility — a company that still uses coal-fired generation, which the Liberals phased out in Ontario with much fanfare. Wynne has positioned the acquisition as an opportunity to spread Ontario's green energy influence, but with the Avista coal plants — the company owns a minority share in two plants located in Montana — slated to be in operation until 2035, the opposition and environmental groups are having none of the Premier's spin. "Hydro One has slapped us in the face by going shopping for a utility that owns one of the largest polluters in the U.S. northwest," said **Angela Bishoff** from the Ontario Clean Air Alliance.

**TIMES LIKE THESE** — The Ontario Liberals held a rare summer reunion party in Toronto on Tuesday, as former and current Liberal staffers, politicians and volunteers swapped stories of campaigns past at a cash bar on the top two floors of The Pilot in Yorkville (currently co-owned by Liberal MPP **Arthur Potts**). The reunion was the brainchild of former staffers managing the "Ontario Liberal Alumni & Staff" Facebook Group, which picked up traction this summer. The only complaint of the evening was that the space was too crowded for the amount of people that arrived, and it drew people from across the globe — although the event was hosted in Toronto, attendees made their way from as far as Abu Dhabi, Lebanon and Cape Town. With the 2018 election around the corner the Premier is going to need all the help she can get with fundraising and campaign organization; if the energy in the room was any indication, the Liberals are gearing up for battle.

## FOR THE RECORD

*"Magna, who has made billions of dollars of profits off the backs of Ontario workers, is worried about a \$15 minimum wage. No sympathy coming from this guy."*

- Ontario Federation of Labour President **Chris Buckley**, responding to the proposal that the province will offer business and corporate tax cuts to offset an increase in minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

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*"At election time, (high-speed rail) is to politicians what cat nip is to felines and they go wild for it."*

- Toronto-based transportation policy advisor **Greg Gormick**, in a *Toronto Star* column taking Ottawa and Queen's Park to task for spending too much on studies about train service, and not near enough on actually improving service or rolling stock.

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**CHANGE THE SUBJECT** – Cabinet shuffles less than a year out from an election are not uncommon – often precipitated by ministers opting not to seek re-election or a perceived need to boost a backbencher’s profile. But this week’s mini-shuffle was totally unexpected, with Premier **Kathleen Wynne** suddenly forced to fill a vacancy when Environment and Climate Change Minister **Glen Murray** announced he’s leaving politics to head up the Pembina Institute. The fallout was swift:

- **Chris Ballard** was named to replace Murray as Environment and Climate Change Minister, creating an opening for **Peter Milczyn** to be promoted to cabinet. Milczyn assumes what had been Ballard’s portfolio as Minister of Housing, also responsible for the province’s Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- Francophone Affairs becomes a stand-alone ministry, helmed by **Marie-France Lalonde** (who was responsible for it before, but as a sub-ministry alongside her Community Safety and Correctional Services portfolio, which she keeps). This was unrelated to Murray’s departure, but was evidently in the works and the other shuffle presented an opportunity to make the change. Despite the additional ministry, the size of the cabinet remains the same, at 29 ministers.
- Milczyn had three Parliamentary Assistant portfolios – Infrastructure, Labour and Francophone Affairs. As such, a second-tier shuffle of PAs is likely imminent.
- Naturally, the Opposition parties seized on Murray’s resignation as an “abandon ship” move in the face of gloomy Liberal polls. He categorically denied such motivation, insisting that the position at the Alberta-based environmental organization – a dream job for Murray – just happened to materialize. “If Pembina hadn’t come along, I would be a candidate in the next election, and I’d be continuing on as minister if the Premier would have me,” he was quoted as saying in a phone interview, not coincidentally, from Calgary. “I wasn’t looking to leave. These things never come along at the right time.”
- Wynne was equally adamant that she didn’t take Murray’s decision as an affront. “Glen has been a friend ... I will be always be grateful for the unwavering support Glen has shown me,” she told reporters at Queen’s Park. “I do not see this as a vote of non-confidence. I see this as an individual having to make a decision about his life, and he’s a friend, and I wish him well.”
- Murray will stay on as MPP for Toronto Centre until September 1. After that the seat will remain empty until next June’s provincial election. Technically a by-election is supposed to happen within six months of a resignation, but there is flexibility when a general vote is nigh. Wynne pointed to the cost of a by-election –



estimated at around half a million dollars – as her reason for leaving the vacancy, refuting claims she wants to avoid voters even in what is considered a safe Liberal riding.

- Within days of Murray's announcement, speculation was swirling about a possible Liberal successor. One of the first names to pop up was former Deputy Premier **George Smitherman**, who held Toronto Centre until 2010, when he left Queen's Park to run (unsuccessfully) for Mayor of Toronto. Smitherman, who has already made some noises about running for city council in 2018 (likely in the ward of the late **Pam McConnell**), has recently been heard to say he's "on the horns of a dilemma" about whether to stay on the municipal path or shift to the suddenly beckoning provincial seat.

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**WELCOME BACK** – As Murray gets ready to leave, one of his caucus colleagues who had been largely sidelined announced a return to duty. Popular Thunder Bay MPP **Michael Gravelle**, who remained as Northern Development and Mines Minister in recent months but cut back on his workload to deal with depression, took to Facebook to say he's back on the beam. "I'm pleased to say that, while I have been away, I have made great progress in understanding this illness and how to cope with and treat it," he posted. "But, like many with depression, I am continuing the hard work it takes to feel better. I'll be the first to admit I'm not there yet. But I'm standing in front of you here today because I feel that I now have the strength to begin transitioning back to the work that I love to do, for my community, for the North and for Ontario." Gravelle hasn't confirmed whether he'll seek re-election, but he wasted no time in making a policy announcement, unveiling tree-planting plans including distributing 15,000 eastern white pine seed pods at events and schools across the province, as part of Canada and Ontario 150 celebrations. His timing was also a welcome respite in Thunder Bay, which has been besieged by scandal of late, including the city's mayor and his wife being charged with extortion, bizarre YouTube videos featuring a prominent local lawyer and racial tensions involving police in the wake of the deaths of several Indigenous youth.

**GREEN LIGHT** – Buoyed by relative success in British Columbia, Ontario's Green Party is openly enlisting the support of their western cousins in the hopes of finally making a breakthrough in this part of the country. B.C. MLA **Adam Olsen** was on hand this week as Ontario Green Leader **Mike Schreiner** formally launched his campaign in Guelph, setting up a rematch with longtime Liberal MPP and cabinet minister **Liz Sandals**. (Schreiner finished third in 2014, garnering about 20% of the vote – less than a thousand votes behind the second-place PC candidate but well back of Sandals, who won easily with nearly 42% support. He is obviously hoping that sagging Liberal popularity will enable him to close the gap.) Guelph has been a stronghold of sorts for the Greens, which is why Schreiner, who grew up in Kansas before becoming a Canadian citizen in 2007, has chosen it as his base. (In 2011 he ran in Simcoe-Grey, finishing a distant fourth.) With the B.C. Greens using their balance of power – even with only three seats – to topple the Liberals and install an NDP government, the party suddenly has a new optimism. "I came out to Ontario for Mike's nomination because he is a refreshing change from business-as-usual politicians," Olsen told the couple of hundred supporters at Schreiner's launch event. "I look forward to watching his campaign from Victoria, and helping in whatever way I can."

**CAROLINE ON MY MIND** – Turns out the rumours were true: **Caroline Mulroney** is indeed aspiring to provincial politics, announcing that she will be seeking the PC nomination in York-Simcoe, the riding being vacated by the retiring **Julia Munro**. While she is certainly identified as the daughter of former Prime Minister **Brian Mulroney**, she has to be considered a star candidate in her own right, as a successful lawyer and financier. Hard to imagine anyone challenging her bid – although, given the ongoing controversies around contested PC nominations in at least half a dozen ridings, it could happen – and so far the reactions from local Tories have been positive. York-Simcoe is about as rock-solid a safe PC riding as there is in Ontario, meaning that if/when Mulroney wins the nomination, she is

almost a certainty to be elected as MPP. But this could also have wider implications: Party leader **Patrick Brown** is reportedly close to the Mulroney family – a relationship that could suddenly face more scrutiny about just how much influence the ex-PM has on him.

**ANSWERING THE BELL** — Elsewhere on the PC nomination front, Brown is known as an avid sports fan and apparently the fandom goes both ways, as another former elite athlete is lining up carry the PC banner in next year's election. A few weeks after former NHLer **Troy Crowder** joined the Tory ranks as a candidate in Sudbury, former Olympic boxer **Mike Strange** has filed papers for the nomination in Niagara Falls. Strange, who won gold at the 1994 and 1998 Commonwealth Games and represented Canada in the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympics, had been a pub owner in Niagara Falls since his retirement from the ring, but he sold that venture when he entered the political game as a city councillor in 2014. He has also been very active — figuratively and literally — in the charitable community. He has staged two significant charity runs for cancer — in 2012 picking up where **Terry Fox** left off and running from Thunder Bay to Victoria; in 2014 he ran 94 marathons in 94 days from St. John's back to Niagara Falls. A date for the nomination meeting has yet to be set.

## RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

### BILL AND COO

While there is little agreement on anything to do with provincial politics these days, a consensus seems to have developed on one matter: Ontarians are having a love affair with their 18th Premier, **Bill Davis**. Davis is widely lauded as among the province's greatest Premiers – a unifying figure who presided over an era of growth and optimism. This positive view was not always universal, either when Davis was in office or in much of the decades since. Indeed, in the **Mike Harris** years some Tories derided the Davis legacy as one of 'big-spending, quasi-liberalism,' sneering that Davis wasn't a 'true blue' conservative. But if Davis's reputation needed rehabilitation (and many would argue it didn't) it has surely come about in recent years. Theories abound as to the reason behind the Davis renaissance: 1) There really hasn't been an Ontario Premier since Davis who was broadly liked. You certainly won't find a consensus across party lines on the merits of Harris or **Dalton McGuinty** – each has their fans, but they were/are both polarizing figures. 2) People yearn for a time when politics in Ontario wasn't so divisive and nasty. 3) Toronto's popular mayor **John Tory** is the ultimate Davis acolyte, and he never hesitates to tell us that. 4) **Steve Paikin**'s bestselling biography, *Bill Davis: Nation Builder, and Not So Bland After All*. Paikin has crisscrossed the province promoting this generally well-reviewed book, and is drawing large crowds wherever he goes.

Enterprise's **Phil Gillies**, who served in the Davis caucus in the 1980s, posted Facebook greetings to Davis on July 30, his 88th birthday. Phil's post quickly generated more than 260 likes and 65 positive comments. What's remarkable is that these likes and comments come from people across the political spectrum – PC, Liberal and NDP. At a time when you can say 'the sky is blue' on social media and somebody will pick a fight with you, a tribute to Brampton Billy draws nothing but praise and fond memories.

## FOR THE RECORD

*"One of the things that they have pointed out is that they wish, in retrospect, they had moved on the public education significantly before it became legal. They didn't and so I'm taking that principle to heart. We can't wait until July 1."*

- Health Minister **Eric Hoskins**, citing experiences in Colorado as a cautionary tale as he promises a major awareness campaign around the dangers of marijuana, especially for young people, before pot is legalized next summer.

*“Maybe it’s time both political operatives and the press gave those MPPs considering retirement a break. They need to stop reducing a complex personal decision to one based solely on crass political calculations. A political life is hard enough without having to worry about being accused of treason against your leader and party for simply deciding to leave. In my experience, few decide to retire simply because of poll numbers.”*

- Former Liberal cabinet minister **John Milloy**, in a *National Newswatch* column, pleading for MPPs contemplating retirement to be given more respect.
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*“Normally, you would not replace a leader in a minority government, but Brown is so disliked by his own members we feel this is an exception.”*

- **Carlo Naldino**, organizer of an Ottawa-area group of disgruntled PCs who are promising to campaign against targeted Tory candidates in hopes of electing a Liberal minority government in next June’s provincial election. Their theory is that this would trigger a move to dump current PC Leader **Patrick Brown**, resulting in a new leader who could then orchestrate the defeat of the government to stage another general election.
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*“I said to the Premier today ... we’re talking about a business that’s been in business continually since before Ontario was Ontario. It’s frustrating. This is something that’s very important to the community.”*

- Windsor Mayor **Drew Dilkens**, who is appealing for changes to provincial liquor laws that prohibit the sale of Canadian Club whisky at Windsor’s Canadian Club brand heritage centre. While the whisky is distilled in Windsor, it is done so on contract as the Canadian Club brand is owned by an American-Japanese conglomerate. Ontario liquor laws only allow an owner to sell its spirits on site of the distillery; they cannot sell contracted brands on site. Windsor officials feel this has played a significant factor in the historic facility being closed to the public earlier this year.
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*“At a time when we are so often subjected to superficial media photo-ops, and ‘selfies’ as the solution to our challenges, Guy Caron is an original thinker who dares to speak the truth, and he does it eloquently in both official languages.”*

- Former Ontario NDP Leader **Howard Hampton**, formally endorsing Quebec MP **Guy Caron** for the federal party leadership. Both Hampton and his wife, former MPP **Shelley Martel**, are backing Caron, eschewing Northern Ontario MP **Charlie Angus** and provincial MPP **Jagmeet Singh**.

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**WAY UP NORTH** – Come next June, 124 seats will be up for grabs in the provincial election – 17 more than there are now and two more than there are federal ridings in Ontario. Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi** confirmed this week that the government will introduce legislation in the fall to create two extra ridings in the far north, further redrawing the electoral map as redistribution subdivides current seats. Both of the new ridings will cover large areas with relatively small populations: Kiiwetinong (the Ojibwa word for “North”; population 33,000) will be made up almost entirely of Indigenous constituents and will include the northern portion of what is now Kenora-Rainy River; and Mushkegowuk (“People of the Swampland” in Cree; pop. 30,000) will be carved out of Timmins-James Bay, encompassing Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation and predominantly Francophone. These changes will leave a smaller – but still massive – version of Kenora-Rainy River and a new riding called Timmins. Although they stem from recommendations of the non-partisan Far North Electoral Boundaries Commission, some pundits have suggested a political motive – namely more seats unlikely to vote Conservative. The fledgling Northern Ontario Party was also unimpressed, issuing a news release decrying, “When you have so many seats to win in Toronto, it becomes the only priority of the big three parties; they know if they win Toronto they win the province. There is no need for them to worry about any place else.”

**TED TALK** – A week after Environment Minister **Glen Murray** suddenly announced his resignation, another Liberal MPP many thought was headed out the door has opted to re-up for another go. Former cabinet minister **Ted McMeekin** – whose voluntary departure from cabinet was thought to be a precursor to retirement from Queen’s Park altogether – announced that he will seek re-election next June. “I want to be part of seeing it through – as tempting as it might be to slow down a bit and play more golf,” McMeekin told local media. “It’s not in my DNA. I want to be part of the action.” First elected in a 2000 by-election, the 69-year-old McMeekin has battled prostate cancer in recent years. But he says he’s feeling good and will run in Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas (known by the rather unflattering acronym HWAD, a new riding created by redistribution of his current Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale seat). McMeekin is feeling so good, in fact, he gleefully took a shot at the Tories’ tribulations around their nomination for the riding. **Ben Levitt** won the PC nod, but two other would-be candidates have launched legal action claiming shady balloting. “It’s a shame,” McMeekin intoned faux-sympathetically. “It’s unfortunate for the young fellow who is running to walk into this race with that encumbrance.” When asked if Levitt’s nomination should stand, McMeekin coyly punted the question to the party leader, offering, “It is for **Patrick Brown** to decide.” Hamilton police confirmed this week that they are considering a criminal investigation into the allegations of wrongdoing in the HWAD nomination process.

**YOU'RE ONLY 150 ONCE** – The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation – which created Ontario – has been a bonanza for history buffs, and the Archives of Ontario is making the most of the opportunity. While much of the country focused on festivities in Ottawa on Canada Day, the Archives has launched a suite of Ontario150 activities to keep the celebration going all year. For instance, this week a special citizenship ceremony welcoming 25 new Canadians was held at the Archives building. The presiding official, Judge **Albert Wong**, made a point of noting the importance of the Archives in preserving the diverse story of Ontario – “the DNA of the province” as he described the Archives’ holdings. As the sesquicentennial continues, all Ontarians are being encouraged to “reaffirm their citizenship and share what citizenship means to them” on social media using the hashtags #MyCitizenship and #Canada150.

## RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

### INTERNAL COMBUSTION

Recent internecine attacks on PC Leader **Patrick Brown**, which have intensified in recent weeks, are more than a little reminiscent of the fifth-column warfare waged against former Premier **Dalton McGuinty** when he was in Opposition. There are a few differences – McGuinty wasn’t leading in the polls like Brown is, and the Liberal conspirators struck their blows anonymously – but Brown’s current challenges have a familiar feel to them. Disgruntlement with Brown is epitomized by the Ottawa-based “I’m Out” campaign, which is not unlike the “Dump Dalton” effort prior to 2003. If his critics are getting under Brown’s skin – hard to tell insofar as he, like McGuinty, is largely inscrutable – he can take heart in knowing McGuinty subsequently won three elections, two of them with commanding majorities. However, Brown does face one major challenge that wasn’t part of the earlier script: The anti-McGuinty movement didn’t generate splinter parties. The Trillium Party (buttressed by sitting MPP **Jack MacLaren**, who defected from the Tories) is already a real thing, and the Ontario Alliance Party – primarily pro-lifers and other social conservatives feeling betrayed by Brown – is percolating. Neither is likely to make any serious inroads in terms of actually electing MPPs, but any votes they do take will almost all be siphoned from the Tories. Brown now has a tough strategic choice – whether to directly fire back and potentially give these new foes credence, or publicly ignore them and risk them succeeding in negatively branding him. On the other hand, having extreme voices against him takes them out of his tent, and could work in his favour if they help drive the moderate narrative he is trying to compose.

## FOR THE RECORD

*“Right now, because I’ve just got this overwhelming sense of betrayal by my own party, I think it would be an absolute disaster if Patrick Brown became the next premier of the province. If he’s going to treat his own grassroots, his own party, in such a cavalier and arrogant manner, how would he ever behave as the premier of this province? I shudder to think.”*

- Former PC MPP and cabinet minister **Marilyn Mushinski**, among those unhappy with the way current party leader **Patrick Brown** has handled nomination controversies.

*“It would appear by this complaint that the Ontario Liberal Party has not read, or is unable to understand, the law they wrote. But the Liberal Party’s ignorance to the law should come as no surprise given their own very serious legal problems.”*

- PC President **Rick Dykstra**, responding a formal complaint filed with Elections Ontario by the Liberals

against both the Tories and the NDP alleging contravention of new fundraising rules. Elections Ontario cleared both parties of any wrongdoing.

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*“The easiest road is to jump into the provincial election. You don’t have to raise as much money, obviously. You don’t have to cover as much ground as you would on a mayoral race. It’s kind of a no-brainer. But I never take the easy route. So, we’ll see what happens.”*

- Former Toronto city councillor **Doug Ford**, still being ambiguous about whether he will run in June’s provincial election or once again challenge Toronto Mayor **John Tory** municipally next fall.

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**FAKE NEWS** – For a couple of hours on Thursday morning, Ontario was awash in frenzied speculation that a BIG announcement was imminent – A snap election? Premier **Kathleen Wynne** stepping down? Proroguing the Legislature? A game-changing policy? – but it turns out the fuss was over little more than a pep talk. Such is the high-anxiety in Ontario in these pre-election days that word of Liberal cabinet and caucus meetings, along with a live-streamed speech by Wynne, set tongues wagging. In the end it was all just a scene-setter for the pending fall legislative session, with Wynne basically reiterating her government’s policy strategies and other rah-rah rhetoric aimed at pumping up Liberal troops. Of course, the messaging was also designed for a broader online audience, which, thanks to the frenzied chatter, was no doubt larger than it would otherwise have been.

**GET OUT OF TOWN!** – Because of the minority government abbreviated in 2014, Ontario’s provincial and municipal elections are now on the same cycle, with politicians at both levels going to the polls in the same year. The impending dual 2018 campaigns naturally create some uncomfortable jockeying, as was evident at this week’s Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual conference in Ottawa. Although the meeting is for city and town representatives – minus those from Toronto, which opted out of AMO some years ago – Queen’s Park always has a major presence at the event, as the party leaders, plus large contingents from each of their caucuses, pay a visit. This year all three found themselves on the defensive, courtesy of AMO President **Lynn Dollin** throwing down the gauntlet from the start, using her intro speech to float the idea of a 1% hike in the provincial portion of the HST – with the extra \$2.5 billion it would generate being earmarked specifically for municipal infrastructure. Wynne offered a terse, “It’s not something we’re going to look at,” while PC Leader **Patrick Brown** and NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** were equally firm in nixing even considering the idea. But this was just the first salvo, setting the stage for months of municipalities pleading for more money – or at least the tools to raise it themselves – and threatening to blame Queen’s Park if they have to increase property taxes to meet budget needs. Given that provincial reps will face the electorate first – the Ontario election is in June, the municipal vote in October – the pressure will be on party strategists to come up with platform policies to blunt local complaints.

**WAGE WAR** – Liberal labour reform proposals, specifically plans to increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr, continue to be a major point of contention this summer – which, despite the heated rhetoric, may suit the Liberals just fine. Some pundits surmised in the spring that the legislation was designed to create exactly the debate that is now underway, on the assumption that Liberal research would have told them they have the majority of public support. Opposition from the business community was also a given, and if indeed this was factored into Liberal calculations, all is going according to script. This week a group of businesses led by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce – calling

itself the Keep Ontario Working Coalition – released a study concluding that the minimum wage hike will put 185,000 jobs at risk. “Making \$15 an hour is great, but only if you have a job,” Chamber spokesman **Karl Baldauf** intoned, warning that “the unintended consequences are alarming.” Montreal-based grocery giant Metro also chimed in, with CEO **Eric La Fleche** cautioning that, “over time, if structural costs go up, that could have an inflationary impact” on prices. Ontario Labour Minister **Kevin Flynn** was ready to take the cue, calling the coalition study “just one in a long list,” while pointing to research by other economists concluding that the wage hike would be net positive. In a statement, Flynn acknowledged the concerns of the business community, and repeated Wynne’s promise to find ways to ease the impact of the wage hike and keep Ontario businesses competitive. But he added an emphatic, “That being said, we will not back down from our plan to bring fairness to Ontarians.”

Meanwhile, Brown and Horwath have been unavoidably entangled in this net, respectively criticizing the labour reforms as moving too fast and not going far enough. Again, conspiracy theorists see this as by Liberal design: Horwath is at risk of being outflanked on the left by the LIBs, a scenario that contributed to her relatively poor showing in the 2014 election; Brown, by not outright vowing to repeal the legislation, has incurred the wrath of hard-right conservatives, who have added it to their list of grievances alongside beefs about Brown’s stance on a carbon tax and the sex-ed curriculum. Whether any of this can overcome Wynne’s staggering unpopularity remains to be seen, but at this point it appears to be the wedge issue the Liberals want it to be.

**O’ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH** – Events south of the border continue to reverberate northward, and all Ontario parties are on high alert as to how the American experiences might impact on the psyche of voters here. Premier Wynne was quick out of the gate in response to the recent violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, tweeting, “Neo-Nazis and white supremacists don’t belong in the streets. Hate knows no borders and we must stand on guard against its spread.” Brown, not about to let himself get lumped in with the American right-wingers, also took to Twitter, posting, “Hate in any form is unacceptable. The white supremacy & racism leading to #Charlottesville is abhorrent. Thoughts are with the victims.” Horwath added a similar message, tweeting, “Horrified by the images from #Charlottesville. We all have a role to play in uniting against racism, hate and bigotry.” Those responses were no-brainers, but as the **Donald Trump** presidency moves forward, politicians on this side of the border will no doubt have their antennae up for the undercurrents that got him elected – and we may see more nuanced reactions. In the near term, it will be interesting to see if the Ontario parties diverge in their views on the North American Free Trade Agreement renegotiations that got underway this week.

**BRANT SPANKING NEW** – In what could be considered a microcosm for the province – at least, the Liberals hope so – a riding that was thought to be a sure-thing for the PCs is suddenly not so certain. Brantford-Brant has been Liberal since 1999, held by Speaker **Dave Levac**. He announced his retirement earlier this year and the Tories have been very upbeat about taking it back, espousing a narrative that it was a Levac riding rather than a Liberal riding. The PC nomination contest this spring was the biggest show they have ever put on in Brantford-Brant, with three nominees selling more than 1,300 memberships (of whom about 800 came out to vote in the nomination). **Will Bouma**, a County Councillor and optometrist from rural St. George, outpaced his rivals to win the prize, and was essentially anointed as the riding’s next MPP. But hold on. Last Saturday the Liberals held their nomination. They also had a hotly contested race, and they sold almost as many memberships as the Tories had earlier this year, with a turnout of 700 for the vote. Retirement home administrator **Ruby Toor** won the Liberal nod, setting up an intriguing showdown of a rural social conservative versus an urban South Asian woman.

**ACT-IVISM** — A group of Hamilton film enthusiasts are working to save and restore an historic theatre in the city’s west end, and the first person they turned to to help build public support and generate donations was Liberal MPP **Ted McMeekin**. The campaign is asking prominent Hamiltonians to “build some magic” by uttering movie lines in short videos posted to the Westdale Cinema Group’s Facebook page. Given McMeekin’s surprise announcement last week that he would seek re-election in June 2018 — amid rampant speculation that he was going to retire from public life — the veteran local and provincial politician donned dark sunglasses to utter the line made famous by **Arnold Schwarzenegger** in *The Terminator*: “I’ll be back.”



## FOR THE RECORD

*“There are billions available when there’s trouble or there’s a Liberal scandal, and they have nothing for what, in the big picture, is [one of] the backbones of our economy.”*

- PC MPP **Jim Wilson**, exhorting the government to help farmers cope with an unusually wet summer – exacerbating last year’s near drought. Agriculture Minister **Jeff Leal** responded that it’s “too soon to determine the full impact this year’s unpredictable weather will have on crops across the province” and that he will keep “monitoring this situation and recognize the stress that severe weather events cause for our farm families.”
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*“I’m doing to do what I can to get rid of the Liberal government in Ontario.”*

- Former PC MPP **Bob Runciman**, who retired from the Senate when he hit his 75th birthday last week, vowing to stay involved in provincial politics. In his 29-year career at Queen’s Park, Runciman earned the nickname “Mad Dog” and apparently is still as partisan as ever.

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### WEEKLY ROUNDUP

**KEEP IT TO A MINIMUM** – Here’s a shock: Committee hearings this summer didn’t change the Liberals’ minds about raising the province’s minimum wage to \$15/hr. In what is clearly an orchestrated roll-out, the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act* has been the singular legislative focus since the House recessed in June – it was the last bill introduced before the break, and the lone legislation studied by committee over the summer – and will be a centrepiece of the fall session getting underway September 11. The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs wrapped up clause-by-clause review this week and, despite the Liberal majority agreeing to some tweaks, it will return to the Legislature in much the same form as Labour Minister **Kevin Flynn** presented it June 1. Once there, it will be subject to still more deliberation – the bill hasn’t even passed Second Reading yet, which is usually the precursor of committee work – before becoming law. Presumably, the Liberals are keen to prolong the discussion as much as possible, given that a) the labour reforms are fundamental to their re-election charge, and b) the issue is causing conniptions for the Opposition parties, who don’t want to be overly critical of popular policies.

**A FAMILIAR RING** – Having decided to create an extra two ridings in Northern Ontario, the Liberals are now looking to woo votes in that part of the province. Since 2010, any such effort inevitably involves promises around the Ring of Fire – the huge, and potentially hugely lucrative, chromite deposit about 500 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay – and we have seen many, many announcements over those seven years without much actual development. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** was in Thunder Bay this week for yet another announcement, insisting that this time there will be action to follow it. In this case it was an agreement with three First Nations to build year-round access roads to the proposed mining site – with construction to start in 2019. Naturally, the Opposition parties weren’t about to let the Liberals get credit. “It’s simply election talk,” sniped PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedelli**, pointing to a similar promise in 2014 that went unfulfilled and noting that jobs have been *lost* since a height of 250 workers in the area. “Today there are six people left. Those six people are the caretakers who are there to simply protect the investment. It’s sad to watch it dwindle to nothing.” NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** took a similar tack, decrying “[The] disappointment [of] 14 years of Liberal government during which not one shovel has hit the ground. Not one kilometre of road has been built.”

**REBEL YELL** – One of the major offshoots of the **Donald Trump** presidency in the U.S. has been an escalation of already-bitter media wars – Fox News versus CNN, the rise of Breitbart, stridently partisan talk radio – as journalism reflects (and contributes to) growing polarization. Here in Ontario we have a small-scale version playing out around The Rebel media, the online network built from the debris of the defunct Sun News Network by right-wing provocateur **Ezra Lavant**. The still-unfolding drama has had several twists and turns in the past week:

- *Scene 1* – In the wake of global outrage at racially-motivated violence in Charlottesville, Virginia – and a reporter from The Rebel sympathizing with the white supremacists – guilt-by-association is a problem for many former guests on the network. One such politico happens to be the leader of Ontario’s Progressive Conservatives – a point the Liberals chirpily made in missives to reporters and supporters. They even supplied photo evidence, embedding a picture of Brown on-set, shaking hands with Levant. The Liberal agitprop blared, “Ontario Conservative leader Patrick Brown appeared on alt-right media outlet The Rebel multiple times. But he has yet to denounce their hate,” and encouraged supporters to sign a petition demanding said denunciation.



- *Scene 2* – Brown swiftly took the sting out of Liberal attacks by categorically denouncing The Rebel. It was an easy stance to take, given that The Rebel has disparaged Brown for moving the party toward the political centre, and he hasn’t appeared on the network in more than a year.
- *Scene 3* – TVO’s **John Michael McGrath** ridiculed the Liberal strategy for giving Brown such an easy out, posting, “The whole point of the ‘make X disavow Y’ play is to put your enemy between a rock and a hard place. The Liberals put Brown between a pillow and meringue.”
- *Scene 4* – Undaunted, the LIBs went after other PC caucus members who have guested on and/or been supportive of The Rebel’s views, this time demanding apologies for facilitating “blatant racism, bigotry and hate.”



Expect much more of this, as the Liberals do everything they can to thwart Brown’s push to the centre – which is where everyone knows the most votes are.

**THOSE WERE THE DAYS** – There may be no election writ, but the 2018 provincial campaign is very much underway – not just in terms of promises and messages, but in on-the-ground activity. Case in point was a Liberal “Day of Action” this past Saturday, which, according to Liberal bumpf, saw 800 volunteers in 71 ridings canvassing some 85,000 residences. This follows a similar province-wide canvass by the Tories earlier this summer, which they say deployed more than 1,200 volunteers in 113 ridings. All of this door-knocking is underpinned by the big-data movement, as each party aims to populate databases that will enable them to pinpoint supportive voters and strategically allot resources to get them to the polls.

**OH, CUT IT OUT** – Political organizers continue to rack their brains for new ways of engaging donors now that MPPs (and candidates) are forbidden from attending fundraising events. Leeds-Grenville PC MPP **Steve Clark** came up with a novel, if comical, way to have a presence at a long-standing fundraiser in his riding: A cardboard cutout. The life-size image of a grinning Clark was front and centre at the annual “Afternoon in the Islands” event, with attendees having their pictures taken beside the two-dimensional MPP and the artificial Clark propped against a wall to “watch” the remarks. One such speech was by **Bob Runciman**, who previously held the riding and has never missed the event he founded 31 years ago. “The fact that Steve can’t attend his own fundraiser is nothing short of nuts,” Runciman told the crowd.

## FOR THE RECORD

*“If the government does not accept the one per cent as a solution, then I ask them what will they accept?... If we want to build 21st century cities, we need more than 19th century tools.”*

- Mississauga Mayor – and former Liberal MP – **Bonnie Crombie**, angry at the provincial Liberals for rejecting a proposed HST hike to fund municipal infrastructure.
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*“Whether through our province-wide policy consultations, grassroots fundraising initiatives or our campaign to ask women to run for office, we are showing a commitment to creating an open party.”*

- East Gwillimbury businessman **Brian Johns**, named as the new President of the Ontario Liberal Party.

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*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION  
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**TO:** Chairpersons and Directors of Education  
- All Catholic District School Boards

**FROM:** Patrick Daly, President

**SUBJECT: Bill 68 Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act – Implementation Issues**

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As you know, on May 30, 2017, the Government of Ontario passed Bill 68 – *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016* which received Royal Assent and is now law. This amends several acts including the *Municipal Act*, the *City of Toronto Act*, the *Education Act* and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* that impacts school boards.

In terms of the implementation of the key amendments to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* impacting school boards, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has informed OCSTA requirement for boards to establish a public will come into force at the earliest in 2018. There will be local flexibility on how the registry is made public. The requirement is that it shall be available for public inspection. The amendment to the Act states:

**Requirement to Establish Registry**

- 6.1** (1) Every municipality and local board shall establish and maintain a registry in which shall be kept,
- (a) a copy of each statement filed under section 5.1; and
  - (b) a copy of each declaration recorded under section 6. 2017, c. 10, Schedule. 3, s. 5.

**Access to Registry**

- (2) The registry shall be available for public inspection in the manner and during the time that the municipality or local board, as the case may be, may determine. 2017, c. 10, Schedule. 3, s. 5.

Other parts of the amendments to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

The amendments to the *Education Act* come into force at Royal Assent or May 30, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Stephen Andrews at [sandrews@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:sandrews@ocsta.on.ca).

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September 6, 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairpersons and Directors of Education  
- All Catholic District School Boards

**FROM:** Patrick J. Daly, President

**SUBJECT:** **The New Ontario Municipal Election Cycle—May 1, 2018 - October 22, 2018**

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On June 7, 2016, the government of Ontario passed important amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. The *Municipal Modernization Act, 2016* or Bill 181 introduced the following key changes for the administration of municipal and school board elections beginning in 2018.

**Election Calendar for Municipal Councilors and School Board Trustees:**

The first day that nominations can be filed for a regular election is May 1. The deadline for all nominations is the fourth Friday of July (July 27, 2018). The date of all municipal elections is now the fourth Monday in October or for 2018 October 22. The four year term of office begins on December 1, 2018 but will change to November 15 beginning in 2022.

**Ranked Ballots:**

Bill 181 also allows municipalities the option to use ranked ballot voting, beginning in the 2018 municipal elections. Ranked ballots will allow a voter to rank candidates in order of preference.

**Campaign Finance:**

Bill 181 also has new rules for municipal and school board elections. For example, corporate and union contributions to candidates is banned in every municipality across the province as well as providing for regulations to set out spending limits on post-campaign spending on gifts and parties.

**Third-Party Advertising:**

The bill introduced a framework to regulate third-party advertising, which includes contribution and spending limits. Only contributors who are eligible under the bill will be able to register as a third party. Third parties also have to identify themselves on signs and advertisements. Spending limits for third-party advertising will be set out in a regulation. The act defines third-party advertising as advertisements supporting or opposing a candidate.

**Election Administration:**

School boards are now required to establish policies regarding the use of board resources during a campaign. Boards must also have policies prior to the election setting out additional conditions for an automatic recount of ballots. Municipal clerks will determine the dates and times for advance voting, reduced voting hours in certain institutions and early opening on voting day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Stephen Andrews at [sandrews@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:sandrews@ocsta.on.ca).

*Attachments*



### Municipal Elections Act Review

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 regulates the conduct of municipal and school board elections in Ontario, and sets out roles for municipal clerks and councils.

The Municipal Elections Act covers administration of the election process, including:

- Elections of persons
- Questions on the ballot (aka - referendums)
- Roles and responsibilities of the municipal clerk, municipal council, school board, school board secretary, candidates, electors
- Rules related to voting, voter and candidate eligibility
- Method of voting
- Campaign and campaign finance rules
- Compliance, enforcement and penalties

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs reviews the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 after each Ontario municipal election to determine if it meets the needs of Ontario communities. Here are some of the changes following the latest review of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

The Municipal Elections Modernization Act, 2016 made changes to the Municipal Elections Act. Some of these changes came into effect immediately after Royal Assent and certain changes do not come into effect until April 1, 2018, in time for the next municipal election.

### What has changed?

#### Ranked Ballots



Municipal councils have the option of passing by-laws to use ranked ballots starting in the 2018 municipal election.

Much of the detail for ranked ballot elections, such as public consultation requirements and how votes will be counted, has been set out in [regulation](#).

#### Election Calendar



Changes to the election calendar reflect recommendations from the public, municipal councils and municipal staff to shorten the election campaign period. The first day that nominations can be filed for a regular election will be **May 1st**. Nomination day (the deadline to file a nomination) for a regular election will move to the fourth Friday in July (July 27, for the 2018 election).

A number of other deadlines related to regular elections have also changed:

- The deadline for a municipality to pass a by-law to place a question on the ballot has moved to **March 1st** in an election year. The deadline for other questions (e.g. a school board, a minister's question) will be **May 1st**.
- The deadline to pass by-laws authorizing the use of alternative voting, such as by mail or by internet, and vote counting equipment will be **May 1st** in the year before the election (e.g., May 1, 2017 for the 2018 election).
- The clerk will need to have procedures and forms related to alternative voting and vote counting equipment in place by **December 31st** in the year before the election.

#### Campaign Finance



Changes to campaign finance rules will help ensure that they are consistent with transparent, accountable, fair and modern election finance practices.

Corporations and trade unions are no longer eligible to contribute to municipal election campaigns. This includes all council and school board elections. Corporations and trade unions can be third party advertisers and make contributions to third party advertisers.

There will be a new spending limit for parties and expressions of appreciation after voting day.

A candidate who does not accept any contributions of money, or incur any expenses, is not required to open a bank account.

If a candidate sells items for \$25 or less in order to raise campaign funds, the money is considered campaign income rather than a contribution. In this case, the candidate does not have to issue a receipt, or make sure that the person buying the item is eligible to make a campaign contribution.

### Third Party Advertising



The Municipal Elections Act now includes a framework for third party advertising. The framework will come into effect on April 1, 2018, so that the rules will be in place for the 2018 municipal election.

#### What is a third party advertisement?

A third party advertisement is a message in any medium (billboard, newspaper, radio, etc.) that supports or opposes a candidate or a “yes” or “no” vote on a question on the ballot. Third party advertising does not include issues-based advertising so groups that do public outreach can continue their issued-based advocacy work throughout the municipal election period.

Advertising that does not cost money to post or broadcast, such as comments made on social media, will not be considered to be third party advertising.

#### Who can register as a third party advertiser?

Individuals, corporations and unions can register as third party advertisers and can also make contributions to third party advertisers. Third party advertisers will need to register with the municipality where they want to advertise. If they want to advertise in more than one municipality, they have to register in each municipality.

Registration allows a third party advertiser to promote or oppose any candidate that the electors in the municipality can vote for (local council, school board trustee positions and regional or county council offices).

Third party advertising must be done independently of candidates, who are not able to direct a third party advertiser. Candidates are not able to register as third party advertisers.

#### How do campaign finance rules apply to third party advertisers?

Most campaign finance rules that apply to candidates will also apply to third party advertisers. Third party advertisers will have spending limits and there will be contribution limits for those wishing to contribute to a third party advertiser. Corporations and unions will be permitted to make contributions to third party advertisers, but will not be permitted to make contributions to candidates.

Rules for determining whether two corporations should be considered as a single corporation are simplified, so that it should be easier for corporations and candidates to determine whether the contributions from two corporations should count towards the same contribution limit to third party advertisers.

#### Campaigning

Campaign provisions have been clarified to allow candidates to access apartment buildings, condominiums, non-profit housing co-ops or gated communities from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. in order to campaign. Landlords and condominium corporations will not be allowed to prohibit tenants or owners from displaying campaign signs in their windows.

Candidates and third party advertisers are required to identify themselves on campaign advertisements and signs, so that it is clear who is responsible for each sign and advertisement that appears or is broadcast.

#### Enforcement



Changes to the Municipal Elections Act aim to encourage greater compliance with the campaign finance rules.

Every candidate will be entitled to a refund of the nomination fee if they file their campaign financial statement and, if needed, the auditor's report by the deadline.

There is a 30-day grace period for candidates and third party advertisers who miss the deadline to file a financial statement and auditor's report, provided that the candidate or third party advertiser pays a \$500 late filing fee to the municipality.

If a candidate or third party advertiser has filed their financial statement before the deadline and then discovers an error, they can file a corrected financial statement and auditor's report up until the filing deadline.

If an eligible voter believes that a candidate or third party advertiser has contravened an election campaign finance rule, the voter may apply for a compliance audit. Compliance audit committees will be required to provide brief written reasons for their decisions.

There will be a new process regarding contribution limits. The clerk who conducted the election is responsible for reviewing the contributions that are reported on the financial statements to council and trustee candidates as well as third party advertisers. If a

contributor appears to have given more than the contribution limits allow, the clerk will report this to the compliance audit committee. The compliance audit committee will then decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the contributor.

Currently, it is an offence to give, lend, offer or promise someone an office or employment in order to convince a person to run for office, but not to run for office or withdraw from running for office. This has been expanded so that it is also an offence to give, lend, offer or promise someone money or other compensation in order to induce a person to run for office, not run for office or withdraw from running for office.

#### **Voters' List**

The government will continue to work with stakeholders and a stakeholder working group to look at systemic issues in the development of the voters' list, and to try to identify solutions for longer-term improvements. While this work is ongoing, some changes aim to help address certain issues immediately.

All certified candidates have access to the parts of the voters' list that apply to the office they are running for beginning September 1st in the election year.

Previously, applications to add, delete or change a person's own information on the voters' list had to be done in person or in writing. Municipal clerks are now able to determine other formats that people could use to make these applications.

The process to remove from the voter's list the name of a person who has died has been simplified. An application can be made from September 1st up until the close of voting on voting day. Even if the clerk has not received a request, the clerk can remove a name from the list if the clerk knows that the person has died.

#### **Nomination and Eligibility**

There is a new requirement that anyone wishing to run for office on a council must submit the signatures of 25 voters supporting the nomination. The individuals providing the signatures will each have to sign a declaration stating that they were eligible to vote in the municipality on the day that they signed the endorsement.

If a candidate files a nomination, and then changes their mind and decides to run for a different office on the same council, they are not required to submit new signatures.

The requirement to submit 25 nomination signatures does not apply to candidates running for school board trustee positions.

#### **Election Administration**

Municipalities and school boards are required to set out policies on the use of municipal and board resources during an election. Municipalities and school boards are able to set out a policy before the election addressing when an automatic recount will be conducted. (For example, a council may decide before the election that if two candidates are within 10 votes of each other, a recount will be held without either of the candidates having to request it.)

Clerks, rather than councils, will determine the dates and times for advance voting. They can also establish reduced voting hours in certain institutions and determine whether voting places will open early on voting day.

Another change prohibits voters from taking photographs or videos of their marked ballots. In addition, members of the public are able to inspect documents and materials related to the election for 120 days after the results of the election have been declared.

Clerks are now required to not only declare who wins the election but also provide the public with information regarding the number of votes received by each candidate, the number of votes for "yes" and "no" for a question on the ballot, and the number of declined and rejected ballots.

Clerks have greater flexibility in determining how certain election documents may be submitted and how notices are sent out.

Original signatures are required only for nomination forms, third party advertiser registration forms and proxy appointment forms.

#### **Accessibility**



Clerks are required to prepare a plan for the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect voters and candidates with disabilities, and make the plan available to the public before voting day in a regular election. The clerk also needs to provide a follow-up report to the public within 90 days after the election.

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION  
LETTER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS – SEPTEMBER 2017**

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

On behalf of the Niagara Catholic Board of Trustees, administrators and staff, we extend a Happy New School Year from our family to your family.

A new school year brings optimism, enthusiasm and excitement at the new opportunities and rewarding experiences which await all students. We welcome back all returning students and families, and extend a very warm welcome to all students and families joining our schools and the Niagara Catholic family for the first time. We know that you will feel right at home in our system.

It was an active summer throughout Niagara Catholic. We held our first Summer Camp, with 275 elementary students participating in the five-week camp at one of six sites throughout the system. Based on the enthusiastic response from students, families and staff, we will begin our 2018 Summer Camp registration in February. In addition to the camps, we continued to provide a variety of secondary courses through our extensive Continuing Education Summer School during the month of July.

Niagara Catholic's Facilities Services team was active throughout the summer, overseeing approximately 85 projects. These include the construction of the new \$10-million St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, which will welcome more than 400 students on the first day of school, and a \$1.7-million renovation to the indoor athletic facilities at Notre Dame College. Construction of the new \$4.4-million, six-classroom and three child care room addition is underway at Our Lady of Fatima in Grimsby. Throughout the system, there were major renovations and maintenance work totaling more than \$13.5 million, along with the installation of the \$1.2-million turf athletic field at Saint Paul Catholic High School. As a year-round service team, Facilities Services ensures that all of our facilities continue to be healthy and safe for students and staff.

Our focus for the 2017-2018 school year will be on our faith formation theme *Serve Him – One Family in Christ*, and on implementing our Board-approved System Priorities. The annual System Priorities are posted in all Board sites, and, along with the Annual Budget, are available online at [niagaracatholic.ca](http://niagaracatholic.ca). As a Catholic school system, we are committed to providing all students with a loving, caring, safe and inclusive Catholic educational environment, where, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, we nurture an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.

All students and families are vibrant partners in Catholic education, and we invite you to stay connected with schools and the Board through social media networks on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and through our website. Your continued connection with schools and the Board enables us to communicate directly with you on news, events and activities throughout the school year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Senior Administration, Principals, Vice-Principals and staff, we extend every blessing for a faith-filled, rewarding and inspiring 2017-2018 school year, as collectively we continue to nurture the souls and build the minds of our most treasured gift, our students.

Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chair of the Board

John Crocco  
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## 2017 - 2018 System Priorities

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- Increase student engagement, and student voice in achievement, well-being and mental health awareness
- Engage in a review of specific programs, pathways, services and supports provided for all students
- Enhance global competencies and experiential learning opportunities for all students

### Enhance Technology for Optimal Learning

- Improve access and use of technology for all students and staff

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- Create opportunities for meaningful dialogue, feedback and input from students, parents, staff, pastors and the community
- Refine brand awareness and communication with stakeholders
- Enhance and develop wrap-around partnerships with community services

### Strengthen Human Resource Practices and Develop Transformational Leadership

- Enhance professional development opportunities for all staff
- Consolidate Board requirements for the Health and Safety of staff and students
- Address regulations regarding data management

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- Conduct a review of the criteria used in the allocation of resources to deliver approved programs, supports and services with Board and School Improvement Plans

### Ensure Responsible Fiscal and Operational Management

- Maintain financial stability through a balanced Budget 2017-2018
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### Address Changing Demographics

- Continue to optimize efficiency in capacity utilization in all Board facilities

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Dear Colleagues in Catholic Education:

On behalf of the Niagara Catholic Trustees and Senior Administration, Happy New School Year to all staff. We hope that you had a chance to enjoy the summer and the change of pace to spend with family and friends. As we begin a new school year, we continue to keep Lynn Millier, her family, colleagues and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

As school and Board families, we begin a new school year; a new journey together in Catholic education. This new year brings optimism, enthusiasm and excitement at the new opportunities to evangelize our faith, to build on the successes we have achieved together, and to continue to provide the innovative and meaningful programs, supports and services for our students. We welcome back all returning students and families, and extend a very warm welcome to all students and families joining our schools and the Niagara Catholic family for the first time. Thank you for your leadership and commitment in providing exemplary Catholic education to all 23,000 students across our system.

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We have a rich tradition in our Board of recognizing and celebrating the success of students and staff. A reminder to all staff to consider nominating a colleague for the Director's Inspiration Award 2017. The annual Inspiration Award is presented in recognition of faithful, passionate, innovative and extraordinary contributions to serve students, colleagues and our Catholic community through our vocational calling. Nomination forms are due by September 22, 2017 to Linda Marconi, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education. A copy of the nomination form was emailed to all staff. It is also available on *My Niagara Catholic*. Nominate a colleague and let's celebrate their contribution!

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**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION  
OCSTA FALL REGIONAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

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July 6, 2017

**TO:** Trustees, Student Trustees & Directors of Education

**FROM:** Nick Milanetti, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** **2017 Fall Regional Meetings**

OCSTA's Fall Regional Meetings are scheduled as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>EAST</u></b>  <b>Monday, September 18</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>  CDSB of Eastern Ontario  2755 Highway #43  Kemptville K0G 1J0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CENTRAL</u></b>  <b>Tuesday, September 19</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>  Toronto CDSB  80 Sheppard Avenue East.  Toronto. M2N 6E8</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>WEST</u></b>  <b>Wednesday, Sep. 27</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>  Hosted by: Waterloo CDSB  Location: St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall  29 Midland Drive, Kitchener N2A 2A9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NORTH WEST</u></b>  <b>Saturday, September 30</b>  <b>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon</b>  Da Vinci Centre  340 Waterloo Street South, Thunder Bay</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NORTH EAST</u></b>  <b>Saturday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>  Hosted by: Northeastern CDSB  Location: O’Gorman High School, 150 George Avenue, Timmins P4N 4M1  <i>*A Hospitality Reception for delegates and guests will be hosted by the Northeastern CDSB on the evening of Friday, October 13 at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel &amp; Suites in Timmins (invitation attached).</i></p>	

The format of the meetings is designed to engage our membership in dialogue with OCSTA Directors and staff. A draft agenda is attached.

**Board Presentations: Major Challenges & Collective Bargaining Updates**

Boards are asked to prepare a brief (5 minute) overview, to be delivered by the Chair (or designate) at the meeting, to outline two or three major challenges that the board is facing and provide a brief update on collective bargaining. *Please bring printed copies to share with the delegates.*

## **REGISTRATION**

Meetings are open to trustees, student trustees and senior board personnel (both academic and finance). The registration fee is \$124.30 and \$84.75 for student trustees (includes HST).

[Click Here to Register](#)

Deadline for refunds due to cancellation is 2 weeks prior to each meeting.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

If your delegates require overnight accommodation, please make your bookings directly with the hotel as soon as possible.

### **East – September 18**

[Kemptville Suites](#) (613)215-0707 – appx. 5 minutes to venue

[Holiday Inn & Suites, Kanata](#) – (613)271-3057 – appx. 35 minutes to venue

[Fairfield Inn & Suites, Kanata](#) – (613)599-7767 – appx. 35 minutes to venue

[Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Brockville](#) – (613)342-1883 – appx. 40 minutes to venue

### **Central – September 19**

[Novotel Toronto North York](#) –(416)733-2929 – appx. 10 minutes to venue

[Radisson Hotel Toronto East](#) – (416)493-7000 – appx. 20 minutes to venue

### **West – September 27**

[The Walper Hotel](#) – (519)745-4321 – appx. 10 minutes to venue

[Crowne Plaza Kitchener-Waterloo](#) – (519)744-4141 – appx. 10 minutes to venue

### **North East – October 14**

[Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Timmins](#) – (705)531-4000 – appx. 10-15 minutes to venue

A block of rooms has been set aside for the night of October 13.

Group Code: NCS

Rates: \$119 (Standard-2 Queens) + HST

Deadline for group rate is **September 21**.

### **North West – September 30**

Registration and accommodation details for this meeting will be included with information package for Thunder Bay Diocesan Catholic School Trustees Conference.

We would like to thank the trustees and staff of the Catholic District School Boards that will host our 2017 Regional Meetings:

*Eastern Ontario ♦ Toronto ♦ Waterloo ♦ Northeastern ♦ Thunder Bay  
& Thunder Bay Diocesan Catholic School Trustees' Association*

**Attachments:** *Draft Agenda, Regions Chart*



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**2017 FALL REGIONAL MEETING - CENTRAL**  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

**DRAFT AGENDA**

9:30

REGISTRATION (*continental breakfast*)

WELCOME – *OCSTA President, Patrick Daly & Chair of Host Board*

GATHERING PRAYER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND Q & A – *Patrick Daly*

- An overview of the current issues in education being addressed by OCSTA.

STEWARDS OF THE PROMISE

- A look at the various roles and facets of the Catholic School Trustee  
*Steve Andrews, Director of Legislative & Political Affairs*  
*Brian O'Sullivan, Director of Catholic Education*

**LUNCH, INFORMAL DISCUSSION & NETWORKING**

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

- Major Challenges Facing School Boards  
- *2 or 3 of the main challenges that your board is facing*
- Collective Bargaining Update

*Boards are asked to prepare a 5-minute overview on the above topics to be delivered at the meeting by the Chair or designate.*

**Please bring copies to share with the participants.**

**BREAK**

SHARING OF FACILITIES (*Nick Milanetti*)

- Facilitated Discussion

2:55

CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT – *Patrick Daly*

## OCSTA 2017 FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Area	Boards / OCSTA Region #	OCSTA Director / Region #	Host / Location
Mon, Sep 18 9:30am–3pm	East	Algonquin & Lakeshore (10) Eastern Ontario (10) Peterborough-Victoria- Northumberland & Clar. (9) Ottawa (12) Renfrew (10) Simcoe-Muskoka CDSB (9)	Michelle Griepsma (9) Todd Lalonde (10) Mark Mullan (12)	CDSB of Eastern Ontario 2755 Highway #43 Kemptville K0G 1J0
Tue, Sep 19 9:30am–3pm	Central	Brant-Haldimand Norfolk (11) Dufferin-Peel (7) Durham (9) Halton (11) Hamilton-Wentworth (11) Niagara (11) Toronto (6) York (8)	Ann Andrachuk (6) Michael Del Grande (6) Mario Pascucci (7) Thomas Thomas (7) Carol Cotton (8) Michelle Griepsma (9) Clifford Casey (11) Arlene Iantomasi (11)  Patrick Daly, <i>President</i> Kathy Burtnik, <i>Past President</i>	Toronto CDSB 80 Sheppard Avenue East Toronto M2N 6E8
Wed, Sep 27 9:30am-3pm	West	Bruce-Grey (4) Huron-Perth (4) London (5) Waterloo (4) Wellington (4) St. Clair (5) Windsor/Essex (5)	Marino Gazzola (4) Linda Ward (5)  Beverley Eckensweiler, <i>Vice President</i>	Hosted by Waterloo CDSB <u>Venue</u> St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener N2A 2A9
Sat, Sep 30 8am-12 noon	North West	Kenora (2) Northwest (2) Superior North (2) Thunder Bay (2)	Paul Landry (2) Michael Bellmore (3)	Thunder Bay Diocesan Catholic School Trustees' Association <u>Venue</u> Da Vinci Centre 340 Waterloo Street S. Thunder Bay
Sat, Oct 14 9:30am–3pm *	North East	Huron-Superior (1) Nipissing-Parry Sound (1) Northeastern (1) Sudbury (1)	Colleen Landers (1) Michael Bellmore (3)	Hosted by: Northeastern CDSB <u>Venue</u> O’Gorman High School 150 George Avenue Timmins P4N 4M1
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Tuesday, September 19, 2017

*Toronto CDSB*  
*80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto M2N 6E8*

**AGENDA**

- 9:30 REGISTRATION (*continental breakfast*)
- WELCOME – *OCSTA President, Patrick Daly & Chair of Host Board*  
GATHERING PRAYER – *Toronto CDSB*
- 9:45 PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND Q & A – *Patrick Daly*
- An overview of the current issues in education being addressed by OCSTA.
- 10:30 BREAK**
- 10:45 STEWARDS OF THE PROMISE
- A look at the various roles and facets of the Catholic School Trustee  
*Patrick Daly, President*  
*Brian O'Sullivan, Director of Catholic Education*  
*Steve Andrews, Director of Legislative & Political Affairs*
- 12:00 LUNCH, INFORMAL DISCUSSION & NETWORKING**
- 12:45 BOARD PRESENTATIONS
- Major Challenges Facing School Boards  
*Boards are asked to prepare an overview to be delivered at the meeting by the Chair or designate (3 minutes).*  
**Please bring copies to share with the participants.**
- 1:45 SHARING OF FACILITIES – *Nick Milanetti*
- Facilitated Discussion  
*Board Chairs (or delegates) are asked to bring ideas, concerns or challenges that their board foresees on this topic to share during this discussion.*
- 2:55 CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT – *Patrick Daly*

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

*PUBLIC SESSION*

**TOPIC: TRUSTEE INFORMATION  
NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION GOLF  
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- Contribution Towards:
- Lunch: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Dinner: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Wine: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Reception: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor a hole (\$450)
- Sponsor a student (\$250)
- Donate a prize for Silent Auction (\$200 +)
- Cash: please indicate amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORSHIP / DONATION: please indicate your level of support

The success of our annual Charity Golf Classic depends largely on the generosity and assistance provided by individuals and businesses like yours. In order to build on this success, we are asking for your support in the categories listed below.

The Foundation initiates fundraising activities in collaboration with students, staff, parents and business enterprises. It is an excellent way for the community to become more actively involved in Catholic education. The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education was established to provide financial support to those students who would otherwise not be able to pursue their educational goals, to assist students in need and to support Catholic education programs in the Niagara Region.

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION:

*“Invest in the Future of Catholic Education”*  
 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education



# 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



**WEDNESDAY  
 SEPTEMBER 20TH  
 2017**

**LEGENDS ON THE NIAGARA**  
 9233 NIAGARA PARKWAY,  
 NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

# THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

is in its 16th year. The proceeds of the tournament are managed through the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Funds raised provide financial assistance through scholarships to Niagara Catholic District School Board secondary school students who may not be able to pursue post secondary education without this financial support. Over 600 students have received financial support since the inception of this annual tournament.

We thank you for your outstanding generosity and support in helping these students realize their dreams of pursuing a post secondary education through university, college or skills training. In these difficult financial times we have maintained last year's fees and thank you for your continued participation and support.

The format for golf will be as in the past; each group may choose to play as a scramble or to play their own ball.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$250.00 per player

### CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education  
c/o Mark Ferrit, Manager of Purchasing Services, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON L3C 7C1

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sue Baxter at 905.735.0247 ext 321 or sue.baxter@nfce.org  
Jim Marino at 905-735-0247 ext 210 or jim.marino@nfce.org  
Mark Ferrit at 905.735.0240 ext 247 or mark.ferrit@ncdsb.com

The success of our Annual Golf Tournament depends largely on your generosity and assistance. Please consider contributing even further through our Sponsorship/Donation Form (see reverse). Thank you!!

*Please join us for a worthwhile day of fun and friendship on*

# WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2017

# PLAYERS ENTRY FORM

### Names of Players

Player #1

Player #2

Player #3

Player #4

### Contact Information

Street Address

City

Postal Code

Phone Number

Contact Email

**Please complete and return with your cheque by:**  
**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**  
*Please consider sponsoring (see form on back)*  
**(\$250 per person) payable to:**  
**NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC**  
**EDUCATION**  
Sincere thanks for your support!

Payment by Cheque \_\_\_\_\_  
(please make payable to Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education)  
or MasterCard / Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_



## AGENDA

10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Registration & Driving Range

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Barbecue Lunch Buffet  
Choice of Hamburgers, Sausage,  
and Salads.

Veggie Burgers with Gourmet Toppings  
Assorted Sweet Platter  
Soft Drinks, Tea & Coffee

1:00 pm

Tessier's Creek - Shotgun Start  
Reception - Host Bar  
followed by Presidential Buffet Dinner

5:30 pm

Assorted Salads, Seafood Station  
including Baby Lobster Tails, Oysters,  
Jumbo Shrimp, Mussels, Carved Prime Rib  
of Beef au Jus, Oriental Chicken Stir Fry,  
Dennie Carbonara, Baked Salmon,  
Decadent Desserts and much more.