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MEANINGLESS WORDS

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Published Columns in Canada and The United States They say that words play a heavy role in it's interpretation. If you can manipulate words you can manipulate the flow of communication. It is an art that is reserved for the true elite.

For government in order to control the masses. Just this week the City of Oshawa released this online. Knowing very few people would actual read it. Internet posting is not publishing. Internet posting is the ability of municipalities to become a sub-Quasi media. Controlling what they release. Knowing limited or no readers. This is what the release stated:

Oshawa Economic Development has unveiled a refreshed website oshawa@@#!@!\$v.ca designed to showcase the City of Oshawa's competitive advantage and deliver an insight-driven, user-focused experience for investors, entrepreneurs and businesses. (talk about a lot of words that mean nothing. 1st, Oshawa has been criticized in more than one occasion for being prejudice and bias on who they choose to do business with. The City does not even support their own City newspaper. Instead they opted out to be accountable to no one and post online knowing not everyone is online or can afford Wetzel County Chamber of it. Very discriminatory and divisive).

The new site features bold visuals, dynamic video and streamlined navigation that highlights Oshawa's vibrant economy, skilled Kiwanis Westmount (Oshawa) talent pool and strategic location. (Dynamic!!!!, Vibrant economy!!!, SKILLED TALENT POOL!!! Just because we have a University it does not make the population skilled as many graduates can't get work in the disciplined they took part in. Look at the state of Oshawa downtown? Where is the resilience? Where is the video that show the suffering of those living on our streets and those barely keeping their businesses open?)

In my opinion nothing short of an insult to those in the City that are actually doing something for the community. When was the last time you seen a politician enter your place of business? Or as a citizen.... when was the last town hall to consult on what matter to you?

Never — Thought so. Hypocrites... 'a new website', wasting taxpayers money to make it look like they are doing something. blame this on the poor leadership at City Hall.

They do not care about you or me. They only care that you pay for their mistakes by increasing taxes year after year. There is no accountability nor responsible spending. Most after politics could not hold another job of same title and or responsibility. Remember 2026 is around the corner. Make it count...

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Ontario's Fall Legislature:

Balancing Growth, Governance, and

Public Trust

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As Ontario's Legislature returns for its Fall 2025 sitting, after a long summer vacation, the agenda reveals both the government's ambition and the

province's unease. Premier Doug Ford's team is pressing ahead with a series of reforms it says will modernize Ontario's economy and clear the way for growth. However, an unknown factor generated by the evolution of the tariffs war with the United States is yet to influence the legislative agenda. Yet almost every file now before Queen's Park-energy, labour, housing, or municipal governance-carries the same underlying question: how much efficiency can a democracy afford before accountability begins to

Working for Workers—or for Employers?

The centrepiece of the session, Bill 30, Working for Workers Act 2025, bundles amendments to labour and employment statutes.

The government presents it as a continuation of its promise to "stand up for the little guy," streamlining outdated regulations and reducing red tape for businesses.

Unions and opposition critics counter that the fine print tells another story: weaker overtime rules, looser enforcement, and fewer tools for vulnerable workers to challenge unfair practices.

For employers, it offers flexibility; for labour groups, it marks another step away from workplace protections that took decades to build.

Powering the Province—Quietly.

Energy reform again takes centre stage through Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act. It rewrites parts of the Electricity Act, curtails citizens' ability to sue over procurement decisions, and accelerates infrastructure approvals.

Supporters argue Ontario needs to move faster to keep lights on and attract investment.

Environmental advocates call it a rollback of transparency that shields the government from scrutiny just when the province is grappling with climate commitments.

The tug-of-war between speed and oversight is not new, but this bill pushes it further than ever, prompting even some business voices to warn against concentrating too much discretion in cabinet hands.

Municipal Friction: Bill 9 and the Camera Debate. Relations between Queen's Park and municipalities remain strained. Bill 9, ostensibly about municipal codes of conduct, has raised alarms for reducing independent oversight of councillor behaviour.

Big-city mayors say the province is "downloading" responsibility while limiting autonomy. The same tension underlies the automated speed-camera issue, now resurfacing across Ontario's cities. Toronto, Ottawa, and Hamilton have expanded camera programs to curb residential speeding and fund road-safety campaigns. The province controls the legislative framework for camera enforcement and fine distribution, and several municipalities are pressing for clearer authority and a larger share of revenue to reinvest locally.

Supporters view cameras as proven deterrents that protect pedestrians; opponents label them "cash grabs" that punish rather than educate. As installation expands into smaller communities, the fall session could determine whether Ontario adopts a province-wide policy or continues the patchwork of municipal bylaws.

The Housing and Affordability Crunch.

Ontario's pledge to build 1.5 million homes by 2031 looms large. Construction remains well below target, while rents and mortgages climb.

The government resists renewed rent controls, insisting that private investment, not regulation, will drive

Opposition MPPs advocate province-wide zoning for four-unit homes and stronger tenant protections. Municipalities, meanwhile, warn that they cannot meet housing targets without more infrastructure funding and social-housing support. Behind the rhetoric lies a fiscal impasse: cities bear the costs, while the province sets the rules.

Red Tape or Red Flag?

Few slogans define the Ford years more than "cutting red tape." This fall, new measures promise to simplify approvals for industrial projects, housing developments, and mining operations. Business groups applaud; environmentalists and Indigenous leaders caution that "faster" can mean "less fair."

The critical-minerals strategy, particularly in the Ring of Fire, illustrates the dilemma. Ontario aims to halve project-approval timelines, positioning itself as a hub for EV battery materials.

Yet northern First Nations say consultation cannot be rushed without violating treaty obligations. The province's bet on resource speed could either cement its economic future or ignite years of legal con-

Accountability and the Rule of Law.

egislative package is the growing number of immunity clauses shielding the Crown and agencies from lawsuits.

Proponents argue these provisions prevent costly litigation and provide certainty for investors. Civil-liberties groups respond that they erode a citizen's right to challenge government decisions in

The pattern extends beyond energy to land-use planning and environmental approvals; a quiet but significant shift in Ontario's legal landscape.

Everyday Climate and Worker Safety.

Amid the large bills, smaller private-member initiatives are emerging: proposals to establish a "Heat-Protection Standard" for outdoor workers and public-awareness weeks on flooding and extreme heat. After two consecutive summers of record temperatures, even modest measures carry symbolic weight. They remind legislators that adaptation, not only growth, will define Ontario's resilience.

The Political Crossroads.

Ontario's Fall 2025 session is less about single pieces of legislation than about competing visions of

The Ford government's supporters see a province finally cutting through bureaucracy to deliver results; housing, jobs, and investment. Its critics see a concentration of power, an erosion of checks and balances, and a steady sidelining of local voices.

The debate over speed cameras captures the broader paradox: every initiative aims to make systems faster and more efficient, yet speed itself becomes the problem when accountability cannot keep up. As the Legislature debates these measures through the winter, Ontarians will be watching not only for what laws are passed, but for how they are passed and at what democratic cost.

Efficiency may win headlines, but in governance, trust remains the hardest currency to replace. In conclusion, we are facing interesting times to come in Ontario

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