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*Proud to represent
and live in York Centre*



Wishing our MPP a Very Happy Birthday on August 1st!

I hope everyone is having a meaningful, safe and enjoyable summer with their loved ones. The summer has allowed me to spend some quality time with my own family including my parents who are such an inspiration. My wife Rochelle and I have also had a chance to take long walks in our neighborhood and talk about many milestone achievements celebrated by our three children. We are so proud of each of them!

I continue to be on the move as I continue to attend many local York Centre events. Please let us know if there is an event that you would like me to attend.

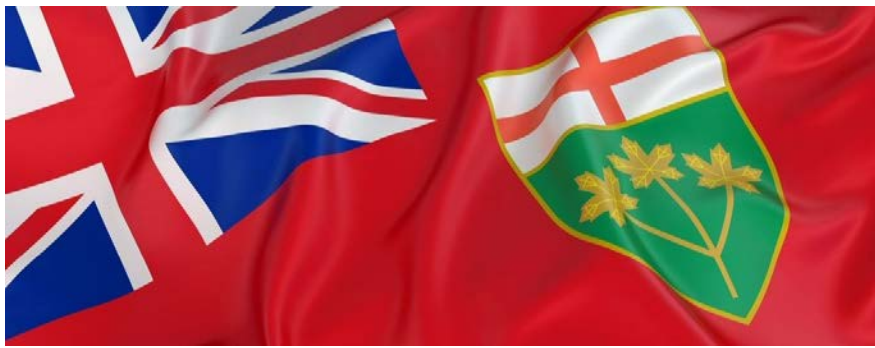
I am pleased to be part of a government that believes in our future, that is positive and that is acting every day to build the best Ontario possible for everyone.

Warmly and respectfully,

Michael

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I was sad to learn that my long-time predecessor who served York Centre for over 32 years passed away on Friday July 21'st. Monte loved our community, and I had many personal opportunities as his constituent to see him in action, he was very much as his grandson said, 'In the arena'. It was said that 'the greatest of distinctions is service to others'. He was an exemplary individual who was respected for his compassion, sincerity, and commitment to our province. In my constituency office remains a special painting that belonged to Monte 'Collage of Canada'. I will always treasure this piece. May his memory always be for a blessing, and may his family take comfort on the legacy he has left us.

Recognizing our Residents



As your MPP it would be my honour to present to residents of York Centre a King's Coronation Pin [HM King Charles III] to recognize their significant contribution to our community and our Province of Ontario. Please contact our office and feel free to recommend a worthy recipient. Our first community presentation of the Coronation Pins will take place at our MPP's "*Back to School*" community picnic at Roding Park on Sunday September 10th at 1:00pm. All family and friends of the recipients are encouraged to attend.

[Click here to fill out the nomination form](#)

Michael in the Community



Attending this year's LiUNA Family Picnic Day at Downsview Park was exceptional. After years missed due to the pandemic, LiUNA was back in our riding.

Premier Ford and Minister Lecce joined me and over 20,000 people with rides, food and tremendous entertainment. Special thanks to executive board members: Jack Oliveira, Luis Camara, Nelson Melo, Bernardino Ferreira, Marcello Di Giovanni, Jamie Cortez, Jason Ottey and Patrick Sheridan.



Our government is proud to have LiUNA as our partner to help build a great Ontario for everyone. We will always have their backs!



Great to be back on the Runway in York Centre! Thank you to

Northcrest for opening up the Downsview runway for a family day of walking, jogging, riding, rollerblading and, of course, dancing. With plenty of good food and ice cream available I had a chance to welcome over 5,000 people from across the riding and our province to this one-of-a-kind event. For me, walking on the runway was reflecting on the history of this site, a place that helped Canada win the second world war. It was right here that the De Havilland Aircraft Company built the planes that were legendary; the Gypsy Moth, Tiger Moth and Mosquito. Looking forward, this site will be re-developed as a new and vibrant community. I look forward to sharing more details about the timing as it becomes available. In the next decade, thousands of residents will call the area home.



I was honoured to meet with our local leaders of the Turkish Federation at the Kız Bingöl. Thank you to Sinan Erdemir and Can Burc Gursoz and especially the executive Chef Hallil Ibrahim of the restaurant. We are really grateful for their leadership in sewing a special fabric of Turkish culture and warmth in our York Centre community. In particular, a special thank you to Sinan in leading the recent local relief effort after the earthquake in Turkey and Syria earlier this year. Our Turkish community will always be able to count on me!



Our ice cream express, part of the York Centre 2023 Grand Tour, continued at Grandravine Community Centre. Great to meet local residents and share an ice cream with them.



Incredible experience to be part of our annual and local Fun Philippines event!



Thank you to Teresa and Lino and their committee for organizing this extravaganza showcasing the culture and warmth of the Filipino community here in York Centre, which I proudly call 'Little Manila'.



From entertainment to amazing Filipino cuisine, the event was an amazing success. We are proud to be the home of one of the largest Filipino communities in the entire country.



Ready for take-off in York Centre! Thrilled to be joined by Minister Lecce at the Aerospace and Aviation Summer Camp, organized by Youth Taking Flight. This remarkable initiative, founded in 2017, is dedicated to empowering young individuals, in the fields of Aviation and Aerospace. It was inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and passion of these talented students who, one day, will be our leaders in aviation. I shared my own experiences of the science of flight course I took myself many years ago at York University and my fascination with aerospace technology.

Michael as Solicitor General



It was an incredible honour to be a guest lecturer at the University of Toronto Youth Summer Program (YSP) for Law and Politics! I shared my own insights and knowledge about my own journey and about how important it is to learn something new every day. I spoke about what a privilege it has been as Solicitor General travelling across Ontario and speaking out in support of everyone that keeps Ontario safe and how we have an inherent right to live safely in our communities. Each of the students have such great enthusiasm to become our leaders of tomorrow. Wishing all of them continued great success ahead.

As MPP, Solicitor General of Ontario and former student at York University, it was an absolute honour to return again



and have a tour of the campus.

I also met with the President, Deans and Professors to learn more about a cutting-edge program that lives up to the reputation of York's standard of excellence.



We are all looking forward to seeing this program in emergency management preparedness come to reality.

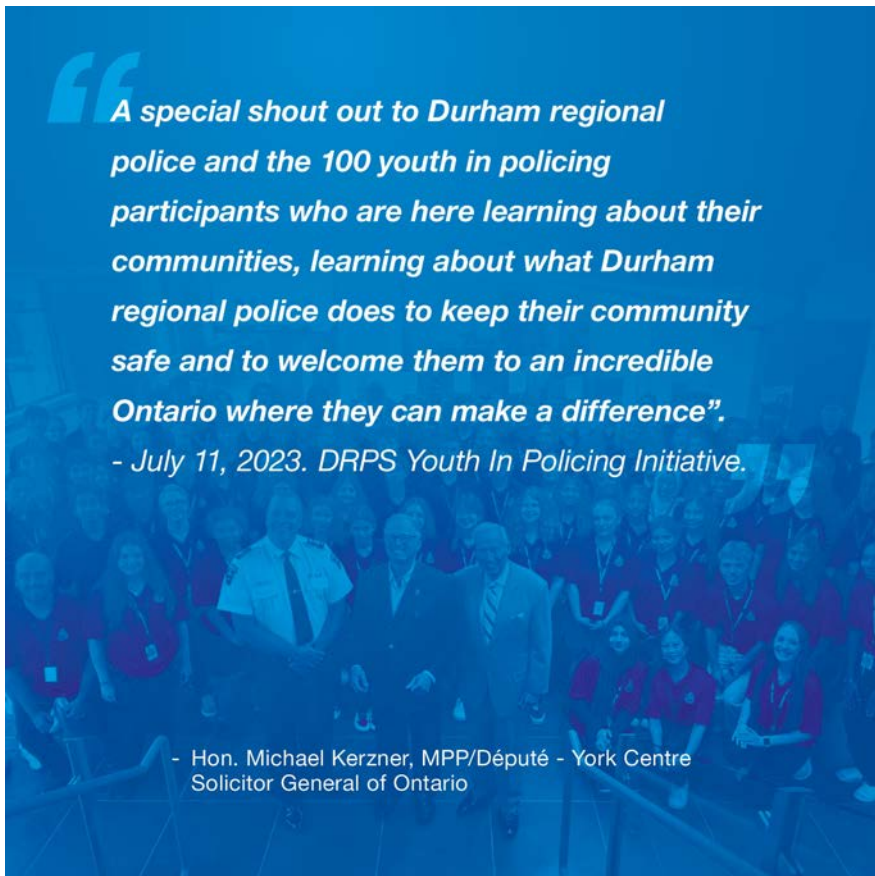
Notable Quotables on Public Safety by the Solicitor General



A special shout out to Durham regional police and the 100 youth in policing participants who are here learning about their communities, learning about what Durham regional police does to keep their community safe and to welcome them to an incredible Ontario where they can make a difference”.

- July 11, 2023. DRPS Youth In Policing Initiative.

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





The common denominator, the common theme of all who join policing is that they chose to bring their individuality, their character, their life's experiences and their common sense as part of their calling to be police officers. They chose to do something righteous because I believe there is a righteousness in finding the truth in keeping our community safe".

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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.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant

The Office of MPP Michael Kerzner is delighted to announce that The Government of Ontario has opened applications for the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant.

This program allows for faith based and cultural organizations to receive a one-time grant of up to \$10,000 to help prevent and respond to hate motivated incidents, graffiti, vandalism, and other damage, and ensure their communities have a safe environment to practice their faith or express their beliefs.

Funding can be used to cover safety and security measures such as building upgrades, enhancing locks, installing cameras, training staff, completing security assessments, introducing safer cybersecurity measures, hiring professional security, and making repairs. Grant funding can be used to cover eligible safety and security measures implemented between April 1st, 2023, and March 31st, 2024.

There is no place for Hate in Ontario. No Ontarian should live in fear

that they will be targeted because of their background or religious belief. This is why our government is investing \$25.5 million over the next two years in this Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant. We will continue to work with all communities to build a stronger, safer, and more inclusive Ontario.

The deadline to apply is on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at 11:59 pm.

Click Here for More on the
"Ontario Anti-hate Security and
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