



Twelve Months of Waste:

A Canadian Taxpayers Federation 2016 Ontario Calendar



ONTARIO'S PROVINCIAL DEBT

300 000 000 000

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21 897

DEBT PER PERSON - DETTE PAR HABITANT

DEBT DISASTER:

Ontario is the most indebted province in Canada, and is the largest sub-national borrower in the world. In 2016 Ontario will hit a new milestone - we will become the first province with \$300 billion of debt.

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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GAS PLANT COVERUP:

Criminal charges were laid against McGuinty's Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff for deleting emails related to the \$1 billion cancelled gas plants. A special committee investigating the scandal was cut short by Premier Wynne.



February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Family Day (BC)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Family Day (AB, ON, SK) Islander Day (PE) Louis Riel Day (MB)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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NOT SO HOT-LANES:

The Ontario government is tolling portions of Ontario highways, forcing taxpayers to pay twice for infrastructure their taxes already paid for.



March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Good Friday	
27	28	29	30	31		
Easter	Easter Monday					

GREEN MONSTER:

Ontario has paid \$37 billion more for electricity as a result of the Global Adjustment required by the Ontario government's green policies, and has paid \$9.2 billion over market rate for green electricity.

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

BYELECTION BONANZA:

Wynne political operatives are heard on tape offering a political appointment to a Liberal nomination candidate in exchange for dropping out of a by-election to let Wynne's preferred candidate win. Criminal charges have been laid against Sudbury political organizer Gerry Lougheed.



May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23 Victoria Day	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

UNION PAYDAY:

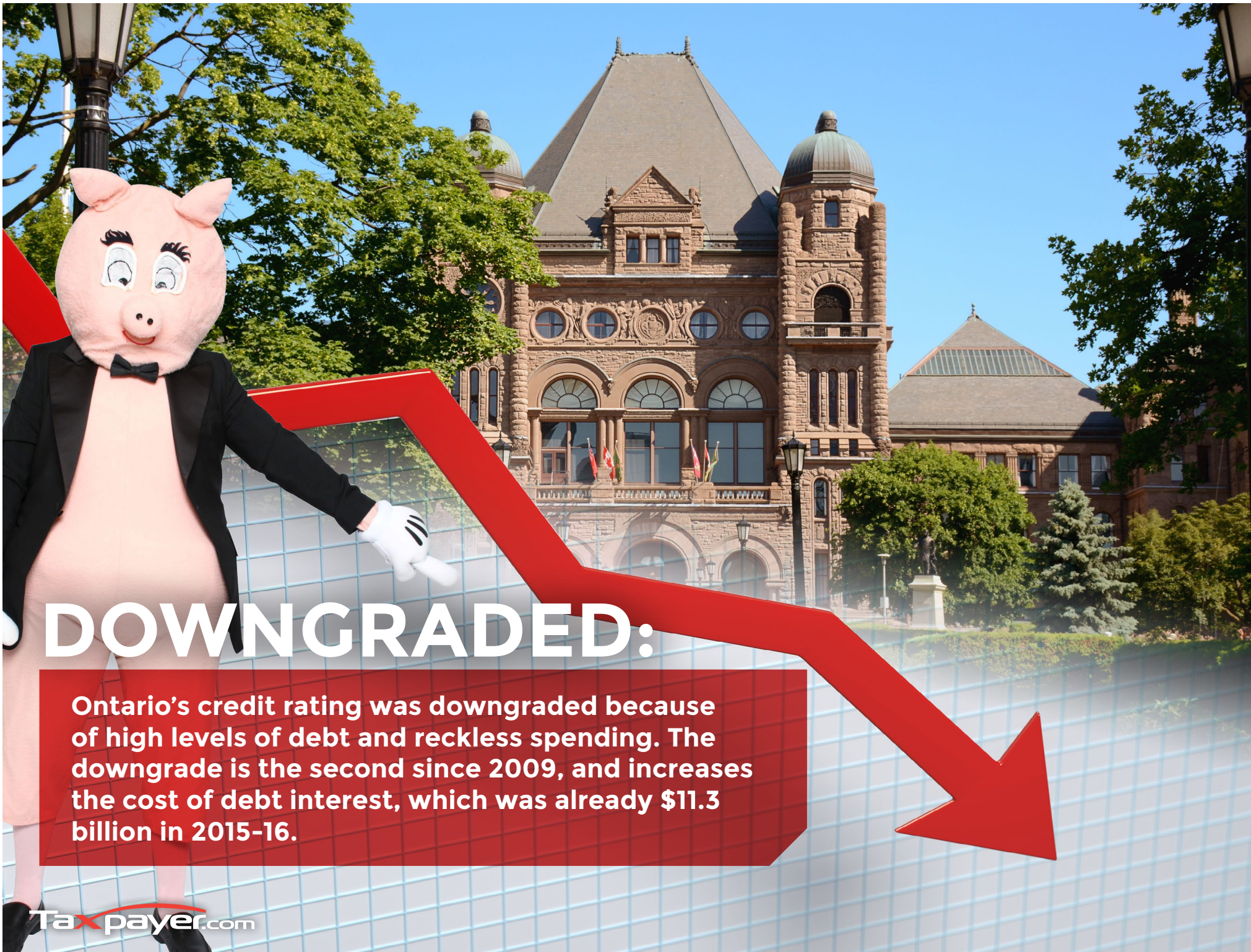
The Ontario government paid \$2.5 million in taxpayer money in 2015 directly to teachers unions. Premier Wynne claims the money was to cover “bargaining costs,” but required no receipts. The practice of covering an opposing side’s bargaining costs is considered highly unusual by labour experts.

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation



June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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DOWNGRADED:

Ontario's credit rating was downgraded because of high levels of debt and reckless spending. The downgrade is the second since 2009, and increases the cost of debt interest, which was already \$11.3 billion in 2015-16.

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Canada Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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PAN AM SCAM:

The Pan Am Games cost taxpayers a total of \$2.424 billion, a billion dollars more than the original projection. The Games didn't sell out, but Pan Am executives split \$5.7 million in bonuses, and Games CEO Saad Rafi received a \$428,000 bonus.



August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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SAMS SCREW-UP:

The Ontario government launched the new Social Assistance Management System before it was ready, leading to chaos. The program will cost taxpayers \$290 million - \$130 million over budget - and has made a total of \$89 million “potential overpayments.”



September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labour Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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PARTISAN POWER:

The Ontario government rolled back the Auditor General's powers to review government ads for partisan content. The Ontario government then ran ads during the federal election promoting the provincial pension plan, an issue Premier Wynne campaigned on with Justin Trudeau. The Auditor General said those taxpayer funded ads would have been stopped under the old rules.



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October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Thanksgiving	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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MARS MADNESS:

Despite spending \$400 million in taxpayer money, the government's Phase 2 MARS building cannot find enough tenants. Empty portions host foosball and ping pong tables in some of the most expensive real estate in Toronto.



November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

CORPORATE WELFARE WASTE:

The government has provided \$1.45 billion in taxpayer funded grants to a small and privileged group of companies since 2004. Of those grants, 80% were never advertised and went to companies invited to apply. When asked why there was no tracking to see if the grants created lasting jobs, Minister Brad Duguid said it was because the impact was small.

HELP NEEDY
CORPORATIONS



December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31



Twelve Months of Waste: Taxpayers Federation Unveils Special 2016 Calendar

TORONTO, ON: The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) has released a special edition 2016 calendar today, featuring the CTF's iconic Porky the Waste Hater mascot on a tour of some of the Ontario government's most memorable examples of waste from the past few years.

"This past year it seemed like there was a new spending scandal every day. So what better way to track wasteful spending in 2016 than with a special calendar, featuring 12 ways that the Ontario government has frittered away tax dollars," said Christine Van Geyn, Ontario Director of the CTF. "To borrow from Robbie Burns: 'Should old Ontario waste be forgot, and never brought to mind?' Of courses not - government waste should be top of mind all year."

The calendar features a wasteful walk down Ontario memory lane:

JANUARY: This year Ontario's debt will reach a new milestone of \$300 billion in debt, making Ontario the most indebted province in Canada, and the largest sub-national borrower in the world.

APRIL: Ontario has paid \$37 billion more for electricity as a result of the Global Adjustment required by the Ontario government's green policies, and has paid \$9.2 billion over market rate for green electricity.

JUNE: The Ontario government paid \$2.5 million in taxpayer money in 2015 directly to teachers unions. Premier Wynne claims the money was to cover "bargaining costs," but required no receipts.

SEPTEMBER: The Ontario government launched the new Social Assistance Management System before it was ready, leading to chaos. The program has cost taxpayers \$290 million - \$90 million over budget - and has made a total of \$89 million "potential overpayments."

NOVEMBER: Despite spending \$400 million in taxpayer money, the government's Phase 2 MARS building cannot find enough tenants. Empty portions of the prime real estate host foosball and ping pong tables in some of the most expensive real estate in Toronto.

Calendars are available to the public via a free download, or can be mailed (shipping and handling is extra). Media can get a complimentary glossy hard copy by contacting Christine Van Geyn.