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Oshawa council green lights private cannabis shops

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Oshawa council has high expectations for how local cannabis stores could benefit the city after it voted to host

pot shops.

At a special meeting at city hall Thursday night, council voted 7-4 in favour of allowing private retail cannabis stores in Oshawa, Ont., instead of the other option on the table — opting out, or prohibiting, this type of business in the city.

Durham-based cannabis consultant Marko Ivancevic is crossing his fingers that he'll be able to open his own cannabis shop in Oshawa. He says he has submitted his expression of interest to the

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, which regulates Ontario's retail cannabis outlets and will be randomly picking the winning applicants Friday.

"[I'm] very excited," said Ivancevic. "To finally have the ability to potentially open a store in what I see as my home is a great feeling to have."

Global News reached out to Oshawa's mayor, Dan Carter, on the council decision, but he was unavailable for an inter-

view.

In deciding which option to choose, council considered the results of a recent city survey, in which 62 per cent of people said 'yes' to hosting cannabis stores in the city. Many said the benefits include economic opportunities and job creation, according to a public report.

The nearly 40 per cent of people who shot down the idea of having private cannabis stores in Oshawa cited reasons such as increased access to cannabis by youth and negative impacts on the city's reputation.

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**GM REAFFIRMS OSHAWA CLOSURE AFTER MEETINGS WITH ONTARIO AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS**

The automaker will go ahead with its plans to wind down its Oshawa operations by the end of 2019 at a loss of about 2,600 unionized workers and 340 other staff.

Ontario and federal politicians have walked away empty-handed from meetings with General Motors about the company's plans to close the Oshawa Assembly Plant.

Federal Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains met briefly with GM CEO Mary Barra on the sidelines of an auto show in Detroit Monday and Ontario Premier Doug Ford met with GM president Mark Reuss Tuesday morning.

Both politicians said they urged the company to reconsider its decision to close the plant and are disappointed that GM did not budge on the closure.

"Following a meeting with Unifor, I promised to press

General Motors executives to extend operations at the Oshawa plant in order to give the affected workers more time to deal with the impacts of the closure," said Ford in a statement after the GM meeting.

"Despite raising this on repeated instances, I was disappointed to hear that General Motors' position has not changed."

Unifor president Jerry Dias has been critical of Ford's failure to fight for Oshawa workers after the premier said after the announcement that little could be done to alter the minds of GM executives. Ford met with Dias Monday and committed to raising the issue with the company.

Bains said in a statement Monday night that he urged the company to reconsider the Oshawa closure and is ready to play an active role in finding solutions for the workers.

"GM is making a mistake by giving up on Oshawa's workers," he said in a statement.

The company said in a statement that it told government officials it intends to continue to be a major manufacturer in Canada with its Ingersoll and St. Catharines plants and an expanded automotive research base.

Unifor has fought unsuccessfully to have the Ingersoll plant designated as the lead producer of the Chevrolet Equinox, which would create production certainty for the line. The Equinox is also produced at two plants in Mexico and the union is concerned the company could shift more production to the country.

GM announced in late November that it would wind down its Oshawa operations by the end of 2019 at a loss of about 2,600 unionized workers and 340 other staff.

**"In the Zone" Traffic Blitz Results in Over 1,200 Tickets**

A one-week traffic safety blitz around neighbourhood schools in Durham Region has resulted in more than 1,200 traffic tickets being issued.

The Durham Regional Police Traffic Services Branch, in conjunction with officers from all divisions, initiated a zero-tolerance traffic enforcement campaign targeting school and community safety zones during the week of January 7-11, 2019.

During this week, officers issued 1,299 tickets for various driving offences in and around schools, which included 872 tickets for speeding. Other tickets included 25 for stop sign and red light violations and 10 tickets issued for distracted driving.

The goal of the annual "In the Zone" enforcement campaign is to ensure high officer visibility and proactive enforcement in and around school zones during the first week back to school.

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Street East in Bowmanville and several personal items were stolen including a wallet with credit cards. The investigators have observed video surveillance which depicts two suspects using the stolen credit card to purchase items from Petro Canada at store on Waverly Road in Bowmanville.

Police are releasing surveillance photos of the suspects in hopes that the public could

assist with identifying the two suspects.

Suspect #1 is described as: male, white, 25 to 35 years old, thin build with his hair in dreadlocks. He was wearing a blue bandana over his forehead and all black clothing.

Suspect #2 is described as male, white, 25 to 35 years old, thin build with short brown hair. He was wearing a black baseball cap with a red logo, a dark hoodie and jeans.



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### Suspect Wanted For Convenience Store Robbery in Oshawa

Investigators are trying to identify an armed suspect who robbed an Oshawa convenience store at knife-point Friday night.

On Friday, January 11, 2019, at approximately 10:40 p.m., a lone male entered the Circle K convenience store on Wentworth Street West in Oshawa. The suspect, who was armed with a knife, entered the store and demanded cash. The suspect took cash from the register till and fled on foot.

No physical injuries were reported.

The suspect is described as male, white, 5'7" to 5'9" tall, heavy build, wearing a black ¾ length jacket with a black fur collared hood, dark pajama style pants, black and grey running shoes, white t-shirt covering his face. He was armed with a knife.

Investigators believe that this incident may be related to another robbery which occurred a few hours later at a nearby Circle K convenience store on King Street East in Oshawa.ence and Possess

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### Teen Arrested After Stabbing His Sister in Ajax

A 16-year-old Ajax teen has been arrested after stabbing his 17-year-old sister at a residence in Ajax.

On Friday January 11, 2019, at approximately 8:20 a.m. members of West Division responded to a residence in the area of Westney Road and Ritchie Avenue in Ajax for a domestic-related incident. Officers located a 17-year-old female who was suffering from a stab wound. The teen suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries. She was transported to a local hospital. Her brother was arrested and facing numerous charges.

A 16-year-old teen from Ajax is charged with Assault with a Weapon and Assault Cause Bodily Harm.

### Male Armed with a Knife Arrested at GO Station

A 41-year old male was arrested after he was seen wielding a knife at the Ajax GO station over the weekend. On Saturday, January 12, 2019, at approximately 4:25 p.m., officers were dispatched

after a man was seen armed with a box-cutter knife on a platform at the Ajax GO station. He was aggressively approaching citizens, trying to engage them in a fight. He waved the knife in a threatening manner and tried to forcefully open the door of a stairwell, where citizens had fled and were holding the door to keep him from entering.

When officers arrived, they found him pacing in the bus loop area. As officers approached him, he became aggressive. A conductive energy weapon was deployed and the male was arrested. Paul LEFEBVRE, age 41 of

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Pittmann Crescent in Ajax, has been charged with: Carry Concealed Weapon; Possession Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace; Fail to Comply with OIC Under Taking and Assault with Weapon.

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out a knife and made a demand for cash. The suspect took cash from the till and ran southbound from the store. No physical injuries were reported.

The suspect is described as male, with a tanned complexion, in his 30's, approximately 5'8" with a heavy build. The suspect wore a black jacket and a grey scarf around his face. He was armed with a knife.

Jeffrey FISHER, age 32, of Beckenridge Drive in Markham was charged with Obstruct Police Officer and Escape Lawful Custody.

### K-9 Apprehends a Suspect Ran from Officers

A suspect was quickly caught by K-9 Flex as he attempted to run from officers in Oshawa.

On Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at approximately 4:00 a.m., officers were called to a disturbance near a residence on Tresane Street in Oshawa. Police spoke to two people who were involved in a heated verbal altercation on the street. Police were speaking to the involved parties and one gave officers a false name. When officers found out his true identity, the suspect shoved an officer and fled on foot. K-9 Flex was

deployed and he quickly apprehended the fleeing suspect. The suspect was wanted by three other police agencies in the GTA on several outstanding warrants.

The suspect suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

### Weapons Seized in Pickering

Three people are facing charges after a firearms investigation concluded over the weekend resulting in the seizure of three weapons.

On Saturday, January 5, 2019, members of the West Division Target Team, with the assistance of the Tactical Support Unit and the Gun and Gang Unit, executed a search warrant at a residence on Beechlaw Drive in Pickering as part of a firearms investigation.

A prohibited .22-calibre pistol was located under the mattress of a bed and a prohibit-

ed, loaded .32-calibre revolver was located in a closet. Furthermore, officers also located a prohibited stun gun baton in the basement of the residence. Two males and a female were arrested and charged in connection with these weapons.

Kurtis MALLETT, age 22, and Kody MALLETT, age 24, both of Beechlaw Drive in Pickering, and Amirah IMRAN, of James Govan Drive in Whitby, are each charged with: Careless Storage of Firearm x2; Contravention of Storage Regulation x2; Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm x2; Possession of a Firearm Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized x2; Possession of Restricted Firearm with Ammunition and Possess Prohibited Weapon Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized.

Kurtis MALLETT is also charged with Fail to Comply with Recognizance x6.

### Shots Fired Outside of an Ajax Bar

Police are attempting to locate a male after shots were fired outside of an Ajax bar.

On Saturday, January 5, 2018, at approximately 2:30 a.m., police were called to Westney Road South and Lake Driveway West in Ajax for a possible shots fired call.

Officers found shell casings in the parking lot of the King's Castle Bar and Grill. A witness stated that he saw a male running through the parking lot shooting a gun in the air. No one was injured. Suspect #1 is described as: male, approximately 20 years old with a slim build. He was wearing blue jeans and a dark blue jacket with a dark blue coloured hood

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## STATISTICS CANADA REPORTS THAT TOURISM SPENDING IS GROWING IN CANADA

Statistics Canada releases national tourism indicators for third quarter 2018.

Canada's tourism sector is a driver of the Canadian economy: it contributes to economic growth and creates opportunities and jobs for the middle class across Canada. The tourism sector is an important source of employment for Canadians, supporting 1.8 million jobs across the country. Yesterday, Statistics Canada released a report that highlights the latest numbers for Canada's tourism sector.

From January to September of 2018, tourism spending in Canada was \$80.8 billion, an increase of 5.9% compared to the same period in 2017. Domestic revenues edged up 6.9% to almost \$63.3 billion, and tourism revenues from international travellers increased 2.3% to \$17.5 billion.

In the first nine months of 2018, tourism activities directly accounted for \$33.9 billion of Canada's GDP, an increase of 5.9% over the same period in

2017. Tourism directly accounted for over 750,000 jobs from January to September 2018, an increase of 1.3% compared to the same period in 2017.

Tourism is a vital and growing part of the Canadian economy. From 2014 to 2017, Canada's tourism sector gained ground by almost every measure. International arrivals in Canada grew by an average of 8% per year and the tourism sector's contribution to GDP grew by an average of 4.6% per year. From 2014 to 2017, the number of jobs in Canada's tourism sector grew by an average of 1.7% per year.

"These numbers prove that the tourism sector deserves to be recognized for its high growth potential. It's a driving force in job creation for the middle class. This is why I'm crossing the country to hear from leaders in the industry on new ways to grow Canadian tourism opportunities and increase competitiveness globally. And it's why our gov-

ernment created the Advisory Council on Jobs and the Visitor Economy. People worldwide have never travelled so much, and we are working on a national tourism strategy to help communities across the country, large and small, draw more visitors to their regions. The future is bright for Canadian tourism."

– The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie

Quick facts  
Canada's tourism industry is thriving, supporting over 1.8 million jobs across the country.

From January to October 2018, Canada welcomed a record 18.6 million international tourists, an increase of 1.2% over the same period in 2017.

The Advisory Council on Jobs and the Visitor Economy is made up of business owners, entrepreneurs, and tourism operators and professionals who recognize the economic importance of the tourism sector.

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## 11,600 FULL-TIME JOBS LOST IN DECEMBER, SLIDE TOWARDS PART-TIME JOB ECONOMY CONTINUES

According to December's Labour Force Survey, Ontario shed 11,600 full-time jobs in December. Since Doug Ford took office, 94.7 per cent of all net new jobs created in Ontario have been part-time. All job gains made in December were part-time. NDP Employment, Jobs, Research and Innovation critic Catherine Fife said the numbers suggest a worrying decline into a part-time job economy, one where

Ontarians must increasingly take on jobs with less stability, and without benefits or pensions.

"The December numbers show that Ford's schemes — eliminating green energy jobs, making cuts to public services, and walking away from the auto industry — are putting more Ontarians into that kind of lower-wage, unstable work with no benefits, instead of good jobs with benefits," said Fife.

Fife said that it's time to invest in innovation, the knowledge economy, green energy jobs and 21st-century manufacturing to create more full-time jobs and good careers in Ontario.

"What this province needs is more good full-time jobs — ones that pay well and provide workers with the stability and benefits they deserve," said Fife.

## CANADA'S CONSERVATIVES CALL FOR EMERGENCY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING ON CHINESE - CANADIAN RELATIONS

The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Conservative Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, issued the following statement after requesting an emergency meeting of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to discuss the state of Chinese-Canadian relations:

"Since the December 1st arrest of Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou, Canadians have been subject to retaliatory detentions by the Chinese government, while dozens of others have been detained on administrative grounds or had their visas questioned. Prime Minister Trudeau confirmed that he believes that

these detentions are 'completely politically motivated' but he has still not called the Chinese President about these actions. Clearly, Justin Trudeau's naïve approach to diplomacy is not working.

"That is why Conservatives on the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs are calling for an emergency committee meeting. The Liberals need to outline what steps they are taking to ensure the immediate release of detained Canadians and be clear whether or not it is safe for Canadians to travel to China. The Canadian Ambassador to China, the Hon. John McCallum is in Canada to brief the liberal government

on the situation and the committee should have the opportunity to hear from him as well.

Canadians are rightly concerned about family members in China and are questioning whether it is safe to travel there amid the present dispute.

"Canada's Conservatives will continue to urge Justin Trudeau to intervene on behalf of Canadians detained in China and to provide certainty to the hundreds of Canadians with family members working in China or those considering travel to the country."



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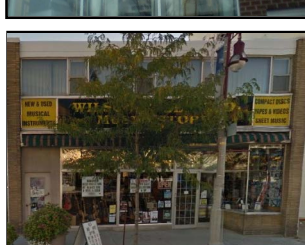
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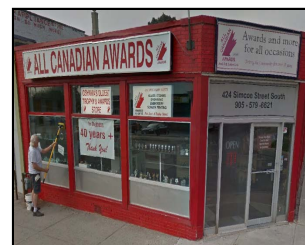
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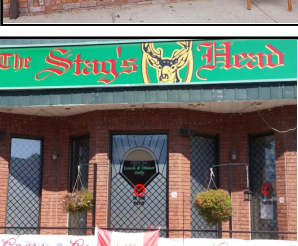
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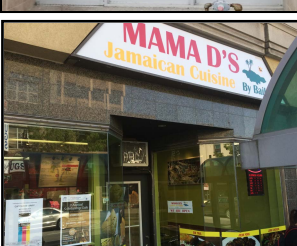
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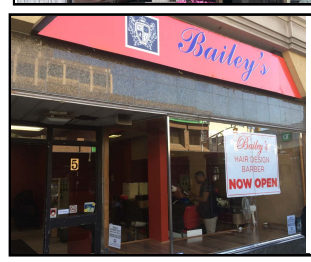
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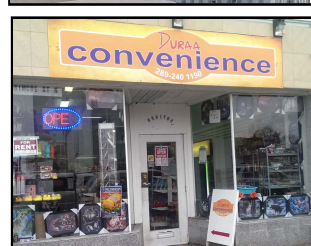
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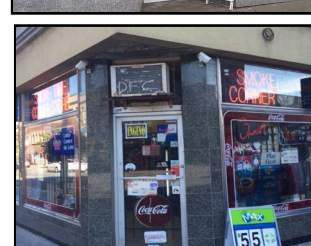
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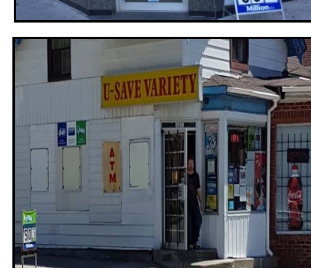
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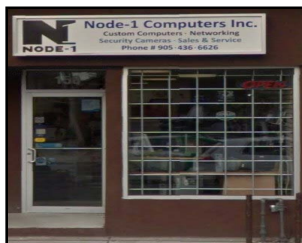
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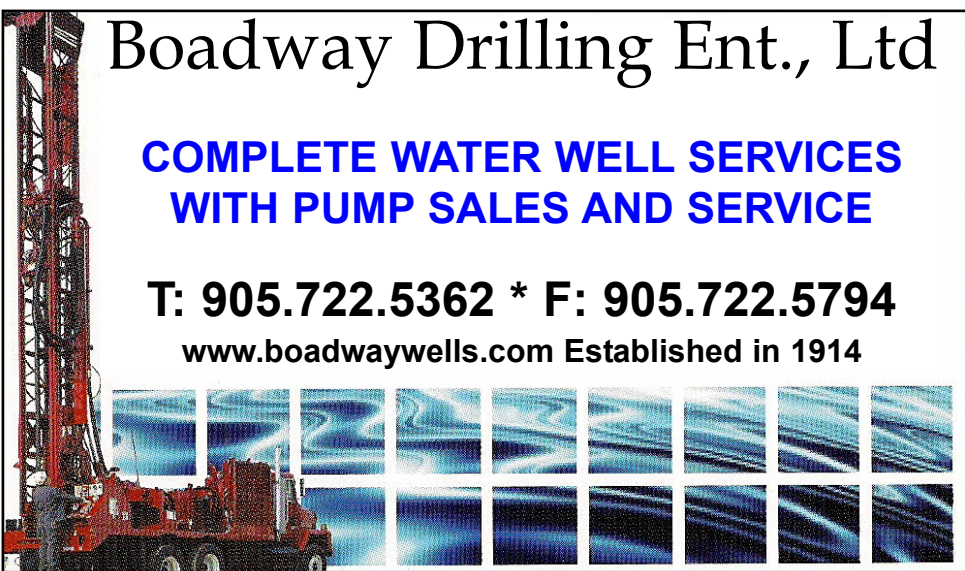
In addition to freezing fees, the government has updated hunting regulations to make things better for hunters across the province. These changes include a new Licence Summary that can be stored on a mobile device or printed at home, paper tags that replace the old game seals and enhanced hunter reporting.

"The hunting industry contributes nearly half a billion dollars to the Ontario economy," said Minister Yakabuski. "Our hunters are some of the best stewards of our lands and waters and we want to make it easier for them to enjoy our world class natural resources."

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# Canadian Housing Starts Trend Decreases in December

The trend in housing starts was 206,981 units in December 2018, compared to 212,338 units in November 2018, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). This trend measure is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR) of housing starts.

"The national trend in housing starts decreased in December, the fifth decline in the last six months," said Bob Dugan, CMHC's chief economist. "Reflecting these recent declines, total annual housing starts in 2018 were lower than in 2017, as lower single-detached starts more than offset a slight increase in multi-family starts this year. Nonetheless, total housing starts remain elevated when compared to historical averages."

**Monthly Highlights Vancouver**

Housing starts in the Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) continued trending lower in December 2018, ending the year with an 11% decrease compared to 2017 despite that rental units rose by 40% in response to a tight rental market. City of Vancouver's rental and condo sectors are the top two drivers to the annual housing starts. Surrey led the overall decline with housing starts down by 27% in 2018.

**Victoria**  
Total year-to-date housing starts initiated in Metro Victoria reached a level not seen since 1976 in December. Rental units were half of all housing starts in 2018 in response to heightened rental demand and low vacancy rates.

**Edmonton**  
Edmonton housing starts trended lower in December as inventory levels remained elevated. On an annual basis, Edmonton

starts were 12% below 2017 levels, which reflects lower demand driven by the current economic climate in Alberta. Starts for all types of units were lower, except for row units, which grew by 13%.

**Regina**  
December total housing starts trended lower due to a decline in multi-family construction. In 2018, housing starts in the Regina CMA declined by 41% to 1,139 units from 1,923 in 2017. Single-detached starts declined by 47%, while multi-family starts were lower by 37%, compared to the previous year. A weak labour market, tighter credit market conditions, rising construction costs and elevated resale supply - all combined to reduce demand for newly constructed homes.

**Kingston**  
Kingston recorded the highest number of starts in any given month since September 2013.

Rental apartments accounted for 77% of total starts in December. These new rental units will contribute needed supply to the market, as the apartment vacancy rate in Kingston has been trending lower since 2016. The total number of housing starts in 2018 was significantly above the 5-year average, with gains for all dwelling types.

**Toronto**  
In 2018, the Toronto CMA saw the most apartment starts ever recorded and overall housing starts were up 6% from a year ago. High prices, borrowing costs, and a widening price gap with resale market alternatives weighed down significantly on single-detached starts, which were the lowest in almost four decades. The deteriorating affordability for low-rise homes has fueled the demand for relatively affordable higher-density housing.

**Hamilton**  
Annual housing starts in Hamilton CMA were the highest since 2004, despite the trend measure moving down in December. Apartment starts were primarily responsible for the high number of overall housing starts in 2018, having reached their highest level in over 40 years. In 2018, more buyers gravitated to less expensive homes and competition for vacant rental units intensified, both of which led to greater demand for new apartments. The appetite for new apartments was widespread across Hamilton CMA in 2018, occurring in each of three major markets, Burlington, Hamilton and Grimsby.

**Brantford**  
A high number of housing starts for December helped annual starts to surpass the 700 mark for just the second time in the past ten years. The price point of new low-rise homes in Brantford attracted more growing families and empty nesters from nearby Hamilton and West GTA markets compared to most years. Single-detached starts rebounded from a slow 2017, while row starts

continued to trend up to their highest level since CMHC began tracking starts activity in Brantford over 40 years ago.

**Montréal**  
Housing starts in the Montréal area increased slightly in 2018 compared to 2017 (+1%). The decline recorded in the construction of condos (-6%) during this period was more than offset by rental apartment starts (+8%) which hit a 30-year record high. Just under half of all housing starts in the Montreal CMA in 2018 were intended for the rental market, including starts of rental retirement homes. However, most rental starts were intended for the larger non-retirement home sector. Relatively low vacancy rates, the aging population, and stronger demand from young households were likely all factors that stimulated residential construction in the rental market segment.

**Province of Québec**  
The total number of housing starts in Québec's urban areas in 2018 was practically the same as in 2017. Residential construction in the past year continued to be supported by multi-unit housing starts, a large part of which were rental housing units. This was the case notably in Montréal and Québec. Overall, the growth in the supply of apartments in the province was stimulated by the aging of the population and by immigration.

**Halifax**  
Total housing starts in Halifax picked up pace in December due to a rise in apartment construction. By year-end 2018, multiples starts were up 6% compared to 2017 figures, driven by strong rental demand and migration. Apartment construction in 2018 was predominantly located in the suburban markets of Hammonds Plains and Mainland North, as well as on the Halifax Peninsula.

**Prince Edward Island (PEI)**  
Total housing starts in PEI were 156% higher in December compared to a year ago. Singles were up by 9% and multiples by 347%, which contributed directly

to the considerable monthly increase. This was driven by new multi-unit apartment and seniors' condo projects, in reaction to a near zero vacancy rate on the Island. For 2018, total starts were up 26%, driven primarily by strong job growth and positive international immigration throughout the year.

CMHC uses the trend measure as a complement to the monthly SAAR of housing starts to account for considerable swings in monthly estimates and obtain a more complete picture of Canada's housing market. In some situations analyzing only SAAR data can be misleading, as they are largely driven by the multi-unit segment of the market which can vary significantly from one month to the next.

The standalone monthly SAAR of housing starts for all areas in Canada was 213,419 units in December, down from 224,349 units in November. The SAAR of urban starts decreased by 5.8% in December to 194,594 units. Multiple urban starts decreased by 6.8% to 144,728 units in December while single-detached urban starts decreased by 2.6% to 49,866 units.

Rural starts were estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 18,825 units.

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Ottawa, ON – Pierre Paul-Hus, Shadow Minister for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and Glen Motz, Deputy Shadow Minister for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, today issued the following statement regarding the Trudeau government's repeated refusal to release

documents related to the Firearms Reference Table:

"Justin Trudeau has repeatedly failed to be open and transparent with Canadians. Now he would rather go to court than release documents that simply lay out the classification of all firearms in Canada. What is the Prime Minister trying to hide?"

to Canadians. "Justin Trudeau has shown a complete disrespect for law abiding firearms owners by adding increased regulations and red tape though Bill C-71. This is just another example of the Liberals' unwillingness to stand up and support Canada's firearms owners."

"The documents that have been requested are already widely shared with international law enforcement partners and firearms industry groups. However, despite a ruling from the Information Commissioner, the Liberals are refusing to provide them

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# U.S., CHINA END TALKS ON TARIFF BATTLE WITH NO WORD ON OUTCOME

The U.S. wants China to change plans for government-led creation of Chinese leaders in robotics and other advanced technologies. No changes were announced.

Vishnu Varathan in a report.

Beijing has tried to defuse pressure for more sweeping change by offering concessions including purchasing more American soybeans, natural gas and other exports. That might offer relief to rural areas that supported Trump in the 2016 election and were targeted by Chinese tariffs.

Three days of U.S.-Chinese talks aimed at ending a costly tariff battle wrapped up Wednesday in an optimistic atmosphere after President Donald Trump said they were "going very well!"

No details were immediately announced, but Asian stock markets rose after talks planned for two days were extended to three. Hong Kong's main market index closed up 2.1 per cent and Tokyo rose 1.1 per cent.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman, Lu Kang, announced the talks had ended. Lu said he had no details and an official statement would be issued later.

The talks that started Monday were the first face-to-face meeting since Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, agreed Dec. 1 to suspend further punitive action against each other's imports for 90 days while they negotiate over the fight sparked by American complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology.

"Talks with China are going very well!" Trump said late Tuesday on Twitter.

Washington is pressing Beijing for changes including rolling back plans for government-led creation of Chinese global champions in robotics and other fields. Europe, Japan and other trading partners echo U.S. complaints those violate Beijing's market-opening obligations.

Chinese officials have suggested Beijing might alter its industrial plans but reject pressure to abandon what they consider a path to prosperity and global influence.

Neither side has given any indication its basic position has changed. Economists say the 90-day window is too short to resolve all the conflicts between the biggest and second-biggest global economies.

"Even if a deal is cobbled together, the more strident trade hawks in the White House and Trump may not sign off," said Mizuho Bank's

However, the official Trump put in charge of the talks, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, has focused on pressing Beijing to scrap or change rules Washington says block market access or improperly help Chinese companies.

Those include initiatives such as "Made in China 2025," which calls for state-led creation of Chinese global champions in robotics, artificial intelligence and other fields. Washington, Europe, Japan and other trading partners say those violate Beijing's market-opening obligations. American leaders also worry they might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

U.S. companies also want action on Chinese policies they complain improperly favour local companies. Those include subsidies and other favours for high-tech and state-owned industry, rules on technology licensing and preferential treatment of domestic suppliers in government procurement.

The U.S. demands strike at the heart of a state-led development model the ruling Communist Party sees as a great success over the past three decades and is reluctant to give up.

"These issues are much more difficult to solve immediately but are, frankly, much more compelling to U.S. companies," said Jake Parker, vice-president for China operations of the U.S.-China Business Council, which represents American companies that do business with China.

Beijing also faces pressure over technology from the European Union. The 28-nation trade bloc filed its own challenge in the World Trade Organization in June against Chinese licensing rules it said hamper the ability of foreign companies to protect and profit from their technology.

Companies that have been

disappointed by Beijing's failure or delays in carrying out commitments want an enforcement mechanism with "some kind of penalty for not doing what they promised," said Parker.

"That's not something that's going to be done by March," said Parker. "It's probably going to take a little longer."

For its part, Beijing is unhappy with U.S. export and investment curbs, suggesting it might demand concessions.

Chinese officials complain about controls on "dual use" technology with possible military applications. They say China's companies are treated unfairly in national security reviews of proposed corporate acquisitions, though almost all deals are approved unchanged.

This week's talks went ahead despite tension over the arrest of a Chinese tech executive in Canada on U.S. charges related to possible violations of trade sanctions against Iran.

The American delegation was led by one of Lighthizer's deputies, Jeffrey D. Gerrish. It included agriculture, energy, commerce, treasury and State Department officials.

Trump imposed tariff increases of up to 25 per cent on US\$250 billion of Chinese imports. China responded by imposing penalties on \$110 billion of American goods, slowing customs clearance for U.S. companies and suspending issuing licenses in finance and other businesses.

Chinese exports to the United States held up despite the tariff hikes, but that was due partly to exporters rushing to fill orders before any more increases hit. Forecasters expect American orders to slump this year.

Cooling economic growth in both countries is increasing pressure to reach a settlement.

Car and property sales have slumped as Chinese growth fell to a post-global crisis low of 6.5 per cent in the quarter ending in September.

The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 3.4 per cent in the third quarter but surveys show consumer confidence weakening.

## LARRY KLAYMAN

ATTORNEY AT LAW



### Corsi v. Mueller advances in court

By Larry Klayman

Dr. Jerome Corsi, my friend of 25 years and my client, is an American hero. Rather than accepting a fraudulent plea deal from Special Counsel Robert Mueller, where he was offered no prison time if he pleaded to one felony count of perjury he did not commit, but only if he would implicate President Donald Trump in so-called Russian collusion, he told Mueller and his leftist pro-Clinton and Obama Democratic prosecutors to stick it where the sun don't shine. Jerry simply could not find it in his Christian heart to lie before the Creator and his Son; nor could he agree to be branded falsely as a felon, losing his right to vote. To the contrary, he has made it clear he would risk being imprisoned by a runaway Deep State prosecutor for the remainder of his life, rather than to lie under oath and implicate the president in alleged wrongdoing.

But Jerry did not stop there! Realizing that he was in a unique position to finally take on Mueller and his fellow hack prosecutors, he did something the president himself should have done long ago, but for the bad advice he has gotten for the better part of the last two years by his television-centric lawyers. Dr. Corsi pushed back and decided to take Mueller on legally and frontally!

Over the last month leading up to today, Jerry authorized my co-counsel David Gray and me to file criminal complaints against Mueller and his leftist prosecutors before Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker, the head of the Criminal Division, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to address and remedy this gross prosecutorial misconduct. For good measure, he also authorized David and me to file bar complaints with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) of the District of Columbia Bar.

While it is doubtful that ODC will take any action against Mueller, the complaint was filed on principle. The District of Columbia Bar, run by leftists who have donated heavily to the Clintons, Barack Obama and a myriad of Democrats, are generally not interested in enforcing its Rules of Professional Responsibility against their own ilk like Mueller and his comrades. On the other hand, they "specialize" in going after conservatives, like counselor to the president and attorney Kellyanne Conway who is under scrutiny for simple statements, allegedly false, she made on Fox News. Meanwhile, Democratic partisans like Clinton lawyer David Kendall and Michael Cohen's attorney Lanny Davis get a green light to behave unethically.

But the complaints before DOJ are likely to bear fruit, that is, if the president himself finally takes charge and orders investigations. If not, we are prepared to go to court to obtain an order compelling investigations by DOJ, which if done honestly should, in principle, lead to the "prosecution of the prosecutors" on the Mueller team.

In addition, Jerry also instructed me to file a lawsuit before the federal court in Washington, D.C., over the illegal and unconstitutional surveillance of him and his family without probable cause that he had committed a crime, orchestrated by Mueller and his lackeys in the Deep State Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). For added measure, the complaint, which we filed before Christmas, also sued for the criminal grand jury leaks that have been coming from the special counsel intended to smear Jerry and his family – to try to bludgeon him to capitulate.

Since a judge I had successfully appeared before, the Honorable Richard J. Leon, had previously ruled in my favor that this type of illegal surveillance was unconstitutional – "almost Orwellian" he called it – I asked that this new Corsi lawsuit be assigned to him. This jurist, given the expertise on the issues he had acquired, it was thought, was best suited to hear the case. And, incidentally he was not a Clinton or Obama appointee, nearly all of whom in this federal court are extremely biased and partisan and most assuredly would approve of Mueller's tactics so long as it was to further the removal of Trump as our 45th president.

The one wild card in designating the complaint as related and thus preliminarily assigned to Judge Leon was that I had learned that the judge himself was illegally surveilled by the Deep State. I had asked him in the prior lawsuits (which he later dismissed for no good reason and now are on appeal), if he had been coerced by the Deep State to get rid of them.

Immediately after I filed the Corsi complaint, Judge Leon set the matter down for a hearing, which DOJ lawyers later tried to postpone on the phony excuse that its legal counsel could not work given the partial government shutdown. On behalf of Dr. Corsi, I opposed this, and Judge Leon agreed. And an initial hearing on the issue of the related case assignment thus went forward Thursday. See the courtroom artist drawing of Jerry and me appearing before Leon:

To make a long story short, Judge Leon declined to keep the case, in my opinion apparently still frightened that the Deep State FBI and intel agencies had "harvested him" and might retaliate if he presided over our complaint. While he made a point of making light of my concerns, upon granting DOJ's request to have the case reassigned, and before I could speak further, he could not wait to rush off of the bench.

Our case was thus "thrown back into the pond" and re-emerged with it being "randomly" assigned to the Honorable Ellen Segal Huvelle. Hopefully, she will be a neutral arbiter of justice and allow our case to go before a jury of Jerry's peers. We will see to it, with your strong support, that we provide every opportunity for this to happen.

For if heroes like Dr. Corsi, my proud and brave client, do not risk their lives and pledge their sacred honor to protect the Republic from tyrants like Mueller and his anti-Trump leftist and hateful leftist prosecutors, all will be lost!

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# GM Asks Unifor to Work Together on Transition Support for Oshawa Assembly Workers

OSHAWA, General Motors continued discussions with Unifor related to Oshawa Assembly and GM's Accelerated Transformation announcement of November 26, 2018. GM responded to Unifor proposals from December and invited the union to begin constructive discussions on transition strategies and supports for Oshawa Assembly workers who may elect to either retire or pursue new careers following their work for GM.]

GM detailed some of these transition supports in a letter to Unifor. On December 14, GM Canada announced millions of dollars in training support for Oshawa Assembly employees who wish to transition to new careers but may require additional training. GM has been contacted by more than 20 large employers across Durham Region and the GTA interested in hiring GM workers for up to 5,000 positions they plan to fill over the next two years.

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# ONTARIO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT JOB CREATORS AND WORKERS

Premier Ford and the PC Government are Bringing Good Jobs Back to Ontario. The government of Ontario will continue their work to bring good jobs back to the people. Statistics Canada announced December job numbers this morning, and Ontario saw a net increase of 17,600 jobs. "Our government is creating an environment where businesses can thrive, grow and create good jobs — and where the people of Ontario can build their careers and support their families," said Todd Smith, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "We remain committed to working with job creators to ensure a stable and competitive business environment that protects workers, and creates jobs, opportunity and growth." The Ontario government acted immediately to fulfill their promise of making Ontario Open for Business. In just a few months, the government brought forward two major pieces of legislation that make it easier for businesses to thrive and create good jobs. In November, the Making Ontario Open for Business Act became law, removing burdensome red tape that prevented businesses from creating jobs and expanding opportunities for workers. Additionally, the Act modernized the apprenticeship system, and reduced red tape in the skilled trades, creating more opportunities for apprentices and employers. Following this legislative success, the government intro-

duced the Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act. If passed, the legislation will help create jobs by eliminating red tape, and unnecessary, outdated and duplicative regulations that do nothing to protect workers or the environment. This legislation will help businesses grow, create and protect good jobs for the people of Ontario. The government will continue to fulfill its promise to make Ontario open for business by cutting red tape, resisting the federally imposed carbon tax, and acting further to reduce electricity costs. Ontario was also on the forefront of successfully lobbying the federal government for measures to accelerate the deduction of business expenses. This encourages companies to invest and responds to similar measures enacted in the U.S. The province has committed to match the federal measures and has made this part of Ontario's fiscal plan. "Since day one, we've told the people of Ontario that we would create and protect good, local jobs all over the province - and we've kept that promise," said Smith. "We are getting government out of the way, so that job creators can do what they do best - create good jobs for the hardworking people of Ontario. Because our government believes that if you're prepared to do the work, you deserve a shot at the job. Ontario is open for business."

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# STUDY VERIFIES ECONOMIC SHOCK OF POTENTIAL GENERAL MOTORS OSHAWA CLOSURE

A new independent study verifies a closure of the General Motors (GM) Oshawa Assembly Plant would create an economic shock, resulting in 24,000 lost jobs and a loss of \$1 billion per year in government revenue. "We're looking at tens of thousands of jobs and a direct hit to the GDP," said Unifor National President Jerry Dias. "Should GM proceed with plans to close Oshawa, the economic impact would be substantial, both in the short

and long term." Unifor commissioned the independent study, conducted by Robin Somerville, Director of the Centre for Spatial Economics and President of Quantitative Economic Decisions Inc., to examine the economic impact of a potential closure of GM's Oshawa operations at the end of 2019. The study shows there would be an immediate fallout in 2020, with Ontario's GDP expected to fall by \$5 billion and a decline in Ontario gov-

ernment revenues of \$330 million. In the long-term, Ontario's economy would shrink by an average of \$4 billion each year to 2030, leading to a reduction in Ontario government revenues of nearly a half billion and federal government revenues of just over half a billion a year. The study also projects job losses will mount over time to reach 14,000 in Ontario and a further 10,000 elsewhere across Canada by 2025. "There would be a major rip-

ple effect that would be felt far beyond Oshawa and even Ontario," said Dias. "We're asking Canadians and governments at all levels to make it clear to GM that we will hold them accountable should they decide to inflict this damage by closing a top-quality and productive plant for no other reason than corporate greed." To read the full report and for further background visit [SaveOshawaGM.ca](http://SaveOshawaGM.ca). The report comes days before GM's January 11, 2019

investor event where the company is expected to outline its future corporate direction, which includes expansion of production in Mexico. Timed to coincide with the investor event, hundreds of Ontario workers will rally in Windsor, Ontario directly across from GM's Detroit headquarters to call on the automaker to continue operating its Oshawa Assembly Plant and maintain production in Canada. Information on the rally is available here.

Unifor is Canada's largest union in the private sector, representing 315,000 workers in every major area of the economy. The union advocates for all working people and their rights, fights for equality and social justice in Canada and abroad, and strives to create progressive change for a better future.

## ONTARIO ADVOCATES FOR AUTO SECTOR JOBS AND INVESTMENT

Ontario's Government for the People is delivering the message that Ontario is open for business. Premier Doug Ford and Todd Smith, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, met with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit.

ing, productive and valuable trade partnership. In 2017, trade exceeded CAD\$85 billion (US\$64 billion), and the economies are closely linked through supply chains. Auto parts built in Michigan are used in vehicles assembled in Ontario, and vice versa. Auto parts can cross North American borders up to seven times before being installed on a completed vehicle. Michigan is Ontario's number one trade partner. The Premier and minister also met with auto company executives and labour representatives. In their meetings with representatives from Ford, Magna, GM, Chrysler, Honda and Toyota, they discussed the measures that the Ontario

government has already taken to make Ontario open for business. They also heard from industry leaders on how the government can support auto manufacturing jobs in Ontario. "We are committed to supporting Ontario's auto manufacturing sector and manufacturing workers," said Ford. "We continue to listen to workers and employers about how best to support the creation of good new jobs and help people find those jobs." "Ontario's auto sector supports hundreds of thousands of families across the province," said Smith. "Our government is creating an environment where job creators ? including those in the

auto sector ? can continue to grow and thrive. Our message to industry leaders is clear: Ontario is open for business." The government is taking concrete measures to make Ontario open for business including cutting red tape, cancelling the cap-and-trade carbon tax and reducing electricity costs. The new Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), signed on November 30, brings increased certainty for the auto industry. However, U.S.-imposed steel and aluminum tariffs remain, negatively impacting Ontario businesses and workers in the auto sector. Ontario continues to advocate on behalf of hard-work-

ing Ontarians in the auto sector by calling on the federal government to work with the U.S. Administration to seek an end to these unjust tariffs immediately. "Decisive action by our government is making Ontario's vehicle assembly and parts plants more competitive," said Smith. "We will continue taking action to get government out of the way of job creators so that our highly skilled and productive auto workers can compete and win." "We will continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the auto companies in Ontario," said Ford. "When job creators succeed, workers succeed, and communities succeed." QUICK FACTS

Vehicle assembly and auto parts production directly support around 105,800 Ontario jobs, with a further hundred thousand more spin-off jobs in communities across the province. Ontario was North America's top auto-producing region in 2017, building almost 2.2 million vehicles. Five global auto companies build vehicles in Ontario — Fiat Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Toyota — as well as truck manufacturer Hino. The province's vehicle assembly facilities are supported by a supply chain comprising over 700 parts firms and over 500 tool, die and mold makers.

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