



# DOWNEY DIGEST

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## **A NOTE FROM DOUG**

September is normally a busy month in the riding, and this year was no exception. With all of our walks moving to a virtual platform, it was great to see so many people hitting the trails and making an impact.

During September, we celebrate and acknowledge many important causes including Rowan's Law, Orange Shirt Day, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, the Pet Valu Walk for Guide Dogs, the Kidney Walk, National Forestry Week, World Alzheimer's Day, the Terry Fox Run, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the Battle of Britain, the Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope, and World Suicide Prevention Day.

There's still plenty of time to learn more about these great causes, or to turn your attention to the causes we are recognizing in October.

## PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER PAY INCREASE

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Our government is investing \$461 million to temporarily increase wages for personal support workers (PSWs) and direct support workers in the home and community care, long-term care, public hospitals, and social service sectors.

This investment will help the province attract and retain the workforce needed to care for patients, clients and residents in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, help maintain more consistent wages and retain support workers across all sectors.



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- \$3 per hour for approx. 38,000 workers in home and community care
- \$3 per hour for approx. 50,000 workers in long-term care
- \$2 per hour for approx. 12,300 workers in public hospitals
- \$3 per hour for approx. 47,000 workers in children, community and social services providing direct support activities of daily living



# TRUST IN REAL ESTATE CHANGES



Big changes are here for Ontario's real estate industry. This week, our government announced the first phase of regulatory changes to the *Trust in Real Estate Services Act 2020 (TRESA)*. These new changes will modernize rules for real estate brokerages, brokers, and sales persons across the province while addressing consumer concerns.

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The new measures will allow real estate professionals to incorporate and be paid through Personal Real Estate Corporations (PREC's), like so many other professionals in our province. The measures will also let salespersons and brokers use additional advertising terms such as "real estate agent" and REALTOR® in their advertisements, better reflecting the services they provide to consumers across the province.



# MOVING ONTARIO FAMILY LAW FORWARD

Introduced by the Ministry of the Attorney General, the *Moving Ontario Family Law Forward Act, 2020* will make it easier, faster, and more affordable for individuals and families to resolve legal matters. These changes follow extensive consultations with parents, child protection advocates, and family lawyers, arbitrators and mediators.

Individuals and families encounter the family law system in some of life's most difficult moments. The proposed changes will help simplify an outdated and complex family law system to prevent unnecessary strain in the process. By moving family law forward in our province, we will provide additional support to Ontario's families and children when they need it most.



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The proposed changes include:

- Making the family law appeals process clearer and easier to navigate
- Harmonizing Ontario's family laws with federal legislation, to make it easier for Ontarians to navigate the system and understand their rights
- Allow parents and caregivers to request certified copies of child support notices made by the online child support service, so child support amounts can be more easily managed or enforced outside the province
- Remove the requirement for family arbitrators to file arbitration award reports with the Ministry, saving time and money