

Freedom of information

MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam: Speaker, being an elected official, having the support of my constituents, is the honour of a lifetime. I know you understand this personally and I know you also understand why I'm enraged that the Premier and this government disrespect the same trust that Ontarians have placed in them. They breach that trust by screening themselves from freedom-of-information requests, all in a desperate attempt to keep the Premier's phone records hidden from public scrutiny.

If the public wants to know what the Premier is doing or who his cabinet is meeting with or which lobbyists are whispering into their ears when they dole out billion-dollar contracts, that is simply now too bad under these newly weakened FOI rules.

FOI requests are the cornerstone of transparency and accountability. Without FOI requests, we would not have uncovered the greenbelt giveaway, the corruption with the Skills Development Fund or the fact that the Ontario Science Centre's roof was not at risk of imminent collapse. Under the new restrictions on FOIs, unless they're reversed, we may never know how many inmates will be accidentally released from jails because of this government's incompetence.

Protecting and strengthening the public's right to information means defending the public's right to know. It means ensuring that no government is above scrutiny and that accountability is not optional. Because at its core, freedom of information is about power and accountability, and in a democracy, that power belongs to the people and not any single government, and certainly not Doug Ford.

Time allocation

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): We have a deferred vote on government notice of motion number 16 relating to allocation of time on the following bills: Bill 97, An Act to implement Budget measures, to enact, amend or repeal various statutes and to revoke various regulations; Bill 98, An Act to enact the Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026 and to amend various Acts; and Bill 101, An Act to amend various Acts in respect of education and child care.

Call in the members. This is a five-minute bell.

The division bells rang from 1138 to 1143.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): Members, please take your seats.

On April 20, 2026, Mr. Clark moved government notice of motion number 16 relating to allocation of time on Bills 97, 98 and 101.

All those in favour of Mr. Clark's motion will please rise one at a time and be recognized by the Clerk.

Ayes

- Allsopp, Tyler
- Anand, Deepak
- Babikian, Aris
- Bailey, Robert

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- Bethlenfalvy, Peter
- Bouma, Will
- Bresee, Ric
- Calandra, Paul
- Cho, Raymond Sung Joon
- Cho, Stan
- Ciriello, Monica
- Clark, Steve
- Coe, Lorne
- Cooper, Michelle
- Crawford, Stephen
- Cuzzetto, Rudy
- Darouze, George
- Denault, Billy
- Dixon, Jess
- Dowie, Andrew
- Downey, Doug
- Dunlop, Jill
- Firin, Mohamed
- Flack, Rob
- Gallagher Murphy, Dawn
- Grewal, Hardeep Singh
- Gualtieri, Silvia
- Hamid, Zee
- Hardeman, Ernie
- Harris, Mike
- Jones, Sylvia
- Jones, Trevor
- Jordan, John
- Kanapathi, Logan

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- Kerzner, Michael S.
- Kusendova-Bashta, Natalia
- Leardi, Anthony
- Lecce, Stephen
- Lumsden, Neil
- McCarthy, Todd J.
- Mulroney, Caroline
- Oosterhoff, Sam
- Pang, Billy
- Parsa, Michael
- Piccini, David
- Pinsonneault, Steve
- Pirie, George
- Quinn, Nolan
- Racinsky, Joseph
- Rae, Matthew
- Rickford, Greg
- Riddell, Brian
- Rosenberg, Bill
- Sabawy, Sheref
- Sandhu, Amarjot
- Sarrazin, Stéphane
- Saunderson, Brian
- Scott, Chris
- Smith, Dave
- Smith, David
- Smith, Graydon
- Smith, Laura
- Tangri, Nina
- Thanigasalam, Vijay

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- Thompson, Lisa M.
- Tibollo, Michael A.
- Williams, Charmaine A.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): All those opposed to Mr. Clark's motion will please rise one at a time and be recognized by the Clerk.

Nays

- Armstrong, Teresa J.
- Bell, Jessica
- Blais, Stephen
- Bourgouin, Guy
- Bowman, Stephanie
- Brady, Bobbi Ann
- Burch, Jeff
- Cerjanec, Rob
- Clancy, Aislinn
- Fife, Catherine
- Fraser, John
- French, Jennifer K.
- Gates, Wayne
- Gélinas, France
- Gilmour, Alexa
- Gretzky, Lisa
- Hazell, Andrea
- Hsu, Ted
- Kernaghan, Terence
- McKenney, Catherine
- McMahon, Mary-Margaret
- Pasma, Chandra
- Rakocevic, Tom
- Sattler, Peggy

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- Schreiner, Mike
- Shamji, Adil
- Shaw, Sandy
- Stevens, Jennifer (Jennie)
- Stiles, Marit
- Tabuns, Peter
- Tsao, Jonathan
- Vanthof, John
- Vaugeois, Lise
- Watt, Tyler
- West, Jamie
- Wong-Tam, Kristyn

The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr. Trevor Day): The ayes are 67; the nays are 36.

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): I declare the motion carried.

Motion agreed to.