

O.G.R.A/R.O.M.A. REPORT

We left Sunday February 22 at 10 A.M. arrived late afternoon and registered for the Conference.

Monday I started with Joelle Faulkner (area one farms).Next we had a presentation from Premier Kathleen Wynne.This was mostly on the programs the Liberal Government are running.

We then met with The Minister of Enviornment Glen Murray and made our presentation on the Septage Project. I believe there will be some kind of action coming sooner than later on this issue.

I then attended the following sessions, Enough Talk the case for permitting new Municipal Revenue tools (fees and charges-tolls-land transfer taxes-P.O.A. fines etc.)

In the afternoon we had a number of Keynote Speakers:

Gary McNamara-President A.M.O

Hon. Brad Dungen

Morgan Baskin Youth Advocate

Boris Martin CEO Engineers without Borders

Hon. Ted McMeekin Minister of Municipal Affairs

Dr Denial Raze St Mike's Hospital

Ministers Forum, 21 Ministers from the Liberal Cabinet answered questions from the floor 3:30 to 5 P.M.

Tuesday

The first speaker was Jim Wilson leader of the Ontario P.C.Party at 8:30 A.M.Then Nick Nanos was the next one to speak and gave us some insight into possible scenarios into the next Federal Election. At 9:45 we listened to Karen Resole her topic was Dare to Dream. She was followed by Andrea Horwath Leader of the N.D.P. Party. The next session I attended was Proactive Strategies for Communicating with Constituents.

I then attended the Trade Show until 2:15 and then my next session was Fair and Open Tendering for Municipal Projects.

The key note speakers started at 4 P.M. with Wab Kinew then followed by Minister of Transport Steven Del Duca.

Wednesday

We started our day with the Hon. Jeff Leal Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs at 8; 30 A.M.

We checked out at 9:15 and headed home arriving early afternoon.

Mayor Robert Kingsbury