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*Proud to represent  
and live in York Centre*



*"I am staying in touch!"*

Just a few days ago, we joyfully celebrated Canada Day! This day serves as a reminder of how fortunate we are to call Canada our home. I had a great time attending local Canada Day events.

Our Legislature's spring session wrapped up last month, and I am proud to report that it was a period in which much was accomplished in our quest to build a strong, safe and prosperous Ontario, together. I had personally participated in many debates and was proud to sponsor my first Bill, Bill 102 Strengthening Safety and Modernizing Justice Act, 2023.

I have now crossed the one-year mark as MPP, it has been a privilege to represent and advocate for our York Centre community.

As we are now in the midst of our summer, I hope everyone together with their families stay safe and enjoys all that Ontario has to offer.

Warm regards,  
Michael

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# Michael in the Community



Embracing our Canadian spirit, I celebrated Canada Day at two extraordinary events, right here in York Centre!

It was 156 years ago this past Canada Day, that the Fathers of Confederation united us as one great Canada.

I was really pleased to be at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 527, where we honoured our veterans, and celebrated what our local legion does for our community.

Later that day, I joined thousands of celebrants with an enormous sense of pride, reminding us that our country is positive, optimistic, and diverse.



I had the honor of standing witness alongside my caucus colleagues and government leaders in a deeply moving moment of remembrance and reflection at the grand opening of the Toronto Holocaust Museum, funded in part by the Province of Ontario. We expressed our gratitude to the courageous survivors of the Holocaust who, against all odds, have lived to see this day and who continue to tell their stories. May this museum stand as a legacy, forever honoring the memory of the millions who tragically perished in the Holocaust. Their experiences, engraved within these walls, will serve as a reminder of the importance of freedom, tolerance, and unity in the world. Let's ensure that the unforgettable lessons learned from the Holocaust never fade away. I am proud to be part of a government that is initiating mandatory Holocaust education commencing this fall.



Our Grand Tour of #YorkCentre continues! We had the pleasure of gathering with hundreds of community members at Earl Bales Park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The atmosphere was vibrant and filled with joy as everyone came together to enjoy delicious pizza and ice cream. It was a wonderful opportunity for people to connect, share stories, and celebrate the diversity that makes York Centre so special.



Diversity is a cherished aspect of York Centre, something that we embrace every day. Our community is made up of individuals from different backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives, and it is this that makes York Centre a fun, exciting and loving place to live.



These events remind us of the strength and beauty that comes from embracing our collective values. It builds connections, fosters understanding, and creates unity among us at home in York Centre. We look forward to more gatherings that bring us closer together.



I was proud to be at the new Bombardier Centennial College campus for Aerospace and Aviation, right here in York Centre. This specific location, where the campus is now located, has a rich legacy of Canadian Aerospace excellence dating back almost one hundred years, where the Gypsy Moth, Mosquito, the Beaver, and the Otter were made. Today, it stands as a world-class campus that cultivates innovation and serves as a gateway to a promising future.

With its state-of-the-art facilities, technologies, and educational programs, it provides an unmatched learning experience for aspiring aviation mechanics. By bringing together over 1,000 students every year, this campus serves as an institution that



comprises future innovation.

## Michael Showcasing our Graduates



I was honoured to attend numerous graduations for school graduates in York Centre. I really enjoyed speaking to graduating classes and inspiring them to be the best they can be as they embark on their next life chapter. We are really proud of all of them and their families! Well done!

## Michael at Queens Park



Mabuhay! It was my honour to attend numerous events marking the 125th anniversary of Philippine Independence. York Centre has one the largest Filipino communities in all of Canada and I am delighted that the numerous local businesses at Wilson and Bathurst comprise "Our Little Manila". Their culture and heritage is so important to who we are as Canadians.



Our government is making historic investments to fix long-term care, including hiring thousands of additional healthcare workers as we implement a nation-leading standard of four hours of care, per resident, per day in the next few years. To help meet that goal, we're expanding LEAP LTC by investing \$16.5 million to train up to 600 new personal support workers. More personal support workers will help connect residents to more hours of hands-on direct care while also helping healthcare staff upskill their careers. I am delighted to work alongside our Minister Paul Calandra.

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Ontario is investing up to \$77M to support innovation. Critical technologies fuel innovation and drive growth in every sector. By supporting these projects, we're helping more companies access the critical technologies they need to become more competitive, grow and create more well-paying jobs. The OCI will receive up to \$50 million through the province's Critical Technology Initiatives program to launch new innovative programming that will help small and medium-sized Ontario businesses develop and adopt critical technologies. The Vector Institute will receive up to \$27 million to help more companies connect with Vector's AI engineers, researchers and AI professionals to help accelerate the safe and responsible adoption of ethical AI. Ontario has the second largest number of information and communications technology (ICT) establishments in North America and is home to over 400,000 ICT workers. Ontario's technology sector is centered around the Toronto, Waterloo and Ottawa regions.

## [Notable Quotables on Public Safety by the Solicitor General](#)

## “LET ME BE CLEAR:

*Yes, we condemn all forms of hate.*

*We have zero tolerance for hate-based crime. Everyone should feel safe in their own homes and communities.*

*But, Mr. Speaker, let me say this: For those who do not wish us well, for those who feel we don't have a right to live in our communities, to raise our children, to pray, to work, and to love who we want and to live how we choose, we will call them out.*

- Hon. Michael Kerzner, MPP/Député - York Centre  
Solicitor General of Ontario

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“It's my pleasure to rise in the House today to open debate on Bill 102, the proposed Strengthening Safety and Modernizing Justice Act, 2023. Our government knows that a safe Ontario is a strong Ontario. With this legislation our government is taking action to keep Ontario safe today, tomorrow and for future generations. We're providing those on the forefront of community safety with the legislative and administrative support they need to deliver the highest-quality services across the province.

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**“** After years of neglect from the previous government, our government passed the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, or the PAWS Act.

*A first of its kind, the PAWS Act has established a robust, transparent and accountable organization staffed by over 100 qualified and passionate inspectors. Our animal welfare legislation has one of the most severe punishments in the country.* **”**

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Our Ontario government is making it easier for police services across the province to recruit and train more police officers by removing tuition fees for the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College (OPC) and immediately expanding the number of recruits that can be trained each year to over two thousand cadets.

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# Save on Sizzling Summer Energy: The New Peak Perks Program!

There's still time! Don't forget to sign up for Ontario's Peak Perks Program!

Our government is helping families and businesses save money by saving energy with the new Peak Perks program. We listened to the experts at the IESO and have expanded our Conservation Demand Management framework by \$342 million up to a total of \$1 billion. As economic growth and decarbonization increase demand for electricity, we are looking at every option and taking action to meet our needs. Eligible customers that enroll in the new Peak Perks program by July 31, 2023, will receive a \$75 prepaid digital credit card by email. If customers enroll after July 31, they will still receive a \$55 prepaid digital credit card. Participants will also receive an additional \$20 digital credit card for each extra year they stay enrolled in the program starting in 2024.

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