

# ■ AFHTO Member Webinar

Governing in Today's Context

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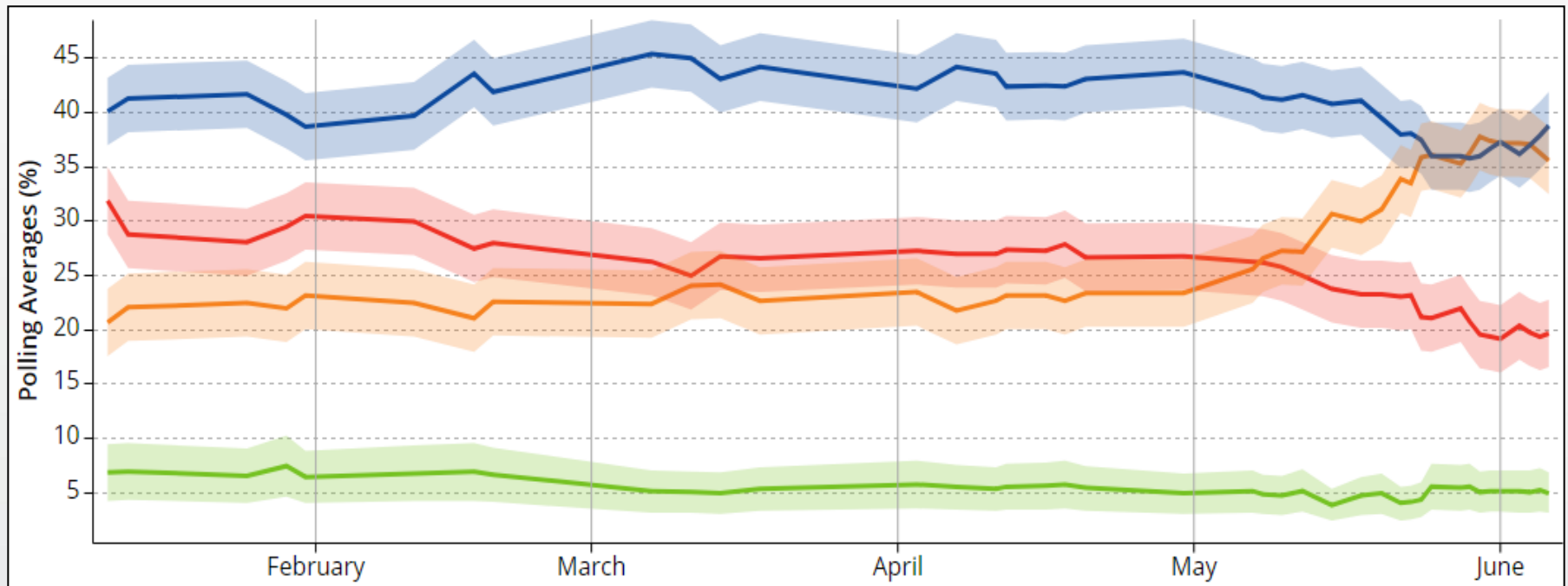
# Agenda



- The PC government's priorities and approach to health care
- How you can help advocate for AFHTO

# **The PC government's priorities and approach to health care**

# The PCs and the NDP tied in the polls for much of the campaign, but....



# Ontario PC's win a majority



Ontario PCs led by Doug Ford

- 76 seats
- 40.63% of votes



Ontario NDP led by Andrea Horwath

- 40 seats
- 33.69% of votes



Liberal Party led by Kathleen Wynne

- 7 seats
- 19.30% of votes



Green Party led by Mike Schreiner

- 1 seat
- 4.62% of votes

# Key Leaders and Critics



**Christine Elliott**  
Minister of Health and  
Long-Term Care  
MPP, Newmarket—Aurora



**Robin Martin**  
Parliamentary Assistant,  
Health  
MPP, Eglinton—Lawrence



**Effie Triantafilopoulos**  
Parliamentary Assistant,  
Long-Term Care  
MPP, Oakville North—Burlington



**France G  linas**  
NDP Critic for Health  
MPP, Nickel Belt



**Teresa Armstrong**  
NDP Critic for Home  
and Long-Term Care  
MPP, London-Fanshawe



**Bhutla Karpoche**  
NDP Critic for Mental  
Health and Addictions  
MPP, Parkdale-High Park



**John Fraser**  
Liberal Critic for Health  
and Long-Term Care  
MPP, Ottawa South

# Premier's Council tasked with “Improving Healthcare and Ending Hallway Medicine”



**Dr. Rueben Devlin**  
Chair, Premier's Council

- 3-year term, chaired by Dr. Rueben Devlin
- Reports to the Premier and works with the Minister
- 6 subcommittees to narrow focus on sectors/policy areas
  1. *Primary care*
  2. *Hospitals*
  3. *Mental health and addictions*
  4. *Home and community care*
  5. *Long-term care*
  6. *Digital health*

# Dr. Devlin's vision for Ontario health care

- More care **outside** of hospitals
- Improve **integration** from hospital to home and throughout the system
- Adopt **innovation** and make better use of technology
- Improve access to **patient records**



# PCs have made 3 health care promises with the goal of ending “hallway healthcare”

- **15,000** new long-term care beds in five years
- **\$1.9 billion** new investment in mental health and addictions care
- **\$98 million** per year for seniors’ low-income dental program



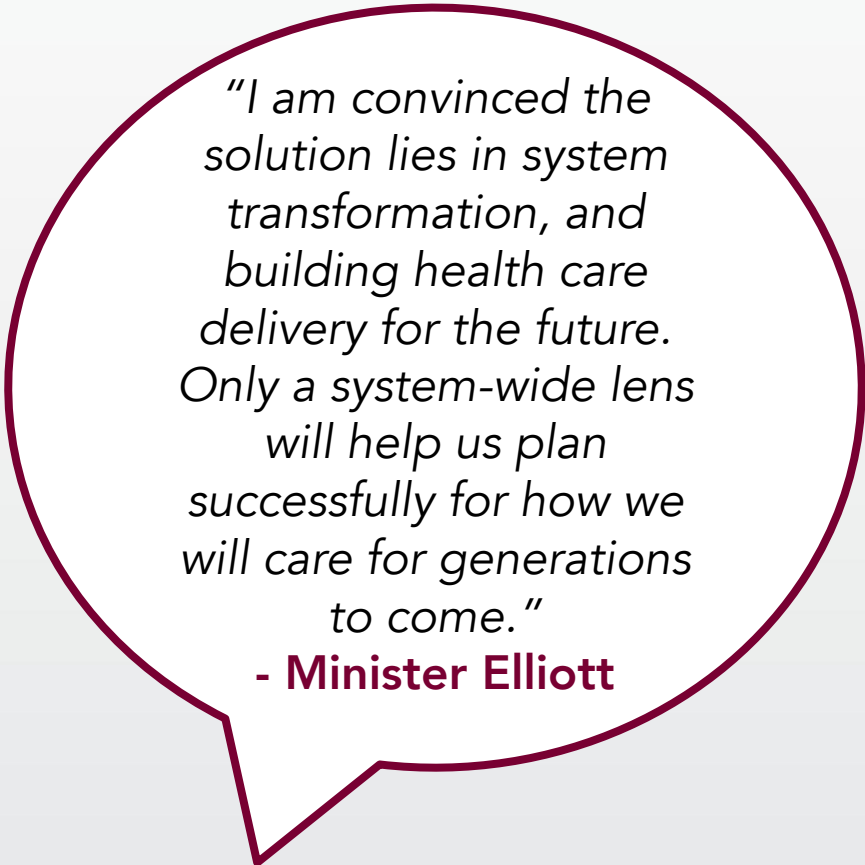
# Few other health care policies and priorities are currently known

- Revisions to OHIP+
- Review of Supervised Consumption Sites/Overdose Prevention Sites
- Public sector hiring & executive **salary freeze**
- Renewed OMA negotiations



# Issues and trends the government is likely to tackle

- System/service integration
- Efficiency
- Value for money
- “Red tape”



*“I am convinced the solution lies in system transformation, and building health care delivery for the future. Only a system-wide lens will help us plan successfully for how we will care for generations to come.”*

**- Minister Elliott**

# PC government's focus on “efficiency”

- Campaign pledge to find **\$6 billion** without job losses
- External **line-by-line audit** of the province's books
- **Independent Financial Commission of Inquiry** led by Gordon Campbell



# Outcomes of the line-by-line audit

- Conducted by EY, the final report was released Sept. 25.
- Health is one of the “**Big Three**” sectors that account for a significant proportion of spending, along with Education and Children Community and Social Services.
- **Health sector expenditures per capita have grown at an identical rate in Ontario and Quebec**, though at a higher rate than BC.

# Health care spending in 2017-18 was \$54.6B, almost entirely through transfer payments

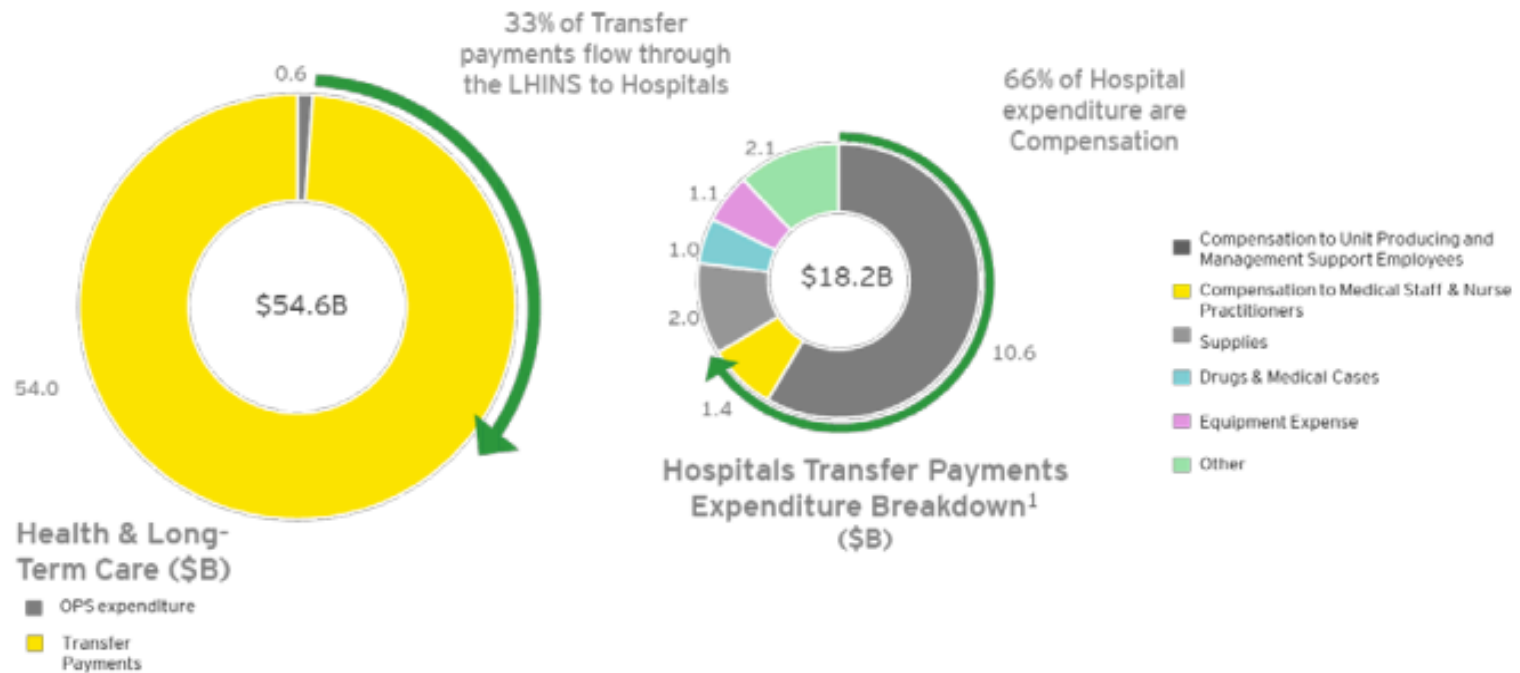


Figure 10 Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Hospital Expenditures, FY17/18

# The report identifies potential savings in the health system in several areas

1. **Workforce Optimization and Rostering**, specifically to address significant overtime in the health sector
2. **Consolidation of Transfer Payments**, including to the more than 20 health agencies operating independently of each other
3. **Procurement**, suggesting standardization of products purchased across programs, ministries, and the BPS

# Upcoming decisions to watch

- Supervised Consumption Sites & Overdose Prevention Sites
  - Currently under review, asked the Federal government for an extension
- Commitments from Bill 148 including \$15 minimum wage
  - “We’re getting rid of Bill 148.” - Doug Ford, Question Period October 2
- NPLC & FHT funding structure and MSAAAs with LHINs?



# Key milestones to watch

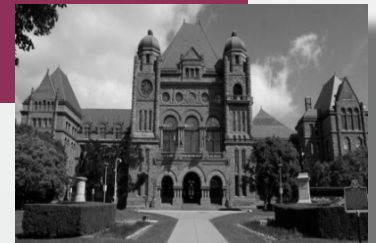
- Municipal elections – October 22, 2018
- Fall Economic Statement
- Pre-budget consultations
- 2019 Ontario Budget
- Federal election – October 2019



# **How you can help advocate for AFHTO**

# What is government relations?

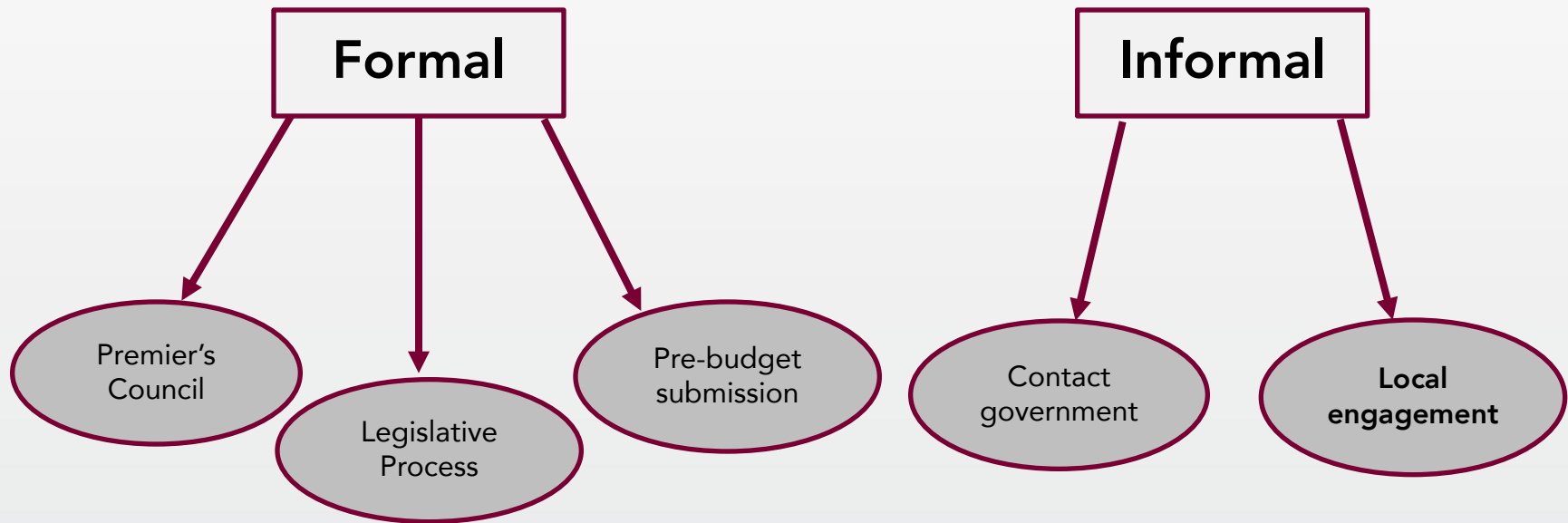
*Process for informing decision-makers on particular issues to help shape public policy.*



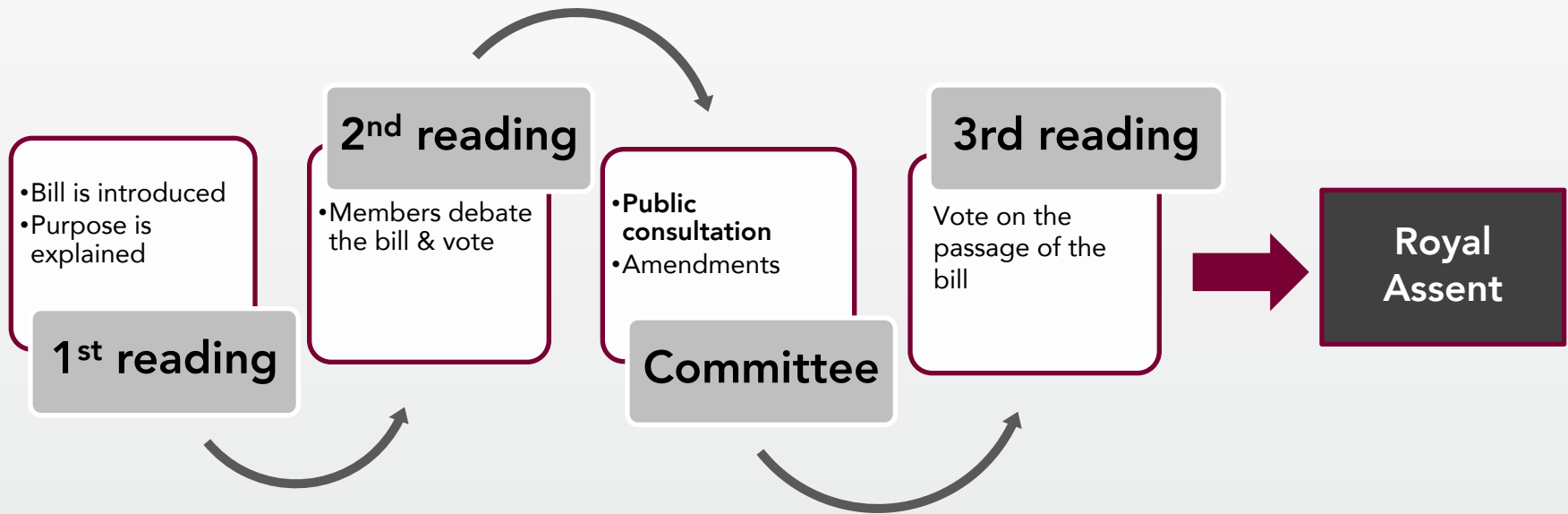
# Get – and stay – informed about the government's agenda

- Monitor key speeches, Op-Eds, legislation, etc.
- Important to know ***what*** the government is doing and ***how*** they are framing challenges & opportunities.
- Look for shared value and position your organization as a **partner** to government.

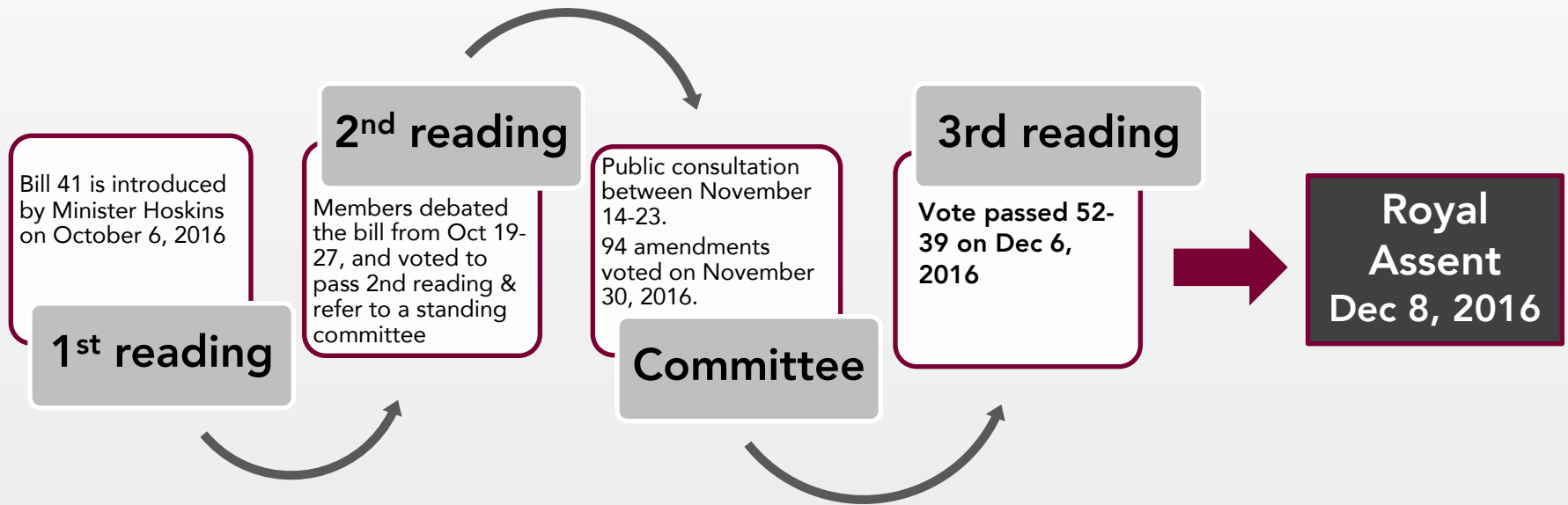
# Look for engagement mechanisms to be part of the conversation



# How governments make legislative changes

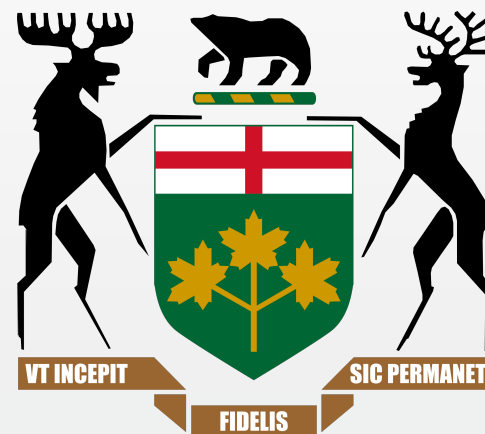


# Example – Passing Bill 41: Patients First Act, 2016



# The importance of local advocacy

- 73 new MPPs elected on June 7
- Demonstrate your organization's value to the system
- Build a relationship with your MPP to cultivate a champion for your organization and sector
- Influence legislation, regulations and policy decisions
- Knowledge exchange with your MPP
- **AFHTO can't do it alone!**





# Local engagement focus: Education & awareness



- Does your MPP know who your team serves and what you do?
- How does the team-based care your organization provides contribute to the local community and system overall?
- What are the challenges facing your team and team-based care organizations? How can your MPP help?

# Local engagement focus: Advocacy



- Strengthen the voice of AFHTO by providing unified, clear and consistent asks
- Opportunity to illustrate alignment with the government's or MPP's local agenda
- Request support or action from your MPP



# Thank you.

Questions?