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AT THE CUTTING EDGE: SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

The PCs were unable to shake the “Harris-Eves” tag applied to the government which was formed 11 years ago next month, but it appears that the LIBs do not have to worry that this year’s new provincial regime will be called “the McGuinty-Wynne” government other than in Tory news releases. Can the new premier be attached to the old one, or has that strategy already failed – in part because the new boss has forthrightly admitted having been associated with the old boss.

Wynne has both admitted she stood with her cabinet colleagues when the previous government took unpopular decisions and sought credit for supporting their popular initiatives such as full-day kindergarten. And she earned credibility by having gone beyond stating objections to some McGuinty policies at the cabinet table to seeking an audience with the premier in the OPO to press her opposition to them privately. Consider her public opposition to the *Bill 115* strategy when the leadership contest began.

Another factor which might have worked to the Tories’ advantage is that Wynne and predecessor McGuinty were born only a couple of years apart, robbing the LIBs of a serious claim to have effected generational change – just as **Mike Harris** and **Ernie Eves** had been contemporaries when they arrived at Queen’s Park. But it seems that Wynne’s Toronto locus and sexual orientation have served to outweigh age in the new image she has been able to concoct.

CHIEFS OF STAFF (in alpha order of ministries)

- At the apex of ministerial staff directors is **Tom Teahen**, CoS to **Premier Kathleen Wynne**, and replacement for **David Livingston**. Teahen previously served Wynne in the CoS capacity back when the new leader was Education minister.
- The CoS to Aboriginal Affairs minister **David Zimmer** is **Guy Bethell**, whose background includes a stint as ED of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- CoS to Wynne in her Agriculture & Food capacity is **Michael Keegan**, who had this role when **Ted McMeekin** handled OMAFRA.
- Another veteran remaining in her post is **Sabina Grando**, returning as CoS to AG **John Gerretsen**.
- Installed as CoS to new Children & Youth Services minister **Teresa Piruzza** is **Caitlin McClung**.
- CoS to **Michael Coteau** as Citizenship & Immigration minister is **Pierre Cyr**.
- **Ted McMeekin’s** CoS at Comsoc is **David Spencer**, previously with **John Molloy**.

- Remaining with **Madeleine Meilleur** as CoS at Community Safety & Correctional Services and at Francophone Affairs, respectively, are **Val Piche** and **Thomas Chanzy**.
- Appointed CoS to new Consumer Affairs minister **Tracy MacCharles** is **Camille Gooden**.
- **Mark Hazleden** is CoS to Economic Development, Trade & Employment minister **Dr. Eric Hoskins**.
- **Howie Bender** is Acting CoS to new Education minister **Liz Sandals**. He was policy director to her predecessor, **Laurel Broten**.
- CoS to **Bob Chiarelli** at Energy is **Andrew Teliszewsky**, who formerly worked for him at Infrastructure.
- **Moira McIntyre** is another experienced veteran who continues as CoS to Environment minister **Jim Bradley**.
- **Tim Shortill**, formerly CoS to departed Finance minister **Dwight Duncan**, retains that post under **Charles Sousa**.
- The CoS to Government House Leader **John Milloy** is **Rebecca MacKenzie**.
- As expected given the impressive impact of **Harinder Takhar’s** leadership campaign, **Omar Khan** returns as his CoS at Government Services.
- CoS to Deputy Premier and Health & Long-Term minister **Deb Matthews** is **Chris Carson**. Carson worked with Matthews in her first portfolio, Children & Youth Services.
- CoS to **Laurel Broten** as Intergovernmental Affairs minister is **Pat Sorbara**, her CoS at Education.
- Signing on as CoS to new Labour minister **Yasir Naqvi** is longtime LIB caucus service bureau communicator **Sean O’Connor**.
- Acting CoS to Municipal Affairs & Housing minister **Linda Jeffrey** is **Hasneet Punia**.
- The CoS for new Natural Resources minister **David Orazietti** is **Kevin McGuire**, returning to government after lengthy GR work in the drug industry.
- Moving as CoS to her minister, **Michael Gravelle**, from MNR to Northern Development & Mines, is **Priya Tandon**.
- CoS to new Research & Innovation minister **Reza Moridi** is **Cory Mulvihill**, who has a Ph.D.
- CoS to **Jeff Leal** at Rural Affairs is **Chad Walsh**.
- CoS to Seniors’ minister **Mario Sergio** is **Ferd Longo**, who held that post in **Charles Sousa’s** Citizenship ministry.
- Another experienced CoS who remains in harness is **Christine Innes**, still running **Michael Chan’s** office

at Tourism, Culture & Sport and the Pan/Parapan games.

- Staying as CoS to **Brad Duguid**, Training, Colleges & Universities minister is **Andrew Block**.
- The CoS to Transportation and Infrastructure minister **Glen Murray** is **David Black**.

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ANOTHER MILLER GENERATION

Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP **Norm Miller** and his wife **Ann** became grandparents last month. Their daughter Abigail and husband Mike took leave from their work in Shanghai so that their daughter could be born in Canada. And young Beatrice was actually delivered at home, with the help of Muskoka midwives – and the new grandfather reports that the blessed event occurred on Family Day, February 18!

FIRST ANNUAL SPEAKER'S BOOK AWARDS

Speaker Dave Levac presided last night over the inaugural presentation of the Speaker's Book Award – which went to **Heather Robertson** for *Walking into Wilderness: The Toronto Carrying Place and Nine Mile Portage* (Winnipeg: Heartland Associates, 2010).

The winning book was introduced by Selection Committee member **Sid Noel** of King's College of the University of Western Ontario in the following remarks: "This is a highly readable account of the author's retracing, on foot and by canoe, of the historically important trail from Toronto to Lake Huron. She sweeps the reader along as she artfully weaves together

personal observations of today's natural environment, accurate history, and well-chosen excerpts from the descriptions and accounts of travellers who made the same journey in past centuries. And to top it off, the full-colour illustrations are superb."

The atmosphere in the Leg. after the award was highly positive. Authors and publishers expressed warm thanks for the Speaker's initiative and industry activists are hopeful that similar awards will be established by other provinces.

IQPs **Graham Murray** was appointed by the Speaker as Co-chair of the Selection Committee. This newsletter will highlight the other 15 shortlisted titles in our next several issues and record the words of the selectors when the nominated books were presented.

THE MONEY SPIGOTS ARE NOT YET DRY

We will see tonight how many LIBs and stakeholders have spent \$1,200 and up for a seat at the Heritage Dinner for its first celebration of Kathleen Wynne's leadership.

The party's bag-people have already gathered in a total of \$2.7M in real-time donations to leadership campaigns. Having tracked earlier donations, we here bring the story up to date. (But we can't bring it to a close quite yet: the rules require Elections Ontario to accept contributions until the end of March 2014.)

As March 19, the EO count puts the Papatello total at \$643K; Wynne at \$623K; Sousa at \$512K; Hoskins at \$303K; Murray at \$240K; Takhar at \$219K; and Kennedy at \$194K.

The rank order of the number of donations by campaign is as follows: Wynne, 605; Papatello, 355; Sousa, 279; Kennedy, 171; Hoskins, 159; Takhar, 102; and Murray, 99. The average donation is \$1,547

THIS DAY IN ONTARIO ELECTORAL HISTORY

March 22, 2001 – The Parry Sound-Muskoka by-election, occasioned by resignation of former Finance minister and Deputy Premier **Ernie Eves**, is held for the PCs by **Norm Miller**, son of 1985 premier **Frank Miller**.

JEAN-LOUIS ROY

Jean-Louis Roy has been a professor; a prolific author, on Africa and the world of associations among many subjects; the editor of Le Devoir; next week publishes Ontario in Transition; and calls himself “a historian of the future”.

PROVINCIAL PROFILE

IQP: How did you get here from there?

Roy: I'm from the Beauce and left to study in Nova Scotia when I was 12. I was a scholar in Church Point until I was twenty years-old. I had a close connection of course with Quebec, but I enjoyed the experience of the eastern part of the country. St. John's University was a very peculiar college, a Francophone college in the middle of an Anglophone community. There with students from the U.S., Colombia, Mexico, France; an extraordinary experience of diversity. Then I went to McGill for my PhD, and they asked me to replace a teacher who was sick, and I stayed for eleven years. Eh,voilà.

IQP: In a phrase, what would you call yourself?

Roy: Well, I think I am a historian of the future. What interests me in life is what is coming, middle- or long-term, what can we know about what is coming, what can we do to facilitate a peaceful and creative future, and those questions will always be at the centre of what I am doing. I wrote a lot of books, half of them devoted to just that. What do we know about the future? What can we do to organize it in such a way that it can be creative for as many people as possible? What binds people together? We know what separates people: we know that there is separation between cultures, language, and religion. On a daily basis, we have a flow of information about that, but to me what binds people together is really more interesting.

IQP: Your latest book *Ontario in Transition* (published in French as *Chers Voisins*) is impressively comprehensive and remarkably detailed as an analysis of Quebec's “most important vis-à-vis” – as political scientist Leon Dion terms it.

Roy: I think the central element of the question is about how Quebec relates to its “most important vis-à-vis”, Ontario, and how Ontario relates to its “most important vis-à-vis”, Quebec. We have had these two Canadian provinces, two societies, in a political relationship for 175 years. It's extraordinary. There were crises and problems, but they have been managed so that the connection, so that the alliance in a way between the two communities, has endured. What we have done together is extraordinary. People want three things: a decent standard of living; a system where rights and freedom are strong and institutions are able to protect them, and we have done that together also; and compassion when they are afflicted by sickness, age or disability. The economies of the two provinces have become extremely integrated. Over 2M people have moved from Quebec to Ontario, and from Ontario to Quebec, in the last twenty years.

IQP: Your middle chapter on the economy is shorter and arguably less penetrating than the rest of the book.

Roy: Well, two things. It's between demography, economy and culture, that's the structure of the book. But culture is also economy. The first lines of chapter three about culture in Ontario are extremely clear: it adds \$15B to the economy. You say the chapter on economic developments may be less penetrating than the rest of the book. When I was researching for the book and talking to so many people in the field, it was extremely difficult for me and Ontarians to be clear on the economy. This economy was extremely solid, built first with the British connection, then with the U.S. connection, and then it was hit by the 2008 crisis, and I was talking to people in the middle of that crisis that is not yet over for Ontario, the U.S. and the world. It was difficult to be extremely sure about what would come out of this difficult period. There was a huge loss of jobs and public money. It was difficult to be definitive about what will be the economic future of Ontario. You have to reconstruct part of your economy because of its links with the U.S., and to rebuild your economy because of globalization. I was writing about your economy as it experienced a very uncertain situation and future.

IQP: How would you sum up the overall transition?

Roy: This huge transition took place in the last three or four decades in Ontario, and the first transition is about population, Ontarians themselves. This had been a kingdom of the white man and 50 years ago our laws were very hard on Asians, Blacks, Jews. This changed in the 60s and Ontario benefits a lot with new people from all over the world: Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, the Middle East. They decided the place they wanted to be was Ontario. You had millions of people and you created such a diverse society that people are now saying that the majority now is the collection of visible minorities. That's an extraordinary change. This is the future of the western world. It is a very interesting experience in terms of making a demographic transition and change. But with the economy, we have to organize ourselves differently to adjust to the tremendous economic, financial and commercial change that is now really transforming the international community. In this transition, Ontario is not alone. In terms of culture, it's really a great transition. Ontario now has a vibrant culture and great institutions, and not only in Toronto but throughout the province. The Ontarian mind has changed a lot and enriched itself. Some of your best writers, renowned all over the world, are immigrants. It has brought to Ontario a brand that is not complete, but its idea is largely appreciated in North America and many parts of the world. We all have to hasten the Ontario experience. Ontario was built by just eight or ten generations of men and women, leaving aside the aboriginal presence.

PEOPLE

Named to chair the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation is **Michael Gravelle**.

Joanne Frenschkowski has been named vice-chair of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal

Maria Defalco has been named to the Minister's Advisory Council for Arts and Culture.

Named to the board of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection is **Anita Lapidus**.

Sharifa Khan has been named to the board of the Ontario Media Development Corporation.

Named to the committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario are **Holly Bickerton & Julie Rosenthal**.

Judith Gelber has been named to the board of the Province of Ontario Council for the Arts (Ontario Arts Council).

Mitzie Hunter has been named to the board of governors for George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology.

Named to the Species at Risk Program Advisory committee are **Ron Nelson** and **Cynthia Robinson**.

Robert Lefebvre and **Eva Nichols** have been named to the Custody Review and Child and Family Services Review boards (Social Justice Tribunals Ontario).

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mar 21 The Empire Club presents Andrea Horwath, Leader of Ontario NDP, "Creating Jobs and Building a Stronger Economy"; Royal York Hotel, Ballroom; 12:00 p.m.
- Mar 21 Ontario NDP "Celebration of Human Rights and Equity" with guest speaker Greg Frankson; 900 Bay St., Macdonald Block, St. Lawrence Lounge; Registration 6 p.m.; Ceremony 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 28 Fundraiser for PC candidate Phil Gillies, Brant with special guest Hon. Rob Nicholson, MP Niagara Falls; Rosewater Supper Club, 19 Toronto Street; 6-9 p.m.
- Apr 2 Catherine Fife's First Annual Spring Social; Westmount Golf & Country Club, 50 Inverness Drive, Kitchener; 6 p.m.
- Apr 3 Lisa MacLeod's Annual East Coast Kitchen Party; Duke of York, 39 Prince Arthur Ave.; 6-8 p.m.
- Apr 7-9 OLTCA/ORCA Annual Convention & Trade Show; Metro Toronto Convention Centre
- Apr 9 2013 PC Leader's Dinner; Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building; 6-10 p.m.
- Apr 11 Public Policy Forum 26th Annual Testimonial Dinner and Awards; Metro Toronto Convention Centre
- Apr 11-12 Council of the Great Lakes Region (CGLR) Inaugural Launch Event at the 2013 Canada-US Law Institute annual conference; Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio; 8 a.m.
- Apr 22 Heart & Vision Award for Premier Bill Davis and Margaret Atwood; Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen Street East, Toronto; Doors open at 7 p.m.; Show 7:30 p.m.
- May 9 MPP Dave Levac's Annual Ontario Fundraiser; Labatt House, 207 Queen's Quay West, Suite 299, Toronto; 6:30-8 p.m.

TRIVIA # 430: Which current MPPs have been related by marriage to other current or recent MPPs?

TRIVIA # 429: Which current MPPs were preceded at Queen's Park by parents or siblings?

ANSWER TO TRIVIA # 429: Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP **Norm Miller** inherited the Muskoka seat held by his father, Frank Miller, who was briefly PC leader and premier in 1985. **John Yakabuski** has sat since 2003 as MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; his father, **Paul**, held the Renfrew South riding from 1963-87.

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