

ONN TOWN HALL: ONTARIO BUDGET 2019



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Why a budget town hall?

- Understand impact on the nonprofit sector
- Understand impact on your organization
- Share different perspectives from across the sector

TODAY'S AGENDA

- Overview of this year's budget
- Presentations:
 - Environmental Defence
 - Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres
 - Ontarians for the Arts
 - Ontario Nonprofit Network
- Q&A with the panel

THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Why is the budget important?

- An expression of government's public policy
- Framework in which resources are spent
- Indicative of the current state of the province's economy

WHAT TO LOOK FOR/ WHAT TO DO

Information and opportunities:

- Revenues and expenditures
- Ministry vision statements
- “Read between the lines”

What next?

- Follow up with Ministries and agencies
- Be ready to respond and be persistent
- Share what you know

GOVERNMENT'S FOCUS

"...putting money back in people's pockets, making Ontario open for business and open for jobs and at the same time, reducing the deficit" - Government of Ontario

- Jurisdiction matters:
 - Immigrant and newcomer services
- Deficit reduction and streamlining of services
- Pay for performance

BUDGET TAKEAWAYS

A lot remains uncertain

- Cuts across all ministries
- Cuts or changes continue to be announced that were not included in the budget

Wins for the sector:

- free dental care for low-income seniors
- investments to home and community care

Budget Impact by Ministry (Part 1)

Ministry	2017-2018 actuals (last full year under previous government) \$M ¹	2018-2019 interim actuals \$M	2019-2020 budget (first full year under current government) \$M	Difference between 2018-2019 interim actuals and 2019-2020 budget \$M (%)
Attorney General	2,041	2,088	1933.7	-154.3 (-7.9%)
Children, Community and Social Services	16,416	17,042	16,666.3	-375.7 (-2.2%)
Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	1,005	968	782.2	-185.8 (-23.7%)
Environment, Conservation and Parks (base)*	764	688	631.2	-56.8 (-9%)

* Refers to base numbers, which do not include time-limited or one-time investments.

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Budget Impact by Ministry (Part 2)

Ministry	2017-2018 actuals (last full year under previous government) \$M ²	2018-2019 interim actuals \$M	2019-2020 budget (first full year under current government) \$M	Difference between 2018-2019 interim actuals and 2019-2020 budget \$M (%)
Health and Long-Term Care	59,260	62,158	63,510	+1,352.5 (+2.1%)
Indigenous Affairs ³ (base)*	88	81	74.4	-6.6 (-8.8%)
Municipal Affairs and Housing (base)*	1,041	850	846.6	-3.4 (-0.4%)
Seniors and Accessibility	48	59	51.1	-7.9 (-15.4%)
Tourism, Culture and Sport ⁴ (base)*	1,585	1,552	1,493	-58.6 (-3.9%)

* Refers to base numbers, which do not include time-limited or one-time investments.

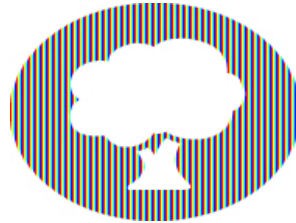
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³ This does not include one-time investments including Settlements.

⁴ Includes Ontario Trillium Foundation; amount to be announced.

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ADOPTING A MADE-IN-ONTARIO ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

Protecting Air Quality

Addressing Climate Change

- Instead of the job-killing federal carbon tax, the Province would create a \$400 million emissions reduction fund.

Launching a Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment

Reducing Emissions (Performance Standards)

Encouraging Investment in Clean Technologies

Reducing Waste and Litter

Increasing Conservation

Improving Municipal Wastewater Management and Reporting

Protecting Species at Risk

Protecting the Great Lakes

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Fighting the Federal Government's Carbon Tax

Standing up for the People of Ontario

On April 1, 2019 the federal government began imposing its job-killing carbon tax on the people of Ontario and three other Canadian provinces. The federal government has done so despite the overwhelming evidence that a carbon tax is one of the most regressive tax increases in the history of Canada, and one which is expected to increase the typical Ontario household's cost of living by \$258 in 2019, rising to \$648 per year by 2022.¹³ Amongst the hardest hit people will be seniors and lower and middle-income families who will be least able to absorb skyrocketing gas prices and home heating costs. A carbon tax will also make automotive, manufacturing, transportation, mining and forestry activities increasingly unaffordable in Ontario and put thousands of jobs at risk.

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Standing up for Ontario taxpayers: the federal carbon tax will kill jobs and increase the price of gas, home heating and other products

- The application of the federal government's carbon tax to fossil fuels in Ontario will increase prices.
- The federal carbon tax on gasoline in Ontario is 4.42 cents per litre beginning April 2019, rising to 11.05 cents per litre beginning April 2022. It will also add 5.37 cents per litre to the cost of diesel fuel beginning April 2019, rising to 13.41 cents per litre beginning April 2022.
- The federal carbon tax will also increase the price of natural gas in Ontario. The federal carbon tax is 3.91 cents per cubic metre beginning April 2019, rising to 9.79 cents per cubic metre beginning April 2022. The costs of aviation fuel and propane will also significantly increase.
- Costs for a small business consuming 10,200 cubic metres of natural gas per year will increase \$400 in 2019–20, rising to \$1,000 beginning April 2022.

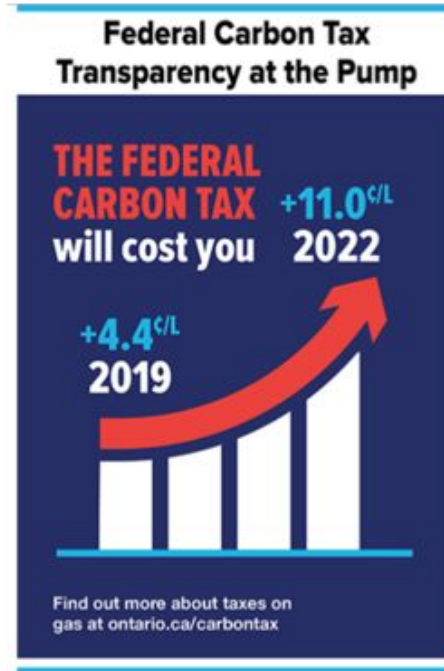
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Sectoral Impacts

The federal carbon tax will increase costs such as transportation and heating in a wide range of sectors, including:

- Heavy duty transportation in Ontario: over \$310 million per year in 2019–20, rising to as high as \$774 million beginning April 2022.
- Colleges and Universities in Ontario: \$9.6 million in 2019–20, rising to \$24 million beginning April 2022.
- Hospitals in Ontario: \$10.9 million in 2019–20, rising to \$27.2 million beginning April 2022.
- Nursing and Retirement Homes in Ontario: \$6.7 million in 2019–20, rising to \$16.7 million beginning April 2022.

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Reviewing the *Environmental Assessment Act*

Ontario has raised concerns about the federal government's proposed Bill C-69, which overhauls the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. If this legislation is passed without significant adjustments, it would hinder new natural resource and energy projects across Ontario, risking thousands of potential jobs.

The Province is developing its own approaches to modernizing environmental assessments, while creating a more business friendly environment that would encourage development. This includes modernizing Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*, which mandates an extensive consultation process and consideration of environmental protections and conservation for virtually all public sector projects regardless of environmental impact.

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Environment, Conservation and Parks

Vision Statement:

The government's made-in-Ontario plan commits to keeping Ontario beautiful by protecting its air, land and water while preventing and reducing litter and waste in communities. The government will support Ontario families as they continue to do their part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and work with local communities and families to prepare for the effects of climate change.

As part of the plan to reduce costs for Ontario families and businesses, the Province took immediate action to end the cap-and-trade carbon tax. By not proceeding with previously planned spending related to the cap-and-trade carbon tax, the Province has provided relief for Ontario residents and small businesses, which is reflected in a reduced 2019-20 expense.

The government's plan will use sensible and pragmatic solutions to balance a healthy environment with a healthy economy and focus on what matters most to the people of Ontario.

(\$ Millions)

	Actual 2016-17	Actual 2017-18	Interim ² 2018-19	Plan 2019-20
Environment, Conservation and Parks (Base)	652	764	688	631.2
Time-Limited Investments	-	145	295	-
Environment, Conservation and Parks (Total)	652	909	983	631.2

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Juliette Nicolet, Policy Director
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HOW DOES THE BUDGET AFFECT OFIFC?

- Climate of uncertainty not entirely resolved; however appears to be status quo for the current fiscal year
- Risks include justice and education sectors
- Opportunities appear to exist in health and “child welfare” sector

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR SECTOR?

Need to diversify relationships and partnerships

Need to focus on:

- successes, effectiveness, and efficiency of nonprofit organisations
- close ties to grassroots communities

NEXT STEPS FOR OFIFC? SECTOR?

- Shoring up program performance evidence, focussing on strengths and successes
- Supporting Friendship Centre partnership development and maintenance at the local level
- Maintaining the course on a diverse ecology of partnerships (eg: NOSDA, OMSSA, OHRC, OPA, Tri-Council, NFB)
- Identifying potential opportunities in:
 - Health
 - Children and youth
 - Housing
 - Transfer payment consolidation

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS IN ONTARIO

Connections and resilience in the arts

FACTS

- 270,000 Ontario jobs are in culture (4% of the workforce); 41.2% of culture jobs in Canada
- The culture sector contributes \$25.7B GDP in Ontario; 47.8% of Canada's total culture GDP
- 65% of Ontario business leaders say that a thriving arts and culture scene makes it easier to attract top talent to their communities

FACTS

- Ontario is home to 39% of the Canadian population (14,279,196 people). Current federal arts and culture investments don't reflect this population growth or our diverse cultural landscape
- The arts empower youth, especially at-risk youth, to succeed in school, in work and in later life. Canadians know this and 85% believe that investment in arts education assists in the emotional and intellectual development of children

ACTIONS NEEDED

- Ontarians for the Arts requests that the duly elected Government of Ontario implement the following recommendations in short order, ideally by Budget 2019:
 - Create an infrastructure investment program that facilitates Ontarians' access to arts and culture, and helps leverage federal investments, with a \$30M annual base allocation for the next 10 years

ACTIONS NEEDED

- Follow through on increases planned for the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) to \$80M base by 2020-21 and commit to increasing the OAC's funding base to \$160M by 2025-26 to ensure greater accessibility to the arts, while adapting to changing demographics
- Advocate with Federal counterparts to ensure that Ontario's leadership role in Canada's vibrant arts and culture scene is reflected in federal policy and funding decisions

ACTIONS NEEDED

- Set achievement and development guidelines to ensure the arts education curriculum is prioritized and complements STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Math) goals. Our kids deserve STEAM!
- Revitalize the Ontario Arts Foundation (OAF) by reintroducing a matching endowment incentives program with a \$25M strategic investment to help arts organizations become more self-reliant

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**Cathy Taylor, Executive Director
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ONN'S ASKS

1. Burden reduction in nonprofit funding agreements
2. Modernizing the police record check system for volunteers
3. A web portal for legislation affecting nonprofits
4. Expanding access to the Infrastructure Ontario Loans Program
5. Maintaining Ontario Trillium Foundation at 2018 Budget levels

KEY INSIGHTS AND TRENDS

Move towards direct funding

Major systems transformations:

- Employment and training services, health care, social services

Strategies, program reviews, consultations

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SECTOR

Staff and frontline services

Vulnerable communities across the sector

Lack of detailed spending plan makes planning difficult

No recognition of the value of nonprofit social enterprise for creating jobs and building inclusive local economies

Concern that the government thinks donations and charities will take up the slack but there is no evidence this will happen

WHERE ARE WE SEEING CHANGES?

Significant cuts expected for MCCSS

Legal Aid cuts - increase to \$164M annually in 2021-2022

New child care tax credit

Competitive process for employment and training services

\$267M dedicated to expansion of home and community care

ONN'S NEXT STEPS

- Review Bill 100, the Budget implementation bill
- Review government estimates when released
- Sector survey: gauge impact and communicate to government
- Help the sector communicate a response and frame narratives
- Align objectives with the strategies, program reviews, and consultations underway
- Work with the sector to build resources to advocate collaboratively (e.g. convenings, calls to actions, and sharing information with networks)

ONN'S NEXT STEPS

We are stronger together!



PANEL Q&A

Send us your questions in the chat box of
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Survey: Pulse on the Sector coming soon!

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