

# Queen's Park notes

Update - March 24 - May 12, 2023

## 43<sup>rd</sup> PARLIAMENT – SPRING SESSION

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament began on August 8, 2022. February 21, 2023, marked the beginning of the Spring Session. With the end of the session quickly approaching, it is important to note that there have been over 100 bills introduced, two resignations, and numerous standing committee hearings since the beginning of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament.

In addition to upcoming by-elections, Ontarians finally learned when members of the Ontario Liberal Party will elect its new leader.

OSSTF/FEESO has been actively engaged in the legislative process throughout the session and based on the Ford government's track record, things are unlikely to slow down before the house adjourns in June.

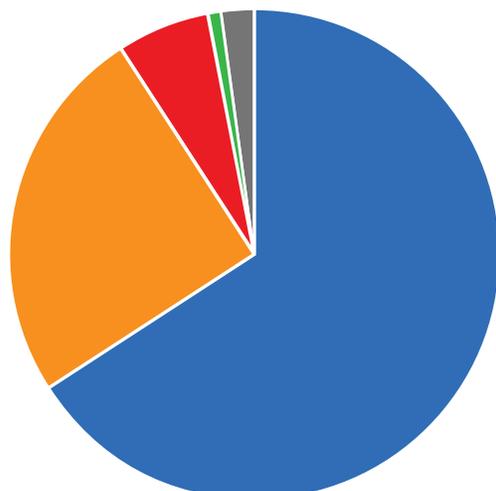
## MOVERS AND SHAKERS - RESIGNATIONS, BY-ELECTIONS, CAUCUS EXITS

Date	Type	Name	Riding	Party
May 10	Resignation	Mitzie Hunter	Scarborough-Guildwood	Lib
April 1	Removed from NDP Caucus	Michael Mantha	Algoma-Manitoulin	NDP to Independent
March 24	Resignation	Merrilee Fullerton	Kanata-Carleton	PC

## UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

May 22-25	Constituency week
June 12	Last day of Spring Session
June 20-22	Bill 124 scheduled hearings at Ontario Court of Appeal
September 25	Deadline for Premier Ford to call for a by-election in Kanata-Carleton
November 9	Deadline for Premier Ford to call the Scarborough-Guildwood by-election

## PARTY DISTRIBUTION - 43<sup>rd</sup> ONTARIO PARLIAMENT



- Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario - 82 members
- New Democratic Party of Ontario - 30 members
- Ontario Liberal Party - 7 members
- Independent - 3 members
- Green Party of Ontario - 1 member

Total MPPs/Ridings - 124

# NEW BILLS INTRODUCED

## **Bill 107, 9-1-1 Everywhere in Ontario Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - NDP  
France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)  
Sol Mamakwa (Kiiwetinoong)  
John Vanthof (Timiskaming-Cochrane)  
Lise Vaugeois (Thunder Bay-Superior North)

## **Bill 106, Better Enforcement of the Tobacco Tax Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - NDP  
France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)

## **Bill 105, Assessing Fitness to Drive Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - Independent  
Michael Mantha (Algoma-Manitoulin)

## **Bill 104, 10 Paid Sick Days for Ontario Workers Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - Liberal  
John Fraser (Ottawa South)

## **Bill 103, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023**

Private Members' Bill - NDP  
France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)

## **Bill 101, Advocate for Older Adults Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - NDP  
Laura Mae Lindo (Kitchener Centre)  
Lise Vaugeois (Thunder Bay-Superior North)

## **Bill 95, Making the Patient Ombudsman an Officer of the Assembly Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - Liberal  
John Fraser (Ottawa South)

If enacted, the bill would amend the Excellent Care for All Act, 2010 to make the patient ombudsman an officer of the Assembly, not the government. The ombudsmen would be appointed and/or revocation by the Assembly, and report to the Speaker.

## **Bill 94, Keeping 2SLGBTQI+ Communities Safe Act, 2023**

Private Members' Public Bill – NDP  
Jill Andrew (Toronto-St. Paul's)  
Terence Kernaghan (London North Centre)  
Lise Vaugeois (Thunder Bay-Superior North)  
Kristyn Wong-Tam (Toronto Centre)

If enacted, the bill would establish a 2SLGBTQI+ Safety Advisory Committee and allow the Attorney General to designate 2SLGBTQI+ community safety zones. One potential role of the advisory committee would be to advise the Associate Minister on education curriculum, programs and campaigns to combat and eliminate bigotry.

## **Bill 92, Transparent and Accountable Health Care Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - NDP  
France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)

## NEW BILLS INTRODUCED (CONTINUED)

### **Bill 91, Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Parm Gill (Milton), Minister of Red Tape Reduction  
Committee reported as amended - Third Reading Ordered

### **Bill 90, Anti-Scab Labour Act, 2023**

Private Members' Public Bill – NDP  
Jennifer K. French (Oshawa)  
Wayne Gates (Niagara Falls)  
France Gélinas (Nickle Belt)  
Lisa Gretzky (Windsor West)  
Jamie West (Sudbury)

If enacted, this bill would restore provisions within the Labour Relations Act that were removed in 1995. The bill would prevent an employer from replacing striking or locked out employees with replacement workers except in specified emergency situations.

### **Bill 89, Anti-Scab Labour Act, 2023**

Private Members' Public Bill – NDP  
Jennifer K. French (Oshawa)  
Wayne Gates (Niagara Falls)  
France Gélinas (Nickle Belt)  
Lisa Gretzky (Windsor West)  
Jamie West (Sudbury)  
\*Note Ruled out of Order

### **Bill 87, Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2023**

Private Members' Public Bill – NDP  
Teresa J. Armstrong (London-Fanshawe)

### **Bill 86, Advisory Committee to Protect Ontario's People and Economy from Airborne Pandemics Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - NDP  
Jill Andrew (Toronto - St. Paul's)  
Wayne Gates (Niagara Falls)  
Jamie West (Sudbury)  
Kristyn Wong-Tam (Toronto Centre)

This bill would establish an Advisory Committee that would consult various groups, including public and private sector unions and the Ontario Federation of Labour, and shall make recommendations to the Minister of Health and the Standing Committee on Social Policy to improve Ontario's infrastructure, regulations and standards relating to indoor air quality in non-residential workplaces and public settings.

### **Bill 85, Building a Strong Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy (Pickering-Uxbridge), Minister of Finance  
Committee reported without amendment - Third Reading Ordered

### **Bill 84, Peter Kormos Memorial Act (Saving Organs to Save Lives), 2023**

Private Members' Public Bill – NDP  
France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)

## NEW BILLS INTRODUCED (CONTINUED)

### **Bill 83, Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microfibre Filters for Washing Machines), 2023**

Private Members' Bill - NDP  
Sandy Shaw (Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas)  
Jessica Bell (University-Rosedale)

### **Bill 80, Viewer Discretion Act (Images of Fetuses), 2023**

Private Members' Bill – NDP  
Teresa J. Armstrong (London-Fanshawe)  
Terence Kernaghan (London North Centre)  
Peggy Sattler (London West)  
Jennie Stevens (St. Catherines)

### **Bill 79, Working for Workers Act, 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Monte McNaughton (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Immigration,  
Training and Skills Development  
Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs – Reported without amendment  
Ordered for Third Reading

This bill would amend various statutes with respect to employment and labour and other matters, including but not limited to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Employment Standards Act, and the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities Act.

### **Bill 76, Respecting Workers in Health Care and in Related Fields Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – NDP  
France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)  
Wayne Gates (Niagara Falls)  
Jamie West (Sudbury)

If enacted this bill would increase the minimum wage for, sick leave, and access to health benefits and pensions for personal support workers, homemakers and workers in certain health care settings.

### **Bill 72, Health Professionals' Week Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – Liberal  
Adil Shamji (Don Valley East)

### **Bill 68, Uploading Highways 174 and 17 Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – Liberal  
Stephen Blais (Orléans)

### **Bill 67, Temporary Nursing Agency Licensing and Regulation Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – Liberal  
Adil Shamji (Don Valley East)

This bill seeks to create new licensing requirements for operators of temporary nursing agencies. Applications for these licences must be submitted to the Registrar appointed under the Act. The applications must contain a credentialling and monitoring plan as well as a compliance plan. Contravention of the Act or the regulations is an offence and is punishable on conviction by a fine.

## NEW BILLS INTRODUCED (CONTINUED)

### **Bill 64, Chosen Family Day Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – NDP and OLP  
Kristyn Wong-Tam (Toronto Centre)  
Jill Andrew (Toronto—St. Paul's)  
Mitzie Hunter (Scarborough-Guildwood)

This bill would declare February 22 in each year as Chosen Family Day.

### **Bill 61, Making Psychotherapy Services Tax-Free Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – NDP France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)  
Jill Andrew (Toronto - St. Paul's)

If enacted, the bill would require the Minister of Health to take all necessary steps, including introducing legislation, if necessary, to ensure that the tax treatment of psychotherapy services provided in Ontario by psychotherapists, registered psychotherapists and registered mental health therapists within the meaning of the Psychotherapy Act, 2007 is the same as the tax treatment of those services provided by other practitioners.

## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

### **Bill 102, Strengthening Safety and Modernizing Justice Act, 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Michael S. Kerzner (York Centre), Solicitor General  
Second Reading – Carried on division  
Committee on Social Justice

Bill 102 would amend the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, in a variety of ways, including the provision that a secondary school diploma or equivalent is sufficient education for the purposes of being appointed as a police officer.

### **Bill 99, Garrett's Legacy Act (Requirements for Movable Soccer Goals), 2023**

Private Members' Bill - PC  
Ric Bresee (Hastings-Lennox and Addington)  
Committee on Social Policy

### **Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Stephen Lecce (King-Vaughan), Minister of Education  
Second Reading – Carried on division  
Committee on Social Policy

OSSTF/FEESO made a [written submission](#) and oral presentation regarding Bill 98 to the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

### **Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Steve Clark (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

## **BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)**

### **Bill 96, Ministry of Correctional Services Amendment Act (Parole), 2023**

Private Members' Bill - PC  
John Yakabuski (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke)  
Committee on Justice Policy

### **Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023**

Private Members' Bill – PC  
Goldie Ghamari (Carleton)  
Committee on the Interior

### **Bill 88, Protecting Ontarians by Enhancing Gas Station Safety to Prevent Gas and Dash Act, 2023**

Private Members' Public Bill – PC  
Deepak Anand (Mississauga - Malton)  
Committee on Justice Policy

### **Bill 81, Croatian Heritage Day Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – PC  
Donna Skelly (Flamborough – Glanbrook)  
Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

### **Bill 78, Group of Seven Day Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – PC  
Todd J. McCarthy (Durham)  
Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

### **Bill 74, Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – NDP  
Monique Taylor (Hamilton Mountain)  
Committee on Justice Policy

### **Bill 73, Supporting Ontario's Community, Rural and Agricultural Newspaper Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – PC  
Goldie Ghamari (Carleton)  
Stéphane Sarrazin (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell)  
Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

### **Bill 70, Seniors Month, 2023**

Committee on Social Policy  
Private Members' Bill - PC  
Dawn Gallagher Murphy (Newmarket-Aurora)

### **Bill 66, Heart Valve Disease Awareness Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – PC  
Rudy Cuzzetto (Mississauga-Lakeshore)  
Committee on Social Policy

## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

### **Bill 65, Honouring Our Veterans Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – PC  
Lorne Coe (Whitby)  
Committee on Procedure and House Affairs

## BILLS PASSED

### **Bill 77, Supply Act, 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria (Brampton South), President of the Treasury Board  
Royal Assent received  
Third Reading – Carried on division

### **Bill 75, Queen's Park Restoration Act, 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Paul Calandra (Markham-Stouffville), Minister of Legislative Affairs  
This bill will establish a new ministry, to be known as the Queen's Park Restoration Secretariat. The ministry would oversee the renovation/restoration of the 130-year-old Ontario Legislature. The project is expected to cost well over \$1 billion and take years to complete. A temporary location has yet to be determined.

### **Bill 71, Building More Mines Act, 2023**

Third Reading – Carried on division  
Government Bill  
Hon. George Pirie (Timmins), Minister of Mines  
This bill will, amongst other things, make it easier for companies to get permits to open mines faster, mine metals from tailings and waste, and transfer more authority to the Minister.

### **Bill 69, Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023**

Government Bill  
Hon. Kinga Surma (Etobicoke Centre), Minister of Infrastructure  
Third Reading – Carried on division  
When enacted, Bill 69 would impact eleven (11) other acts in two ways – real estate management and maintenance, and environmental assessment requirements.

This act would alter the way the government maintains and manages Ontario's real estate portfolio for fourteen (14) government councils/corporations including (EQAO), Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO), and Skilled Trades Ontario.

### **Bill 63, St. Thomas - Central Elgin Boundary Adjustment Act, 2023**

Royal Assent received  
Government Bill  
Hon. Steve Clark (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The bill allows for the annexation of a portion of the Municipality of Central Elgin to the City of St. Thomas. Various matters are dealt with, including the application of by-laws, resolutions and official plans, the continuation of procedures in process and arrangements with respect to real property taxes.

## BILLS PASSED (CONTINUED)

### **Bill 60, Your Health Act, 2023**

Third Reading – Carried on Division  
Government Bill

Hon. Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon), Minister of Health

If passed this bill would amend and enact various Acts with respect to the health system and have ramifications on the entire Ontario health care system, including the increase in private, for-profit, surgeries and procedures.

## BILLS DEFEATED

### **Bill 100, Strengthening Members' Integrity Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – NDP  
Marit Stiles (Davenport)  
Defeated - Second Reading - Ayes 30; Nays 71

### **Bill 82, Enhancing Public Transit Accessibility Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – NDP  
Doly Begum (Scarborough Southwest)  
Defeated - Second Reading - Ayes 27; Nays 62

### **Bill 62, Farmland and Arable Land Strategy Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill – Independent  
Bobbi-Ann Brady (Haldimand-Norfolk)  
Defeated - Second Reading - Ayes 29; Nays 68

### **Bill 50, Building Better Business Outcomes Act, 2023**

Private Members' Bill - OLP  
Stephanie Bowman (Don Valley West)

This bill would have required publicly traded companies to disclose how they recruit board candidates belonging to one or more of the following groups: women, persons who are Black, Indigenous or racialized, persons with disabilities and persons who are LGBTQ+.

Defeated - Second Reading - Ayes 35; Nays 75

### **Bill 47, Protecting Human Rights in an Emergency Act (Emergency Power Generators), 2023**

Private Members' Bill - ONDP  
Chandra Pasma (Ottawa West-Nepean) - Critic, Education  
Jessica Bell (University-Rosedale) - Critic, Housing  
Kristyn Wong-Tam (Toronto Centre) - Critic, 2SLGBTQ+ Issues, Critic, Attorney General  
Bhutila Karpoche (Parkdale-High Park) - Critic, Early Childhood Development, Critic, GTA Issues

## THE RACE IS ON - ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

Tues. Sept. 5, 2023	Candidate registration deadline
Mon. Sept. 11, 2023	Deadline to join OLP as a member of a constituency association or women's club, and be eligible to vote for OLP leader
Tues. Sept. 26, 2023	Deadline to join OLP as a member of a student club, and be eligible to vote for OLP leader
Nov. 25-26, 2023	Party members cast ranked banked ballots
Dec. 2, 2023	OLP new leader announced

For more information please visit - <https://ontarioliberal.ca/leadership/>

## INTERESTED IN ONTARIO POLITICS?



43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament – Current Bills



OSSTF/FEESO Submissions to Government Bills

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