

All Party Co-op Caucus Meeting

March 1 - event report

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

07:45 a.m. to 09:00 a.m.

Legislative Dining Room

1. **Percy Hatfield** MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic chaired the meeting.
2. Presentations by:
 - 1) **Mark Ventry**, Executive Director, Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op)
 - 2) **Julien Geremie**, Director of Development, Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario (CCO)
3. The Chair recognized the MPPs in attendance:

First Name	Last Name	Riding	Party	Role
Bill	Walker	Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound	PC	Associate Health Critic for Long-Term Care
Cindy	Forster	Welland	NDP	Labour Critic
Ernie	Hardeman	Oxford	PC	Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic
France	Gélinas	Nickel Belt	NDP	Aboriginal Affairs, Francophone Affairs and Health and Long-Term Care Critic
Jim	McDonell	Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry	PC	Government and Consumer Services Critic
John	Yakabuski	Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke	PC	Chief Whip
Laura	Albanese	York South-Weston	LIB	Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance
Laurie	Scott	Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock	PC	Deputy House Leader, and Citizenship, Immigration, International Trade, and Women's Issues Critic
Lisa	MacLeod	Nepean-Carleton	PC	President of the Treasury Board Critic

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Liz	Sandals	Guelph	LIB	Education Minister
Marie-France	Lalonde	Ottawa-Orléans	LIB	Chief Government Whip, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs and to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure
Michael	Mantha	Algoma-Manitoulin	NDP	Northern Development and Mines Critic
Monique	Taylor	Hamilton Mountain	NDP	Community and Social Services, and Children and Youth Services Critic
Percy	Hatfield	Windsor-Tecumseh	NDP	Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic
Steve	Clark	Leeds-Grenville	PC	Deputy Leader and Tourism, Culture and Sport Critic
Sylvia	Jones	Dufferin-Caledon	PC	Deputy Leader and Children & Youth Services Critic
Ted	Arnott	Wellington-Halton Hills	PC	Labour Critic
Teresa	Armstrong	London-Fanshawe	NDP	Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade and Seniors' Affairs Critic
Toby	Barrett	Haldimand-Norfolk	PC	Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Critic, Caucus Chair

4. The Chair provided brief remarks as to the topics that will be covered by the presenters:

- 1) General overview of the Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op) and Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario (CCO)
- 2) Three key goals On Co-op and CCO would like to achieve
- 3) Outline next steps and define ongoing initiatives

5. The Chair asked the invited guests to present their initiatives:

- 1) **Mark Ventry**, Executive Director, On Co-op introduced On Co-ops by providing a brief overview and outlined the important economic benefits of co-ops. He highlighted the importance of co-ops for community development (as money remains within the community). Mr. Ventry identified the various cooperative sectors and a number of

different cooperatives within those sectors. He also identified the objectives of co-ops and the changes that need to be enacted.

- 2) **Julien Geremie**, Director of Development, CCO introduced CCO and the services and activities they offer. He also discussed the important role CCO plays in Ontario's economy. Mr. Geremie identified a number of co-ops and described the value they add.

6. Open floor

- 1) The Chair provided an opportunity for participants to share their thoughts on moving the co-op agenda forward.

7. Post-caucus meeting debrief and next steps outlined.