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### Ontario making historic investments in wetlands restoration

Province of Ontario

The Ontario government is investing up to \$6.9 million in approximately 100 local conservation projects to restore and enhance wetlands across the province. This funding will help 14 conservation partners restore more than 2,400 acres of wetlands in Ontario, which combined is larger than Presqu'ile Provincial Park, near Brighton. The projects will improve water quality, help prevent flooding and build climate change resiliency. Read More



### Province asks northern cities for housing targets

CTV News

A number of northern municipalities in Ontario have received letters from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing asking that they set goals for housing starts. It is part of the province's target of building 1.5 million new homes by 2031. Read More



### Ontario wants to expand Bruce Power, Canada's first new large-scale nuclear build in 3 decades

CBC

Driven by clean energy goals and surging electricity demand, Ontario has announced it wants to add a third nuclear generating station to Bruce Power near Kincardine, which, if built, would be the first new large-scale nuclear plant construction in Canada in three decades. Read More

### Mayors, transportation minister meet over drainagefees dispute with CN

Sarnia This Week

Two Lambton municipalities say they've asked Canada's transportation minister to

talk to Canadian National Railway Co. on their behalf, as a dispute over CN refusing to pay outstanding fees associated with drainage work drags on. Warwick Township Mayor Todd Case and Plympton-Wyoming Mayor Gary Atkinson requested the meeting because CN, since 2020, has refused to pay their share for drainage work, Case said. Read More

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### Council calls on province to strengthen codes of conduct

Stratford Today

The City of Stratford is, again, calling on the Province of Ontario to strengthen municipal codes of conduct. At Monday night's city council meeting, Coun. Jo-Dee Burbach put forward the motion. It is not the first time this year that they have done so, the councillor said. Read More

### Sudbury launches ride matching and sharing app

CTV News

Greater Sudbury has launched a new ride-share program. It's called Smart Commute and the free mobile and web app matches people based on routes and preferences on modes of travel, from carpooling to walking, cycling or taking public transit. Read More



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### Invasive fungus that kills oak trees was near the border in 2021 — now it's spreading across Ontario

CBC

In December 2021, an invasive fungus infamous for decimating oak trees was half a kilometre away from the Canadian border. Last month, oak wilt crossed the border and was spotted in Niagara Falls. It was Canada's first-and-only sighting at the time — but not any more. Read More

## Toronto landlord launches \$1.6M lawsuit after city gave stranger approval to rent her condo on Airbnb

CBC

A Toronto landlord is suing her former tenant, the tenant's boyfriend, the City of Toronto and Airbnb after her downtown condominium was rented out on the short-term rental platform for months without her knowledge or consent. The statement of claim, filed on behalf of Allison Rasquinha in Ontario Superior Court of Justice on June 22, says Michele Nicole Carter and Jose Cornejo Kelly registered Rasquinha's studio condo on Adelaide Street West with the city for short-term rental without authorization and rented it out dozens of times on Airbnb in violation of the condo corporation's rules. Read More



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### Land Tribunal decision gives County flexibility to respond to infrastructure needs

The County

The Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has approved the County of Prince Edward's request that the debt from two major infrastructure projects be exempt from the municipality's Annual Repayment Limit (ARL). The ARL is the maximum amount that an Ontario municipality can pay in principal and interest payments in the year for new long-term debt and in annual payments for other financial commitments. Read More

### Expropriation an option for land needed for Ontario Place redevelopment, report says

Global News

Incoming Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow says the city would take the Ford government to court if the province chooses to expropriate municipal lands at Ontario Place to facilitate the redesign of the once popular tourist destination. According to a draft environmental assessment released recently, the province will expropriate land owned by the City of Toronto at Ontario Place if the two governments can't agree to a deal on the project. Read More

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