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Dear Neighbour,

It's been a great summer so far, and I have really enjoyed spending time with our Thornhill community. There have been BBQs, festivals, announcements and art shows - I am so proud to represent the dynamic businesses and residents of Thornhill!



*A big Mazal Tov to the Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario on the official opening of the Murray Goldman Youth Centre!*



*Announcing with Minister Vic Fedeli, and Mayors Steven Del Duca and Frank Scarpitti, the launch of the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN) Demonstration Zone with a **\$2.5 million investment** from the Ontario government*

I am happy to share that the new *Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant applications* are now live - [apply/learn more here](#). The new grant comes to address the rise of hate incidents against faith, cultural, Indigenous and other communities at-risk, and ensure their spaces remain safe and secure.

Looking forward to connecting with you this August.

Sincerely,

*Laura Smith*

Laura Smith - MPP, Thornhill

**Destigmatizing Dementia Breakfast**



August  
**11**  
 10:30am -  
 12:30pm

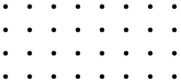
# Destigmatizing Dementia

2 Commerce St, Vaughan ON

**Free Entry** - to reserve a spot, please RSVP

Join MPP Laura Smith, Thornhill, MPP Natalia Kusendova, Mississauga Centre - and special guests, for an educational breakfast featuring leading Dementia Care experts and community partners.

- Learn about potential care for you or your loved ones
- Hear from leading experts and researchers
- Meet community organizations
- Light refreshments provided



If you would like to attend, RSVP by [clicking here!](#)

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*Joining the Patel family to unveil a memorial bench in recognition of Hiten Patel - a leader in his community, volunteering his time for those around him*



*Congratulating Nothing Bundt Cakes on their new Thornhill location!*



*Attending the 10th Annual 'Toronto Triathlon Festival' Congratulations to everyone who participated!*



*Meeting a real Ninja Turtle! Attending the Sport Arnis Canada - Annual Sport Arnis Seminar and 2nd Summer Competition, and meeting Datu Shishir Inocalla - a.k.a the original Michael Angelo!*

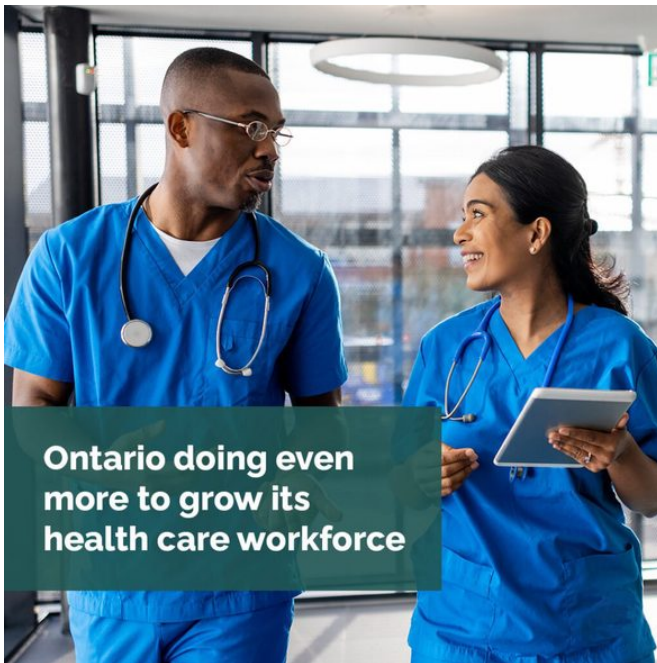


*Congratulating Kayla's Children Centre on receiving a \$200,000 Ontario Trillium Fund Community Grant!*



*Welcoming Jordan Stewart to my constituency office, and congratulating him on receiving Quest for Gold funding from Explore Ontario - Jordan is a Taekwondo athlete ranked 6th in the world and 20th in the Olympic division!*

## Programs & Announcements



### **Ontario Doing Even More to Grow its Health Care Workforce**

The Ontario government is continuing to create new pathways to connect more people to care across the province, both for now and for future generations. As part of *Your Health: A Plan to Stay Connected* the government is launching three new programs that will **break down barriers for internationally educated physicians to work in Ontario**, retain more health care workers with **mentorship opportunities** and **explore innovative ways that health care workers** can deliver convenient care to people in their own communities.

[Learn More](#)



Connecting children  
and youth to care  
close to home

## Ontario Connecting Children and Youth to Care Close to Home

Ontario is investing an **additional \$330 million each year** in pediatric health services to connect children and youth to more convenient and high-quality care close to home at hospitals, clinics and community-based health care facilities across Ontario. With this new investment, **over 100 high-priority initiatives** will be quickly implemented to ensure children and youth in every corner of the province can connect to emergency care, surgeries, ambulatory services, diagnostic imaging, and mental health services.

[Learn More](#)

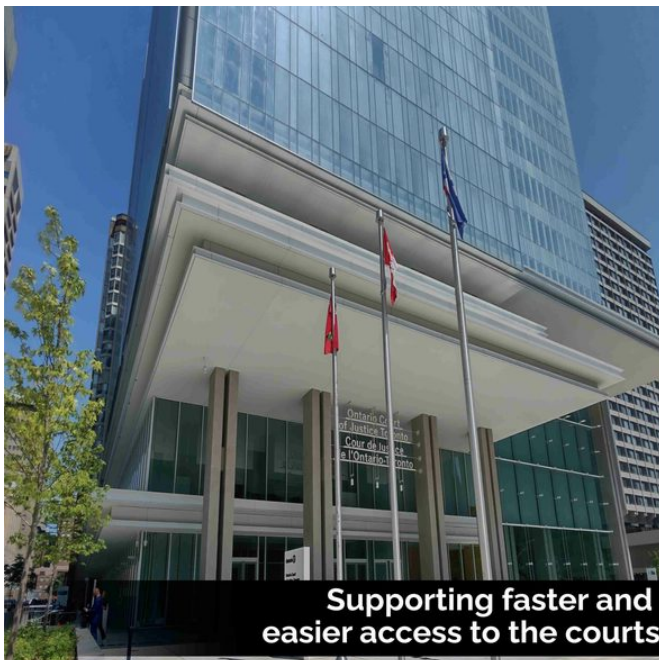


Ontario is reducing  
wait times in  
emergency departments

## Ontario Reducing Wait Times in Emergency Departments

Ontario is investing an **additional \$44 million this year** in **165 high volume and smaller emergency departments** to reduce wait times and provide people with faster and easier access to timely care close to home.

[Learn More](#)



Supporting faster and  
easier access to the courts

## Ontario Investing in Digital Justice Platform

The Ontario government is investing **\$166 million** to deliver more legal services online, replacing outdated paper-based procedures with a digital platform that will support access to the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Justice.

[Learn More](#)