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Dear Neighbour,

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather as we officially welcome summer!

This month is Pride Month, a time when we come together to support and celebrate our LGBTQ+ community. It was an honour to join the Premier and many of my caucus colleagues at the York pride parade, truly inspiring to see the community come together.



Celebrating St. Joseph the Worker Parish's 40th anniversary at their Cultural Fiesta!

Walking with Premier Ford and many of my incredible caucus colleagues at the York Pride Parade in Newmarket to celebrate Pride

As a reminder, this Sunday, July 2nd, I will be hosting a free community BBQ - open to all! I encourage you to join us and bring along your family and friends, there will be kosher food, live music, face painting and fun activities.

I continue to work for Thornhill throughout the summer months while the legislature is on break, our office is here to help. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Thornhill.

Sincerely,

Laura Smith

Laura Smith - MPP, Thornhill

In the House!



Member Statement:
Homelessness Prevention
and Support

Member Statement:
Vaughan International Film
Festival

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Our Destigmatizing Dementia Lunch and Learn with MPP Kusendova and Alzheimer Society of Peel was a big success! Stay tuned for the next one in York Region!



Joining our amazing firefighters for Operation SAFER Summit, presented by the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal



Presenting GTA Mavericks Basketball with a certificate of recognition alongside Mayor Steven Del Duca and Councillor Chris Ainsworth



Attending Canadian Magen David Adom's Gala, where we recognized our amazing constituent, Dr. Marat Ressin, for his philanthropic work!



Congratulating Thornhill's Matt Munro, who is the youngest Canadian to record a completed 100-mile ultramarathon



Joining the City of Vaughan for the launch of their annual Concerts in the Park program

Programs & Announcements



Ontario Launches New Fund to Build Skilled Trades Training Centres

Ontario is working for workers by investing **\$224 million** to build and upgrade training centres and help tackle the province's historic labour shortage. Applications for the new Skills Development Fund (SDF) Capital Stream open on **June 30**. The New fund is projected to help train more than 1,000,000 workers now and into the future. [Learn More](#)

To find out if you are eligible - [Click Here](#)

To Apply to SDF Capital Stream - [Click Here](#)



Ontario Helping More Students Become Paramedics

The Ontario government is helping more students who want to become a paramedic in Ontario by adding more than 300 spaces in paramedic programs at provincial colleges across Ontario this year. The newly expanded [Ontario Learn and Stay Grant](#) will provide students studying in the first year of a paramedic program in 2023-2024 at [select postsecondary institutions](#) with funding for free tuition, books, compulsory fees and other direct educational costs. [Learn More](#)



Free Fishing for Canada Day

To help celebrate Canada Day, Ontario families and friends can enjoy fishing anywhere in the province without having to purchase a licence or carry an Outdoors Card from July 1-9.

If you are fishing for free during this Canada Day period, all conservation licence catch limits, size limits, sanctuaries and all other [fishing regulations](#) and rules still apply.

All veterans and active Canadian Armed Forces members residing in Ontario can enjoy free recreational fishing in the province any time of year.



Ontario First in Canada to Provide Coverage for New ALS Treatment

Ontario is connecting people to a new treatment for those living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Ontario is the first Canadian jurisdiction to cover the new treatment, Albrioza, under the province's publicly funded drug program.

Albrioza is also being explored for the treatment of other neurodegenerative diseases. [Learn More](#)



Ontario Expanding Personal Support Worker Training Program in Long-Term Care

Ontario is investing \$16.5 million to train up to **600 new personal support workers** across the province as part of its commitment to ensure long-term care residents receive an average of **four hours of hands-on direct care each day by 2025**. This is being tackled through programs such as The Learn and Earn Accelerated Program for Personal Support Workers in Long-Term Care (LEAP LTC).

[Learn More](#)

