

keeps finance portfolio in Wynne cabinet shuffle

Mississauga South MPP Charles Sousa remains Ontario's Minister of Finance as Premier Kathleen Wynne shuffled her cabinet for the first time since taking office in 2014.

The new cabinet

Kathleen Wynne, Premier, and President of the Council, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, Chair of Cabinet, Minister Responsible for Digital Government
Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines
Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development and Growth
Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
David Orazietti, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Liz Sandals, President of the Treasury Board
David Zimmer, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Michael Chan, Minister of International Trade
Reza Moridi, Minister of Research, Innovation and Science
Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General and Government House Leader
Charles Sousa Minister of Finance
Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure
Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism
Tracy MacCharles, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues and Minister Responsible for Accessibility
Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour
Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services
Dipika Damerla, Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs
Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
Mitze Hunter, Minister of Education
Laura Albanese, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy
Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Government and Consumer Services and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Indira Naidoo-Harris Associate Minister of Finance (Ontario Retirement Pension Plan)
Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy

Wynne added three more cabinet ministers to bring the total to 30 from 27, and she replaced four veteran ministers who voluntarily stepped aside, before the shuffle Monday morning.

None of the seven newly appointed ministers are from Brampton or Mississauga.

New to the cabinet are MPPs Laura Albanese (York South-Weston), Eleanor McMahon (Burlington), Indira Naidoo-Harris (Halton), Glenn Thibeault (Sudbury), Kathryn McGarry (Cannbridge), Chris Ballard (Newmarket-Aurora), and Marie-France Lalonde (Ottawa-Vanier).

Guelph MPP Liz Sandals was moved to Treasury Board from Education. Scarborough-Guildwood MPP Mitze Hunter takes over the Education portfolio.

Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Bob Chiarelli has left Energy to take charge of a new standalone Infrastructure department. He was replaced by Sudbury MPP Glenn Thibeault.

The veteran ministers who left voluntarily before the shuffle are Jim Bradley, 71, minister without portfolio, Seniors Affairs Minister Mario Sergio, 75, Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur, 67, and Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Ted McMeeckan, 67.

Cabinet ministers are paid \$165,851 compared with \$116,550 for backbench MPPs.

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