

MEMBER BULLETIN

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Premier Ford Introduces His Inaugural Cabinet

On Friday, June 29, Doug Ford was sworn in with a majority mandate as the 26th Premier of Ontario. His inauguration marks the end of 15 years of provincial leadership by the Liberal Party under Premier's Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne.

The June 7 election saw an expansion in the number of Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) elected from 107 in 2014 to 124 in 2018. The expanded Legislature will be represented as follows:

Party	PC	NDP	Liberal	Green
# of Seats out of 124	76	40	7	1
Popular Vote	40.6%	33.7%	19.3%	4.6%

As part of his inauguration, Premier Ford also introduced his inaugural leadership team. In a departure from the Wynne-era Liberals, Ford has chosen to shrink the number of Ministers from 28 to 20. This represents an almost 30% contraction in Cabinet size, though fits squarely within the PC election platform promising a leaner government.

Key Ministers in this new Cabinet include:

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care – Christine Elliot (Newmarket – Aurora)

Minister of Finance – Vic Fedeli (Nipissing)

Minister of Infrastructure – Monte McNaughton (Lambton – Kent – Middlesex)

Minister of Transportation – John Yakabuski (Renfrew – Nipissing – Pembroke)

Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks – Rod Phillips (Ajax)

Minister of Labour – Laurie Scott (Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock)

Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities – Merrilee Fullerton (Kanata – Carleton)

Minister of Government and Consumer Services – Todd Smith (Bay of Quinte)

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