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## 1st year of Ontario sports betting generated over \$1.48B, IGo report shows

CBC

The opening year of legal single-game sports betting in Ontario was a profitable one, a recent report shows. The report released Wednesday by IGo Gaming Ontario, the province's regulated market generated total gaming revenues of just over \$1.48 billion. The analyses was provided as of April 26, 2023. The industry opened up fully in Ontario on April 4, 2022. [Read More](#)

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## Facing housing crunch, Toronto cuts into once-protected lands

The Business Times

A billboard at the foot of a field on Toronto's far outskirts heralds the coming construction of new homes, but it also highlights a broken promise never to permit encroachment into this vast green space, and the backlash which has ensued. Among the many anti-development protesters, a group led by concerned grandmothers has staged demonstrations outside Ontario lawmakers' offices decrying the loss of swaths of this so-called "Greenbelt" around Canada's largest metropolitan city. [Read More](#)

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## These 26 Ontario cities are getting strong-mayor powers. Is yours?

TVO Today

Toronto and Ottawa are about to get a bunch of new peers in the category of Ontario cities whose mayors are more than just first among equals. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark announced at Queen's Park recently that the strong-mayor powers granted last year to the heads of council for the provincial and national capitals will now be expanded to dozens of Ontario municipalities with populations over 100,000 and to those whose growth will pass that threshold by 2031. [Read More](#)

## Northern group calls on feds to give Ontario resources to combat housing crisis

CTV News

A northern Ontario municipal association is calling for more funding from the federal government to address Ontario's housing and homelessness crisis. The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) says there is an ongoing need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness and that the federal government has a role to play. [Read More](#)

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## Ontario urged to add language on treaty rights to oath for councillors, mayors

CBC

The oath used to swear in councillors, mayors and other municipal office holders in Ontario should be amended to add an acknowledgment of the treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people, several municipalities are urging. Municipalities from Trent Lakes in central eastern Ontario, Wawa in the north and Guelph in the southwest have asked the province, or are planning to ask the province, to make the change and include language on Indigenous rights. [Read More](#)

## FoodCycler program launching in Sioux Lookout

Dryden Now

Leadership with the Municipality of Sioux Lookout is bringing an innovative

composting program for the community, in the hopes of cutting down on food waste headed to the Hidden Lake Landfill. In partnership with the Food Cycle Science Corporation, the Municipality will purchase 85 FoodCycler machines at a subsidized price for residents to use in their homes for a 12-week period, where residents track the amount of food waste diverted through the program. [Read More](#)

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### 3 northern Ontario Indigenous police services await federal judge's ruling on funding stalemate

CBC

A federal judge has reserved a decision on an injunction over funding being sought by three northern Ontario Indigenous police services, who say if the ruling isn't in their favour, they'll be forced to shut down. Treaty Three, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe and Anishinabek police say they aren't funded well enough to be able to provide the same quality or range of police services as other municipal services. [Read More](#)

### Former Mississauga councillor abandons lawsuits against Mayor Bonnie Crombie and city

Mississauga.com

A former Mississauga councillor has abandoned lawsuits against Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie and the city filed in the aftermath of allegations he harassed ex-councillor Karen Ras and vandalized her car while the two council members were in office. Ron Starr, who was Ward 6 councillor from 2010 until losing to Joe Horneck in the 2022 election, has filed motions to abandon litigation he brought to the Ontario Superior Court last year, including a lawsuit that sought to have Crombie removed from office for allegedly violating municipal conflict of interest rules. [Read More](#)

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## **Council approves Build Beautiful — the city's new stormwater master plan**

City of Mississauga

Stormwater is the rain and melted snow that flows or runs off properties and roads that drains along streets, ditches, storm drains and watercourses into Lake Ontario. Recently, Mississauga Council approved the city's first Stormwater Master Plan, Build Beautiful. The long-term plan will be used to refine the city's stormwater program, stormwater management systems and infrastructure. [Read More](#)

## **Canada urgently needs a FEMA-like emergency management agency**

The Conversation

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## **Thornbury Farmers' Market peeved at parking tickets for vendors**

Yahoo News

The Thornbury Farmers' Market is taking concerns about parking tickets being issued to its vendors directly to The Blue Mountains council. In a recent letter to Mayor Andrea Matrosovs and council, market steering committee member Ron Barnett raised concerns about municipal bylaw enforcement officers issuing tickets to market vendors and customers. [Read More](#)

## **Full charge ahead: Durham continues electric vehicle charging station expansion**

Durham Region

The Region of Durham is set to ramp up electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure installation with the recent announcement of more than \$600,000 in federal funding from the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program. This third

round of funding from the program will see a total of 85 new EV charging stations added across Durham by the end of 2024. [Read More](#)

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## Owner looking for progress on proposed 530-unit student residence

Guelph Today

City council hasn't had a chance to weigh in on the latest proposal for a student housing project near the University of Guelph, but the developer is already taking its plan to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), which hears planning decision appeals. The numbered company behind the proposal for 716 Gordon St. — former home of a Royal Brock hotel that was torn down in 2020 (it was a Best Western prior to that and a Ramada Inn even earlier) — wants to build a six to 11-storey building there, connected to a three or four-storey podium with a ground floor cafe. [Read More](#)

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### Regulatory Registry Posting: Expanding Strong Mayor Powers

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Emergency Planner — Town of Cobourg (6/30/23)

## MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

## Your career is not a ladder: 2 mental models that will help you be more successful

Inc.

Many of us have a story in our heads about how our careers should go — or at least, how they used to go in stabler, simpler times. You join a company — or perhaps two or three over the years and decades — work diligently, and gradually get promoted. Or, if you're an entrepreneur, hard work leads to consistent growth in your business. [Read More](#)

## To be a more effective and respected leader, these 2 qualities must go hand-in-hand

Entrepreneur

Being a leader comes with a lot of challenges, but ultimately, one of the most important assets that a leader can have is the ability to be bold and authentic at the same time. Being a bold leader means having the confidence to take action and make tough decisions, while being an authentic leader means staying true to your values and beliefs. [Read More](#)

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