



April 2022

The Budget – Not a Budget but an Election Platform

The 2022 Budget was tabled by the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy on April 28th. This is an unusual Budget for a few reasons:

Due to recent passed Legislation, the Government introduced its budget one month later than usual, and the Budget will not be passed by the Legislature before the Election. The Legislature has risen, the Election Writ will be dropped May 4th, and voters will go to the polls on June 2nd. The campaign is on.

If the PCs are re-elected, they have indicated they will pass this Budget, and could recall the Legislature as soon as the early summer to do so. However, they are not obliged to pass it and could introduce a new one. If they do not win, a new Budget will be introduced by the Party that forms the new Government and that likely won't happen until the fall at the earliest.

However, some measures, specifically with regard to Long-Term Care, are already part of the Government's spending plan and funding will continue to flow regardless. This includes supporting Medical Directors financially to take the now mandatory OLTC Medical Director Course.

Given that the Budget is essentially an election platform, below are also links to all the three main party platforms, noting that the NDP platform has not been costed in detail yet, and that the Liberals have not released their full platform yet.

PC Budget/Platform: <https://budget.ontario.ca/2022/pdf/2022-ontario-budget-en.pdf>

News Release: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002123/ontarios-plan-to-build>

NDP

NDP Platform: <https://www.ontariondp.ca/sites/default/files/ONDP-2022-Strong-Ready-Working-for-you.pdf>

LTC

COMMITMENT - Fix the system by making it public and not-for-profit: Starting in 2022, an NDP government will begin building a new, public and non-profit home and community care and long-term care system.

COMMITMENT - Immediately begin building 50,000 new and modern beds: Number estimated Ontario will need by 2030.

[Read the full overview here](#)

Fixing Long Term Care Act

The new LTCHA and Phase One of the Regulations were proclaimed and came into effect on April 11th. The Act itself is the spirit and intent of the law. The specifics or how the intent is to be supported come in the regulation.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care, the OMA and OLTCC are jointly hosting a webinar on the new Legislation as it pertains to Medical Directors. Registration information is being sent out directly to members via email.

As mentioned above from Dr. Evelyn Williams, the OLTCC Medical Director Course is now mandatory and OLTCC is working with the Ministry to ensure that this is not a financial burden to Medical Directors or their employers.

OLTCC is continuing to work with MLTC on refining language in the regulations and developing new regulations as we move toward Phase 2 of the regulations which will be posted in the fall. OLTCC is keenly aware of the expectations laid out and is working to ensure that the expectations are realistic and balanced.

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/220246#BK103>