In 2013, Premier Wynne launched Open Government in Ontario and established the Open Government Engagement Team to determine how the province could move forward with this transformation.

Ontario’s Open Government Action Plan is based on three streams of Open Government: **Open Dialogue, Open Data, and Open Information.**

“Our Open Government initiative will help create the transparent, accessible government that the people of Ontario deserve.”

- Premier Kathleen Wynne, October 2013
**Vision:** To become the most open and transparent government in Canada.

### Open Dialogue
- **Public Engagement Framework**
  - Develop framework to set out the guiding principles for engagement
  - **Status:** launched on March 31, 2016 with outreach across OPS Fall 2016. Conducted demo projects with MEDG, TBS, MCSCS

### Open Data
- **Open Data Directive**
  - Implement Open Data Directive with requirements for ministries and provincial agencies
  - **Status:** in force on April 1, 2016; data inventory being released Fall 2016

### Open Information
- **Open Info Strategy**
  - Develop and release a plan for the proactive release of government information
  - **Status:** comprehensive proposal developed – consultations with internal and external stakeholders

### Open Government Partnership
- **Dataset Publishing**
  - Work with ministries to publish new, high-value, high-impact datasets
  - **Status:** 600+ data sets online with more on the way, including the Top 25 most-voted by the public

### Consultations Directory
- **Performance Measurement Framework**
  - Create an online Open Government Project Tracker for the public to follow Ontario’s progress on key projects
  - **Status:** launched in March 2016 and to expand with ministry commitments starting Fall 2016

### Internal Data Portal
- **Internal Data Portal**
  - Create an internal data portal to provide a one-stop hub for ministries to list, share and access data
  - **Status:** proof of concept developed – work now underway to develop options to scale up and expand.

### Learning & Development
- **Change Management**
  - Implement a change management plan to support cultural transformation for Open Government
  - **Status:** OPS’ first Change Lab completed

### Change Management
- **Comms & Outreach**
  - Develop an integrated communications strategy to support Ontario’s Open Government plan
  - **Status:** Ontario.ca and intranet pages refreshed – ongoing outreach and engagement underway
OPEN INFORMATION

Ontario is proactively releasing more information online while making it easier to find, use and understand so the public has the information it needs on government programs, services, operations and activities.
Ontario’s Open Information

- Cabinet Ministers’ Mandate Letters and Response Letters help the public learn about key government priorities and see the progress made.
  - TBS has been mandated with the implementation of a three point plan on Open Information.
- New digital tools show the 2015-16 Public Accounts data in innovative, visual formats.
- Ontario’s new Collective Agreement e-Library Portal allows the public to search for all public and private sector collective agreements in the province, including by employer, union or location.
- An Open Government Project Tracker allows the public to view and track the progress of key government projects that are helping to improve openness, transparency and collaboration.
Ontario’s Open Data

OPEN DATA
Businesses, non-profits and BPS partners are working with government to access and use high-value data that supports innovation and economic value.
Ontario’s Open Data Directive
An open by default approach for data

The directive lays out rules and principles for ministries and agencies to publish open data. The directive gives Ontarians faster and easier access to government data.

Ontario was the first province to release a draft Open Data Directive for public consultation.

The Open by Default Policy is transforming the OPS and Provincial agencies in many ways:

- **Culture change**
  Agile innovations such as internal data portal (open source), to support the directive

- **Evidence + Innovation**
  Release of open data, data inventory, enabling data sharing, supporting start ups

- **Internal + External Engagement**
  Creating a network of open data enthusiasts, working together to solve problems

### The Open Data Directive

- **maintain a public online, government-wide data inventory**

- **publish and update datasets** in a timely manner and in an open, machine-readable format

- **ensure Open Data requirements are part of all future IT systems**

- **monitor and report compliance** to measure progress

- **promote data engagement** with key partners
Quick Facts

Open Data Directive in effect since April 1, 2016.

25 ministries
185 agencies
4,200+ datasets in inventory

OPS Ministries

550+ Open datasets
300+ datasets under review
70+ datasets to be opened
234 restricted datasets
350,000+ downloads

Provincial Agencies

76 agencies have released inventories

Click here to access the Data Catalogue
Open Data Uses in our Communities

**Dinesafe**
Uses the City of Toronto’s dataset on restaurant health and safety violations to help customers make quick and informed decisions about their local restaurant choices.

**MapYourProperty**
Uses 50 open datasets—such as building restrictions, regulatory regimes, natural characteristics and parcel data—to help property developers and home-buyers understand the property market’s opportunities, challenges, and regulations.

**iamsick.ca**
Uses open data—like locations of pharmacies and clinics—to help citizens quickly and easily locate different healthcare providers.
Open Data Engagement and Collaboration

PoliHack
A modern policy development tool which combines the collaborative and rapid development approach of hackathons with diverse perspectives and open data to address a government-identified policy issue.

University of Toronto
Collaboration with graduate student class at UofT Knowledge Media Design Institute for design challenge using Ontario’s open data.

CivicTech Toronto
Weekly hackathon event where members discuss various local topics and use open data to create innovative projects with the aim of solving civic issues.
Regional Open Data - Niagara
OPEN DIALOGUE
A broader, more diverse range of Ontarians is engaging regularly with the government and informing decisions that impact their daily lives.
Ontario’s Public Engagement Framework
A new era for Open Dialogue in the province

A new framework has been developed with advice from a leading public engagement expert, input from ministries and consultations with the public. This supports a wider range of public engagement approaches and will rollout across the OPS in the Spring 2016, with a supporting toolkit.

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**Share**
Inform the public about a public service initiative.

Ontarians receive information about a government program or decision in a way that is accessible to them.

This is one-way communication.

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**Consult**
Gather public views on an issue, policy or decision.

Ontarians have opportunity to weigh-in on a matter of concern.

Participants see themselves as advocates for their views on a subject.

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**Deliberate**
Work with public in varying degrees of depth to frame an issue and/or arrive at solutions.

From...
Identifying and understanding the issue

To...
Developing a strategy that government commits to deliver

Participants find common ground and collectively arrive at an agreement.

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**Collaborate**
Work with public to frame an issue, arrive at and deliver solutions.

Ontarians work with government to define an issue, develop and deliver solutions.

Partners share decision-making and share implementation of solutions.
New online tool allows the public to inform the policies, programs and services that affect their daily lives by:

- Identifying priorities and issues
- Giving feedback on draft policies and plan
- Developing a solution to a problem

What’s Next for the Directory?

- It’s currently in a beta phase and includes only consultations on ontario.ca
- We’re continuing to work on it to make it a more complete listing of all public consultations from across government.
Budget Talks

For the third year in a row, Ontario is inviting the public to submit ideas on how government can make things easier for people in their everyday lives as part of the 2017 Budget cycle.

Last year, the government received 1,700 submissions, including the idea of replacing traditional lighting with energy-saving LED lights on provincial highway corridors. As a result, the government launched a mast lighting pilot project on a portion of Highway 401.

This year, Ontario will be putting final ideas to a public vote and, if chosen, will spend up to $3 million to bring up to eight projects to life.
In 2016, Ontario was selected to be one of 15 participants in a new pilot program run by the Open Government Partnership, an international organization committed to making governments more open, accountable and responsive to citizens.

The goal of the pilot program is to promote open government through increased transparency, accountability, public participation, technology and innovation.
As part of its role in the Open Government Partnership’s new pilot program, Ontario is creating up to five Open Government commitments in collaboration with the public and civil society within the themes of:

**Transparency**
Publishing government-held information & data, and improving access to information

**Accountability**
Tools and processes that hold the government accountable for its decisions

**Public Participation**
Providing more opportunities for the public to weigh in on government decision-making

**Technology & Innovation**
Using innovative technology to improve transparency, accountability, public participation and services
Idea Generation
People were invited to submit ideas online within the four themes of Transparency, Accountability, Public Participation, Technology Innovation.

Online Voting
Ideas were then posted online for public voting.

Workshops
Two in-person workshops and one online session held for targeted stakeholders and the public to assess the top voted ideas and help determine Ontario’s new open government commitments.

What’s Next?
Commitments will be announced at the Open Government Partnership Global Summit December 7-9, 2016 in Paris, France
## Get Involved - Open Government Forums

### Committees
- Public Sector Open Data

### OpenON Forum
- Email opengov@ontario.ca

### Conferences
- GO Open Data 2017 – London, Ontario
- Canadian Open Data Summit – Edmonton, Alberta