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NEW TORY MPPS

In the 2018 Ontario general election, the PCs won 76 seats in the province's 124 seat legislature and formed a majority government. In the period between that election and the one on June 2, 2022, two PC MPPs resigned as MPPs (Yurek and Phillips), three resigned from the PC caucus of their own accord to become Independents (Wilson, Park, Simard; Simard subsequently joined the Liberals) and four were banished from the PC caucus (Hillier, Karahalios, Baber and Nichols). At time of dissolution, the Tories held 67 seats.

In the June 2, 2022 Ontario general election 28 brand new MPPs were elected to serve on the PC Government benches. Some won in ridings where the incumbent PC MPP did not seek re-election (HOLD). Some won in ridings that in the 2018 general election were won by PC candidates who subsequently changed their allegiances to either Independent or to another party (HOLD/GAIN). And still others defeated incumbent MPPs from other parties (GAIN) or won in ridings where the previous MPPs from other parties did not seek re-election. Here's the list;

HOLDS:

- Patrice Barnes – Ajax HOLD
Barnes succeeds former PC MPP Rod Phillips who did not seek re-election
- Rick Byers – Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound HOLD
Byers succeeds former PC MPP Bill Walker did not seek re-election
- Natalie Pierre – Burlington HOLD
Pierre succeeds former PC MPP Jane McKenna who did not seek re-election and who turned

her political interest to the mayor's chair in Burlington

- Rob Flack – Elgin-Middlesex-London HOLD
Flack succeeds former PC MPP Jeff Yurek
- Ric Bresee – Hastings-Lennox and Addington HOLD
Bresee succeeds former PC MPP Darryl Kramp
- Jess Dixon - Kitchener South – Hespeler HOLD
Dixon succeeds former PC MPP Amy Fee who did not seek re-election
- Dawn Gallagher-Murphy – Newmarket-Aurora HOLD
Gallagher-Murphy succeeded former PC MPP Christine Elliott who did not seek re-election
- Graydon Smith – Parry Sound-Muskoka HOLD
Smith succeeded former longtime PC MPP Norm Miller
- Matthew Rae – Perth-Wellington HOLD
Rae succeeds former PC MPP Randy Pettapiece who did not seek re-election
- David Smith – Scarborough Centre HOLD
Smith succeeds former PC MPP Christina Mitas who did not seek re-election
- Nolan Quinn – Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry HOLD
Quinn succeeds former PC MPP Jim McDonell
- Laura Smith – Thornhill HOLD
Smith succeeds former PC MPP Gila Martow

HOLD/GAIN

- Brian Riddell – Cambridge HOLD/GAIN
in 2018 this riding was won by the PC candidate Belinda Karahalios who switched her allegiance to the New Blue
- Trevor Jones – Chatham-Kent-Leamington HOLD/GAIN
Jones succeeds former PC turned Independent turned Ontario Party MPP Rick Nichols
- Todd McCarthy – Durham HOLD/GAIN
McCarthy succeeds former PC turned Independent MPP Lindsey Park
- Stephane Sarrazin – Glengarry-Prescott-Russell HOLD/GAIN
in the 2018 general election the riding was won by PC candidate Amanda Simard who switched allegiance, first becoming an Independent then joining the Liberal bench
- John Jordan – Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston HOLD/GAIN
in 2018 this riding was won by the PC candidate Randy Hillier who later became an Independent and did not seek re-election
- Brian Saunderson – Simcoe-Grey HOLD/GAIN
Saunderson succeeds long time former PC MPP turned Independent Jim Wilson
- Michael Kerzner – York Centre HOLD/GAIN
the seat was held by former PC turned Independent MPP turned federal Conservative Party of Canada leadership candidate Roman Baber

GAINS:

- Charmaine Williams – Brampton Centre GAIN
Williams defeated former NDP MPP Sara Singh
- Hardeep Grewal – Brampton East GAIN

Grewal defeated former NDP MPP Gurratan Singh

- Graham McGregor – Brampton North GAIN
former NDP turned Independent MPP Kevin Yarde lost his bid for the NDP nomination to Sandeep Singh who lost in the general election to McGregor
- Anthony Leardi – Essex GAIN
the seat was open as former NDP MPP Taras Natyshak did not seek re-election and Leardi was successful in the general election
- Neil Lumsden – Hamilton East-Stoney Creek GAIN
Lumsden defeated long time former NDP turned Independent MPP Paul Miller
- Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay-Atikokan GAIN
Holland defeated the incumbent NDP MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell
- George Pirie – Timmins GAIN
Pirie defeated long time NDP MPP Gilles Bisson
- Andrew Dowie – Windsor-Tecumseh GAIN
the seat was open as former NDP MPP Percy Hatfield did not seek re-election
- Michael Ford – York South-Weston GAIN
Ford defeated incumbent former NDP MPP Faisal Hassan

If your association and your member contractors are located in these electoral districts, we recommend you call the constituency offices of your freshly minted MPPs to set up an introductory meeting.

As a post script, there are only two ridings that were represented by PC MPPs in the last provincial parliament where a PC was not elected in June 2022.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED – CHAIRS ELECTED

The Standing Committees of the Ontario Legislative Assembly have been struck, their members appointed and chairs and vice chairs elected so the people's business is back in full operation. Here's a list of the standing committees:

Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

- Chair Ernie Hardeman PC Oxford
- Vice-Chair Terence Kernaghan NDP London North Centre

Members

- Deepak Anand PC Mississauga—Malton
- Stephanie Bowman Liberal Don Valley West
- Bobbi Ann Brady Independent Haldimand—Norfolk
- Rick Byers PC Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound
- Stephen Crawford PC Oakville
- Rudy Cuzzetto PC Mississauga—Lakeshore
- Andrew Dowie PC Windsor—Tecumseh
- Catherine Fife NDP Waterloo
- David Smith PC Scarborough Centre
- Effie J. Triantafilopoulos PC Oakville North—Burlington

Standing Committee on Government Agencies

- Chair Will Bouma PC Brantford—Brant
- Vice-Chair John Fraser Liberal Ottawa South

Members

- Doly Begum NDP Scarborough Southwest
- Guy Bourgouin NDP Mushkegowuk—James Bay
- Lorne Coe PC Whitby

- Dawn Gallagher Murphy PC Newmarket—Aurora
- Mike Harris PC Kitchener—Conestoga
- Trevor Jones PC Chatham-Kent—Leamington
- Billy Pang PC Markham—Unionville
- Chandra Pasma NDP Ottawa West—Nepean
- Sheref Sabawy PC Mississauga—Erin Mills
- Amarjot Sandhu PC Brampton West

Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

- Chair Laurie Scott PC Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock
- Vice-Chair Laura Mae Lindo NDP Kitchener Centre

Members

- Jill Andrew NDP Toronto—St. Paul's
- Hardeep Singh Grewal PC Brampton East
- Joel Harden NDP Ottawa Centre
- Kevin Holland PC Thunder Bay—Atikokan
- Graham McGregor PC Brampton North
- Mary-Margaret McMahon Liberal Beaches—East York
- Billy Pang PC Markham—Unionville
- Sheref Sabawy PC Mississauga-Erin Mills
- Laura Smith PC Thornhill
- Vijay Thanigasalam PC Scarborough—Rouge Park

Standing Committee on the Interior

- Chair Aris Babikian PC Scarborough—Agincourt
- Vice-Chair Mike Schreiner Green Guelph

Members

- Ric Bresee PC Hastings—Lennox and Addington
- Jess Dixon PC Kitchener South—Hespeler
- Rob Flack PC Elgin—Middlesex—London
- Mitzie Hunter Liberal Scarborough—Guildwood
- Anthony Leardi PC Essex
- Stéphane Sarrazin PC Glengarry—Prescott—Russell
- Sandy Shaw NDP Hamilton West—Ancaster—Dundas
- Dave Smith PC Peterborough—Kawartha
- Marit Stiles NDP Davenport
- John Yakabuski PC Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke

Standing Committee on Justice Policy

- Chair Lorne Coe PC Whitby
- Vice-Chair Sol Mamakwa NDP Kiiwetinoong

Members

- Robert Bailey PC Sarnia—Lambton
- Stephen Blais Liberal Orléans
- Christine Hogarth PC Etobicoke—Lakeshore
- Trevor Jones PC Chatham-Kent—Leamington
- Vincent Ke PC Don Valley North
- Natalia Kusendova-Bashta PC Mississauga Centre
- Brian Riddell PC Cambridge

- Brian Saunderson PC Simcoe—Grey
- Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens NDP St. Catharines
- Kristyn Wong-Tam NDP Toronto Centre
- Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs
- Chair Jennifer K. French NDP Oshawa
- Vice-Chair Matthew Rae PC Perth—Wellington

Members

- Jessica Bell NDP University—Rosedale
- Dawn Gallagher Murphy PC Newmarket—Aurora
- Mike Harris PC Kitchener—Conestoga
- Christine Hogarth PC Etobicoke—Lakeshore
- Ted Hsu Liberal Kingston and the Islands
- Graham McGregor PC Brampton North
- Sam Oosterhoff PC Niagara West
- Amarjot Sandhu PC Brampton West
- Stéphane Sarrazin PC Glengarry—Prescott—Russell
- Jamie West NDP Sudbury

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

- Chair Tom Rakocevic NDP Humber River—Black Creek
- Vice-Chair Donna Skelly PC Flamborough—Glanbrook

Members

- Will Bouma PC Brantford—Brant
- Rick Byers PC Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound
- Lucille Collard Liberal Ottawa—Vanier
- Stephen Crawford PC Oakville
- Rudy Cuzzetto PC Mississauga—Lakeshore

- France G elinas NDP Nickel Belt
- Logan Kanapathi PC Markham—Thornhill
- Todd J. McCarthy PC Durham
- Laura Smith PC Thornhill
- Lise Vaugeois NDP Thunder Bay—Superior North

Standing Committee on Social Policy

- Chair Goldie Ghamari PC Carleton
- Vice-Chair France G elinas NDP Nickel Belt

Members

- Patrice Barnes PC Ajax

- Wayne Gates NDP Niagara Falls
- Lisa Gretzky NDP Windsor West
- John Jordan PC Lanark—Frontenac—Kingston
- Robin Martin PC Eglinton—Lawrence
- Natalie Pierre PC Burlington
- Nolan Quinn PC Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry
- Matthew Rae PC Perth—Wellington
- Adil Shamji Liberal Don Valley East
- Daisy Wai PC Richmond Hill

PUBLICATION OF MANDATE LETTERS ACT, 2022 WOULD MAKE PUBLICATION OF MINISTERS MANDATE LETTERS MANDATORY

On August 22nd, the Liberal MPP for Don Valley East, Adil Shamji, introduced Bill 10, Publication of Mandate Letters Act, 2022. According to the Explanatory Note accompanying the text of the Bill:

“The Bill amends the Executive Council Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The Executive Council Act is amended to include a new section 2.1, which requires that the Premier publish mandate letters, as defined in subsection (1) of the new section.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, which provides an exemption to the disclosure of records under that Act where the disclosure would reveal the substance of deliberations of the Executive Council or its committees, is amended to provide that a head may

not refuse to disclose a mandate letter under that section, even where its disclosure would reveal such deliberations.”

In their mandate letters to ministers, premiers articulate their priorities and performance expectations for each minister, what initiatives the minister is to undertake and the outcomes to be achieved. Publishing these mandate letters is the mark of a government that is confident in its vision and its ability to get things done and a government that operates in an open and transparent way and is willing to be held accountable by the public. Publishing mandate letters is a long-standing tradition of previous governments that unfortunately Premier Ford has chosen not to follow.

Bill 10 has little chance of seeing the light of day.

GOVERNMENT FAST TRACKS BILLS – LEGISLATURE COULD ADJOURN EARLY

By way of a time allocation motion, the government has put time limitations on the debates for its two top priorities, Bill 2, Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures) 2022 and Bill 7, More Beds, Better Care Act and has fast tracked the two pieces of legislation to go directly to Third Reading after Second Reading, bypassing the usual committee hearings and clause-by-clause examination process. It's expected that the two Bills could pass Third Reading as early as Thursday, September 2nd.

Some have speculated that if all goes according to plan, another government priority, Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, will make its way through the committee process and be up for Third Reading vote on Thursday, September 2nd and that if all of the above occurs, the legislature could adjourn that day for a late summer break.

MORE FORMER ONTARIO MPPS SEEKING MUNICIPAL OFFICE

In case you missed it, the former Liberal MPP for Vaughan (2012 – 2018), Wynne era Transportation and Economic Development Minister (2014 – 2018) and former Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario (2020 – 2022), Steven Del Duca, is campaigning to be mayor of Vaughan. The incumbent, Maurizio Bevilacqua, is not seeking re-election. Del Duca is facing off against Parveen Bola who is a nurse, entrepreneur Danny DeSantis, real estate broker Robert Gulassarian, school principal Lino Mancinella and sitting city councillor Sandra Yeung Racco.

And former NDP MPP for Hamilton Centre (2004 – 2022), former ONDP Leader (2009 – 2022) and former Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (2018 – 2022) Andrea Horwath has thrown her hat in the ring” to become the next mayor of Hamilton. Incumbent Mayor Fred Eisenberger is not seeking re-election. Horwath who has the endorsement of Eisenberger, recently resigned her seat in the Ontario legislature. Also in the contest for the big chair around the horseshoe at city hall in “The Hammer” are former mayor Bob Brattina (2010 – 2014) and former chamber of commerce president Keanin Loomis.

Not seeking the shiny mayor's chain of office but running for a seat on city council in Cambridge is former PC MPP turned New Blue MPP for Cambridge, Belinda Karahalios, who was defeated in the recent Ontario general election.