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Ontario 360 delivers on its 30-on-30 initiative – 30 evidence-based policy ideas for Ontario in 30 days

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TORONTO—The *Ontario 360* project, housed at the University of Toronto's School of Public Policy and Governance (SPPG), marks the successful wrap-up of its 30-on-30 initiative this week.

Over the month of April, *Ontario 360* released daily "transition briefings" by leading policy experts on a wide range of topics – including affordable housing, manufacturing, taxes, poverty, democratic reform, and so on. These commentaries set out evidence-based analysis and clear, actionable policy recommendations that can find broad-based support.

The result is an inventory of evidence-based policy recommendations for the political parties to draw from for their respective policy anyplatforms, and to ultimately inform the incoming government's policy agenda. A full list of the topics and the authors is available at http://on360.ca/30-on-30/.

"The 30-on-30 initiative has exhibited SPPG's unprecedented convening power," said Peter Loewen, SPPG's director. "We've been able to bring together leading policy experts and practitioners to contribute to a comprehensive, evidence-based governing agenda for Ontario's next government."

This first phase of the *Ontario 360* project wrapped up with a successful policy breakfast on Wednesday, May 2, with a panel of expert contributors – including Linda White (early childhood education and care), Matti Siemiatycki (infrastructure), and Jack Mintz (taxation) – and a diverse group of Ontario public servants and members of the broader public policy community. The event was a good example of the constructive and rigorous policy dialogue that the project is aiming to catalyse.

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Ontario 360 will continue its efforts to inform, shape, and contribute to an evidence-based policy agenda for Ontario following the June election – including commissioning new and more detailed policy analysis by leading scholars and experts. The goal of this second phase of the project is to help inform post-election policy deliberations as the incoming government prepares its Speech from the Throne, ministerial mandate letters, and early legislative agenda.

"We are pleased with the interest and engagement generated by the 30-on-30 initiative thus far," said Sean Speer, *Ontario 360*'s director. "We look forward to building on this successful model by releasing new policy analysis and recommendations in the post-election period based on the incoming government's key themes and priorities."

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develop evidence-based public policy ideas for dissemination in advance of the Ontario election and during the post-election transition. *Ontario 360* is independent, non-partisan, and fact-based. It provides a neutral platform for policy experts to put forward clear, actionable policy recommendations to promote a growth and opportunity agenda for Ontario. Our advisory council, authors, and SPPG faculty, students, alumni, and supporters do not necessarily endorse or affirm the policy recommendations advanced by the different contributors.

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