



## Pipeline developers demand \$20B US payout from Canada after Quebec projects rejected

The liquefied natural gas companies behind GNL, Quebec and Gaozhu are claiming \$20 billion US in compensation from the government of Canada for pulling the plug on their natural gas liquefaction terminal and gas pipeline projects in Saguenay, Que.

The goal of the \$14 billion project was to build a terminal to export liquefied natural gas imported by pipeline from Western Canada by boat on the Saguenay River. It also would have seen the construction of a 780-kilometre pipeline connecting the port of Saguenay to north-eastern Ontario.

The American company Ruby River Capital LLC filed a request for arbitration against the government on Thursday before the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), an organization belonging to the World Bank Group.

Ruby River Capital invoked the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Canada-United States-Mexico



Agreement (CUSMA) in its claim. NAFTA served to reduce or eliminate tariffs on imports and exports between the three participating countries and increase trade between them.

The company is owned by Freezone and Breyer Capital, both of which are linked to Jim Illich. Illich is the founder and CEO of Freezone as well as the founder and current chairman of Breyer Capital. Both Freezone and Breyer Capital are behind GNL, Quebec, renamed Symbio Infrastructure in 2021.

Turned down by Ottawa and Quebec:

The Énergie Saguenay terminal was first turned down by the Quebec government in 2021 following a critical report by the province's environmental review agency, the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE).

Canada's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change also turned down the liquefaction terminal project in February 2022. Minister Steven Guilbeault said he based his decision on the findings of an environmental assessment report by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAEC). The project would have

caused an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and negatively impacted the cultural heritage of Innu First Nations as well as marine animals like the St. Lawrence beluga whales, the IAEC concluded.

Despite the report, Énergie Saguenay argued the project would have reduced greenhouse gas emissions overall by replacing fuels like coal and that the liquefaction plant would have been powered by hydroelectricity.

In June 2022, Symbio Infrastructure announced it had reached an agreement with the Ukrainian state company Naftogaz to supply Ukraine, then already at war, with liquefied natural gas and hydrocarbons.

Last September, Illich held discussions with Guilbeault and the minister of innovation, science and industry, François-Philippe Champagne. Although the proposed terminal has been turned down, the Canadian government is still conducting an environmental assessment of the pipeline.

The news was first reported by Investment Arbitration Reporter, a news and analysis service tracking international arbitrations between foreign investors and sovereign governments. It says the complainant claims Ottawa based its decision based on politics and is against the spirit of free trade agreements.

## 2 London, Ont., officers shot during day-long standoff with armed man, another man killed

A 15-hour standoff with a barricaded man in London, Ont., on Saturday culminated in two police officers being shot, a man being arrested, and a neighbourhood reeling from a tense all-day ordeal.

Here's what we know so far: "Joel Cameron, 41, was killed. He is being remembered as a father and a plumber who always had a smile on his face."

"Two London police officers were shot at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday. They were taken to hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries. Their conditions are not known."

"Adrian Neil Campbell, 42, has been charged with second degree murder and two counts of attempted murder."

"Friends told CBC News that Campbell and Cameron knew each other."

The day-long standoff began when police were called to 621 Kippis Lane at around 5 a.m. Saturday. When they arrived they found Cameron seriously injured. He was declared dead a short time later.

Police began negotiating with a



man they believe was armed who had barricaded in a sixth-floor unit of the apartment building, sometimes blaring loud music and taunting police through his social media pages. The man posted videos from inside the unit, including one that showed him allowing another man out while police stood guard outside.

"It's been a pretty crazy and hectic situation, there's just so many emotions going on," said Wendy Mallow, who lives on the floor where the incident took place.

The barricaded man was arrested at about 8:30 p.m., about an hour after

the two police officers were shot. It was the culmination of a tense day which saw heavily-armed tactical officers fanning out on balconies on surrounding apartment buildings.

"Neighbours 'shaken up'" Residents who live at the building say police were on every floor during the Saturday standoff, and provided supervision to anyone who needed to leave the building for emergencies.

Mallow told CBC News she woke up early morning Saturday to multiple police officers with riot shields in the sixth-floor hallway. "Throughout the day, there was

crime scene tape going around my building and they blocked off the parking lot," she said. "You could just hear for hours, the man blaring music and screaming at the police."

The barricaded man was having challenges with his mental health and substance use, Mallow said. She and several neighbours complained to building management, Medallion Corporation, on numerous occasions about the man who was arrested, but there wasn't much of a response, Mallow told CBC News.

The incident came as a major shock to Kai Ramnarane, who has lived in the apartment complex for almost two years and knew the suspect. Ramnarane said he is mentally exhausted from the stress of trying to find out what was happening during the standoff.

"It was weird, we couldn't really do anything, but I was constantly on edge and looking out the window," he said.

"You would hear gunshots and they were really loud, so every time I'd hear a sound, I would rush to the door, and I was up late watching everything that was going on, just trying to stay in the loop while also staying safe in my apartment."

The man who was eventually arrested worked as a DJ and would often blast really loud music from his unit, Ramnarane said.

"I know the guy and I never expected this. I knew things were going downhill for him but I didn't see this coming," he said.

required course will be in addition to the other mandatory to other graduation requirements, meaning students will still be asked to take classes related to art and physical education.

"This doesn't crowd out those opportunities," Lecce said.

Officials noted Friday that men make up more than 70 per cent of workers in trades-related occupations and that they hope mandatory exposure to these courses will encourage more women to pursue careers in the trades.

As it stands, almost 39 per cent of Ontario secondary school students were enrolled in a technological education course in 2020-21. Of those students, the government said nearly 64 per cent were male.

The announcement comes days after the government rolled out a new program that will allow Grade 11 students to earn their high school diploma while doing an apprenticeship.

## Ontario students will have to take a new course to graduate. Here's what you need to know

Ontario students will soon have to take a technology or trade credit in order to graduate.

Beginning in September 2024, students entering Grade 9 will be required to take a course of "technological education credit", a move the Doug Ford government says will help guide them toward careers in skilled workforce.

Students will be able to choose between a number of classes approved through the "technological education" curriculum in order to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The curriculum includes a broad range of topics such as construction,

transportation, manufacturing, computer technology, hospitality, and communications.

Exact course details have not yet been provided.

The announcement was made late Friday morning by Education Minister Stephen Lecce in Mississauga.

The goal of this change, Lecce said, is to create "new pathways to good jobs in STEM and the skilled trades."

"All students will benefit from a greater emphasis on hands-on learning experiences and technical skills in the classroom so they can graduate with a

competitive advantage in this country," he said in a statement before the announcement.

Lecce told reporters there are a "massive number of courses available to students today" and more courses are being added every year to address the technological education curriculum. However, the province will require more teachers to meet those needs.

"We have a plan with respect to hiring more of these educators," he said, adding the government is looking to leverage private sector experience as well.

He also said the addition of another



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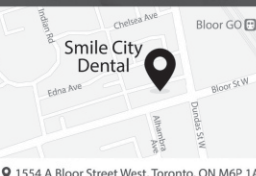
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## Hum Rahe Na Rahe Hum explores the chemistry of Tina Dutta and Jay Bhanushali in this new promo

Tina Dutta, who has been away from fiction shows for a while now, is all set to make a major comeback. And joining her would be Jay Bhanushali. While this actor has been exploring hosting and big screen projects, this will also mark the return of Jay in the world of television serials. This onscreen pair, which has never been explored before, will be coming together for a family drama set against the backdrop of their love story. Hum Rahe Na Rahe Hum that is expected to air soon on Sony Entertainment Television.

In the past, fans of both the actors expressed their excitement of watching the two actors together on the small screen. We are sure they are in for a treat as the new promo of the show, which also features popular actress Kirti Ghawli, explores the chemistry between Tina Dutta and Jay Bhanushali. The promo features Jay belonging to a wealthy Indian family who strictly follows their 'Pampane' (traditions) and



expect their children too to stay away from change. But when he comes across the happy-go-lucky and carefree girl who travels in buses and enjoys street food, his character falls in love with her and his love for her prompts to change the 'Pampane' (traditions) of his home. How will this actor's reaction to this change in what seems to be the question that haunts everyone in this promo?

Tina Dutta recently received a lot of love from her fans during her stint of Bigg Boss 16 and the love for Tina continued as her fans continued to shower love on the latest promo of Hum Rahe Na Rahe Hum too. "She will make TV once again - <3 <3 All the best Tina!", said one of her fans. Yet another social media user shared the excitement adding, "Yaas... queen Tina! Looks like a good story and chemistry is 77 and so good to see Jay act and the mother in law also is a good actor." Another one dropped a comment saying, "This looks amazing... Tina Dutta is coming back with a bang."

## Shah Rukh Khan and Sanjay Dutt to come together for Jawan

Shah Rukh Khan and Aftab will be coming together for the first time in one of its kind Indian film industry. It will feature a mix of South and Bollywood celebrities. With the film featuring many firsts including the Bollywood debut of Nayanthara, yet another interesting piece of news has come to light regarding the film. Shah Rukh Khan and Sanjay Dutt will be coming together for this action entertainer, however, the latter will be doing a cameo.

In a recent Peeping Moon report, a source has confirmed the developments and was quoted saying, "The casting for this brief but vital role has been quite difficult for Aftab, as it required an A-list star who had never appeared on screen alongside Shah Rukh. Aftab was earlier offered this role, but he turned it down due to a scheduling conflict and his commitment to the highly anticipated Pushpa: The Rule. Shortly after Aftab's refusal, the makers went to Sanjay Dutt, and now he has agreed to do this role for SRK." This is not the first time where Sanjay will be doing a special appearance in a Shah Rukh Khan film. In the past, he has made a brief appearance in films like Ra One and On Shanti Om. Talking about Jawan, not only has Sanjay Dutt agreed to do the role but he will also soon start shooting in Mumbai. As of now, the actor is in Kashmir shooting for a major schedule of Thalpathy Vijay starer Leo. Soon he will be returning to the maximum city to shoot for this sequence in a studio. Furthermore, it is also being said that lavish sets will be mounted to shoot this SRK-Sanjay sequence on a grand scale.

## Usman helps Multan Sultans take the wind out of Quetta Gladiators sails

RAWALPINDI: Multan Sultans took the wind out of Quetta Gladiators' sails in the 28th fixture of the Pakistan Super League-08 (PSL) at the Pindi Stadium here on Saturday night. Multan's nine-wicket win eliminated Quetta out of the race for the playoffs. With the elimination of Quetta, Peshawar Zalmi have become the fourth team to qualify for the PSL playoffs. Chasing a formidable target of 263, spirited Quetta reached 253 for the loss of 8 wickets in their allotted overs. Umar Yasir (67), Martin Gaptill (37) and Iftikhar Ahmad (53) were the main run getters for the losers. Omar and Iftikhar kept the scoreline respectable but despite the placidity of the surface, the score was like a mountain to climb. Abbas Afridi showed the bowlers could have their say too with a five-for that included a hat-trick, and though Quetta took it much deeper than it appeared they might, they could not reach home. Afridi claimed five scalps for 47 runs to deny Quetta victory.

During the match, a new history of T20 cricket was made as Multan and Quetta made the highest aggregate score in a T20 match. The two teams



together scored 515 runs, setting a new world record. In response to Multan's 262-run target, Quetta scored 253 runs, which is the highest ever scored by a team batting second in a T20. The previous highest total score in a single T20 was 501 runs when the Titans scored 271 runs and the Knights scored 230 runs, in South Africa T20 Challenge in October 2022.

Earlier, Multan made 262 for the loss of 3 wickets after Usman Khan scored the fastest ton in the history of the PSL by smashing a century in merely 36 balls. The batsman managed to make 120 runs off 43 balls with 12 fours and nine sixes, with a strike rate of 279.1, before

being bowled out by Quetta captain Mohammad Nawaz. The top-order batsman performance was so sensational that even the opponents had to acknowledge his prowess. Usman's ton is also the second-fastest century by a Pakistan cricketer in T20 cricket. In 2020, Khushdil Shah scored 100 runs in just 35 balls, which included eight fours and nine sixes, in a domestic T20 match. On Friday, in the game against Peshawar, Sultans Rilee Rossouw broke his own record of the fastest PSL century by hitting a ton in 41 balls. In 2020, Rossouw had scored a century in 43 balls, hitting his first 50 in 17 balls and his second 50 in 24 balls.

## Obstacle to restoration of Pak-India cricket is politics: federal minister

Inter-Provincial Coordination Minister Ishaq Ur Rehman Majeed on Sunday termed politics the only impediment to the restoration of cricket between Pakistan and India. In an exclusive interview on Dawn News programme 'Doosra Rukh' that will be aired at 7pm tonight, the PPP leader said the government was willing to indulge in "cricket diplomacy" with the arch-rival neighbor.

Pakistan lacks a federal sports minister and sports-related matters fall under the domain of the inter-provincial coordination minister. "Sports should never be looked at through a political lens," he said, referring to India's baseball team that visited Pakistan recently.

"If the Indian baseball team can visit Pakistan, why not the cricket team?" Majeed asked. "We say that, 'India we are ready to play', but they are not."

He mentioned how foreign players are taking part in the Pakistan Super League which reaffirms that security is not an issue here. "PSL is being played in a country which also has players from abroad." Reiterating that cricket between the two countries was not being played because of political issues, Majeed said India will be officially invited if the Pakistan Cricket Board asks to do so. "If the PCB chairman asks us, we can send a request through the Foreign Office," the minister added.

He also questioned why then PCB chairman Ramiz Raja would move about in a bulletproof vehicle.

## Kapil Sharma on inviting PM Modi to The Kapil Sharma Show; says, "Modi Ji did not reject the invitation"

Actor-comedian Kapil Sharma is popularly known for his comic timings and has previously delivered films from that genre. Several big celebrities from Shah Rukh Khan to Aishwarya Rai Bachchan have been guests to his comedy show. The Kapil Sharma Show. It also had Shah Rukh Khan, Baba Randev and many other celebrities who do not belong from the film industry. His popularity has grown tremendously over the last few years. In a recent interview, Kapil Sharma spoke about inviting Prime Minister Modi to his show.

In a new episode of the TV show South East on Aaj Tak, when Kapil Sharma was asked in an interview with Sudhir Chaudhary, if he would ever like to invite Prime Minister Modi to his comedy show, Kapil replied, "When I met the Prime Minister personally, I asked him to pay a visit



to my show someday. He did not reject the invitation that time. He said, 'For now my oppositions are doing enough comedy, so will come someday later'."

On the professional front, Kapil Sharma had earlier two comedy films, i.e., Kis Kisiko Pyaar Karoon in 2015 and Firangi in 2017. He

will now feature in Zwigato. The film is about an ex-film manager of a factory who loses his job during the pandemic. He then works as a food delivery rider, grappling with the weight of ratings and incentives. To support the income, his homemaker wife begins to explore different work opportunities, with fear but also the excitement of new found independence. The film is about the relentlessness of life, but not without their shared moments of joy. It captures the lives of invisible 'ordinary' people, hidden in plain sight.

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## New Canada parental benefit will be arriving 'in the coming months'

The federal government is preparing to introduce a new parental benefit that will offer parents who adopt or grow their families with the help of a surrogate more time at home with their baby.

CTV News has learned that major reforms to employment insurance will be announced in the coming months and the overhaul will include a new 15-week parental benefit.

Employment Minister Carla Qualtrough told CTV National News in an exclusive interview that a new adoptive parent benefit is being created and will include parents who welcome a child via surrogacy.

"It's a matter of equity," the minister said. "We need to make sure people bond and we bond that very loudly during our consultations on EI modernization that parents want this and we are going to deliver it for them."

The Liberals proposed during the 2019 federal election to introduce a 15-week leave for parents who adopt so that "everyone gets the same benefits," but families growing with the help of a surrogate were excluded.

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The promise was repeated in the Employment Minister's 2021 mandate letter.

Years later, the changes still haven't been implemented.

Under the current EI system, standard parental leave offers one parent up to 35 weeks of paid leave, or up to 40 weeks of leave shared between the parents. In addition, anyone who gives birth is eligible for up to 15 more weeks of maternity leave.

Asked whether the government is considering increasing the weekly EI maximums, Qualtrough said the government has been working to better understand how changes to EI

payments affect employee and employer contributions.

"Absolutely all of that is on the table," she said. "All of this is in the mix in terms of a modern approach is a lot more equitable, particularly for women."

Intended parents Baden and Zane Colt have been advocating for an additional 15 weeks so they can spend more time with their child, due in July.

"Really what we are looking for is to have all Canadian babies have the same opportunity from birth and that will be regardless of whether they are born to their parents, adopted or born through surrogacy," said Baden Colt.

Dr. Jean Clinton, a physician and a professor in McMaster University's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience, said the science shows the more time parents can spend with newborns the better.

"What we know is what [babies] need is people who think the sun rises and sets on them," she said. "I absolutely think that no matter how that baby, that gift, that precious one is brought to families they should have the opportunity to have a full, engaged, many, many, many weeks of time together."

The Colts are hopeful they will get that extra time, but with their baby due in July the family isn't overly optimistic the benefit will be available by then.

"I think it is going to be very quick for the government to act on that so we will see what happens," said Zane Colt. "Hopefully for the second child, whenever that happens in the next few years, we will have it."

It's unclear how soon the new benefit will be available. The federal budget will be tabled on March 28, but the employment minister wouldn't say whether the EI reforms will be included.

"I will not scoop the Finance Minister but I can just say in the coming months and leave it at that," Qualtrough said.

## Bank of Canada holds key rate for first time in a year

The Bank of Canada is holding its key interest rate steady for the first time in a year, sticking to its wait-and-see approach even as its U.S. counterpart charts a more aggressive path.

The central bank said Wednesday that it has decided to hold its key rate at 4.5 per cent based on its assessment of recent economic data.

"Governing council will continue to assess economic developments and the impact of past interest rate increases, and is prepared to increase the policy rate further if needed to return to the two per cent inflation target," the Bank of Canada said.

The central bank rapidly raised its key interest rate over the last year, bringing it from near-zero to the highest level since 2007.

In January, the Bank of Canada announced an eighth consecutive rate hike and said it expects to maintain its key interest rate if economic developments stay broadly in line with its forecasts.

Economists were widely expecting

the Bank of Canada to hold its key interest rate Wednesday, noting it would be too soon to raise rates again. The economy has also generally moved in the right direction for the central bank, which is aiming to slow economic activity.

"There really were no significant surprises here," said Douglas Porter, BMO's chief economist.

The Bank of Canada's policy is starting to diverge from the U.S. Federal Reserve, which signalled recently it plans to continue raising interest rates.

U.S. monetary policy does have implications for Canada, said Stephen Gordon, an economics professor at Laval University. Higher interest rates in the U.S. could attract investment funds, weakening the Canadian dollar and raising prices of imports for Canada.

But Gordon cautioned "it's not an automatic thing of, (the Bank of Canada) has to follow the Fed."

Recent data showed inflation in Canada slowed to 5.9 per cent in

January while the economy posted no growth in the fourth quarter.

The central bank noted "the labour market remains very tight," but said it expects it to ease and for wage growth to moderate.

Porter said the February labour force survey coming out Friday will give more clarity on whether the 150,000 jobs added in January represented a fluke or underlying strength in the labour market.

The Bank of Canada still expects the country's annual inflation rate to fall to around three per cent by mid-year. Gordon said it would take a "surprise" for the Bank of Canada to jump back in and raise interest rates further.

Barring any unforeseen events, inflation in Canada is expected to continue to slow this year because of cost-of-living effects.

A base-year effect refers to the impact of price movements from a year ago on the calculation of the year-over-year inflation rate.

Given much of the acceleration in

price growth happened in the first half of 2022 as the threat of Russia invading Ukraine turned into a reality, annual inflation rate is expected to continue to slow in the coming months.

"Right now, we can expect inflation to keep tracking down," Gordon said.

Interest rate hikes can also take up to two years to be fully felt in the economy, meaning more time is needed for the economy to react to previous hikes.

Globally, the Bank of Canada says economic developments have evolved broadly in line with its forecasts. However, it said the strength in China's economic recovery and the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine are still "upside risks" that could push up inflation.

Looking ahead, Porter said there are "limits" to how much the Bank of Canada can diverge from the Federal Reserve. He also noted the economies are linked and experience similar pressures, meaning if one country needs higher interest rates, the other likely does too.

"If the U.S. economy is really showing more underlying strength and greater inflation pressures, those will probably get eventually reflected in Canada as well," he said.

## Ontario municipalities feel impacts of housing law, worry over little audit progress

TORONTO — It has been more than three months since Ontario promised to make municipalities "whole" on a loss of development charge revenue due to a new provincial law, and they say they're concerned they've seen little to no movement.

One large city says it is already feeling the impacts of the law financially, another is delaying a housing-related project due to the uncertainty, and municipalities across the province are passing budgets on the assumption they will be made "whole" with a dollar-for-dollar replacement.

Municipalities have been sounding the alarm for months about a housing law, that, in part, freezes, reduces and exempts fees developers pay on certain builds such as affordable housing. Those fees go into municipal coffers to pay for services to support new homes, such as roads and sewer infrastructure, and the changes will leave them \$5 billion short, they say.

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark has expressed some skepticism about the impacts, saying the municipalities hold billions in development charge reserves.

In late November he announced a third-party audit of "select" municipalities "to get a factual understanding of their finances."

"Together, we can use this process to get the facts, make improvements, and better serve taxpayers by exploring alternative tools for growth to appropriately pay for growth rather than continuing to raise development fees on new homebuyers," Clark wrote to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

"We are committing to ensuring municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure because of Bill 23."

But since then, a list of "select" municipalities has not been finalized, auditors have not been appointed, and communities have received few updates, if any. Toronto has been in discussions with the province on the terms of reference for an audit, but that is the only municipality to report progress so far, and the city says it is awaiting a response from the province.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario says there has been radio



silence.

"We are in wait-and-see mode," said Brian Rosborough, AMO's executive director.

"We're eager to find out what the province means by its November 30th letter. We've followed up, we've asked, we've mentioned it in our pre-budget submission. We have been relentlessly asking the question, 'What is meant by offsetting the costs of development charges?' And we are waiting to hear."

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, who is also the chair of the Ontario's Big City Mayors group, said she is concerned the audits haven't started yet. She is also concerned that language in Clark's letter suggests the promise to make municipalities whole is contingent on them meeting housing targets set out by the province in the law - 120,000 homes for Mississauga, for example.

The letter says there should be no finding shortfall for housing-enabling infrastructure as a result of the law, "provided municipalities achieve and exceed their housing pledge levels and growth targets."

Crombie wonders what happens if Mississauga falls short because developers are hampered by labour shortages, supply chain issues, or financing challenges.

"I can ensure 120,000 - 120,000 per year - permits are given to the developers who are requesting them," she said in an interview. "However, we're not the ones who actually put shovels in the ground."

Crombie said she has received signals from the government that it will follow through on the promise to compensate for development charge revenue loss, but in the meantime the city is already feeling the law's impacts. "There have been development applications and we're looking at site approvals on major projects," she said.

"So this is the time when

development charges would be paid to the city and this is when we're going to start facing real losses."

In Waterloo, Ont., council voted to delay for at least one year a \$68-million reconstruction project for infrastructure to support 800 new homes because of uncertainty over how the city will pay for it.

"We certainly share the same goal as the province, that we want to see additional housing units being constructed, but we need to know how we can afford to pay for that," Coun. Diane Freeman said in an interview.

"I can't ask the current taxpayers, the current tax base in Waterloo, to front the capital for a development that I don't know if we're going to be able to recoup development charges on." A spokesperson for Clark said the government will engage municipalities through the audit process.

"To be clear: Municipalities will still be able to collect development charge revenues on most new market housing projects," Victoria Podcholski said in a statement.

"Our changes simply ensure that rates will rise in future at a reasonable and predictable rate."

Development charges have been rising too quickly in some municipalities, putting home ownership out of reach for many Ontarians, she said.

However, Crombie noted that there is nothing in the law that requires developers to pass those savings along to the homebuyer. "We think it's really important that if they're going to take away revenue from the cities, to incentivize the development community, that somewhere in the legislation there's a guarantee that the savings be passed on to the homebuyer," she said.

"We truly feel that we shouldn't be the ones penalized, because at the end of the day, we have to continue to build infrastructure and build cities."

## Sheref Sabawy Appointed Parliamentary Assistant to Ontario's Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery

Sabawy will support the Minister in delivering efficient public services for Ontarians

MISSISSAUGA — Sheref Sabawy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Mississauga-Erin Mills, has been appointed as the Parliamentary Assistant to Ontario's Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery. In this role, he will support the Minister in delivering effective and efficient public services to Canadians.

The Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery ensures individuals and businesses have easy and effective access to government services and information. It provides services such as Ontario.ca, ServiceOntario, and Consumer Protection Ontario. The ministry also oversees 12 administrative authorities to ensure consumer protection and public safety laws are applied and enforced.

"I am honoured to have been appointed as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery of Ontario," said Sabawy. "As someone who is passionate about technology and public service, I am excited about the opportunity to work with the Minister and his team to deliver high-quality services to Canadians and businesses across the province."

In addition to his role as MPP, Sabawy currently sits on two committees of the Ontario legislature: the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy; and the Standing Committee on Government Agencies.

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