

ONR-ONTC RESEARCH TASK FORCE: REPORTS IN PROGRESS

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The decisions made by Cabinet to terminate *The Northlander* and to divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission are a matter of concern to a number of individuals, enterprises, and institutions. As a result, there is considerable interest in the activities of the ONR-ONTC Research Task Force struck by Transport Action Ontario.

The purpose of the Reports in Progress page is to inform interested parties of the Task Force terms of reference, and the reports which are in progress to address those terms of reference. Upon completion the reports will be de-listed from this page and moved to the Publications page, which contains details about accessing the reports.

At the request of Transport Action Ontario, the mission of the ONR-ONTC Research Task Force is to examine the studies done by the Government of Ontario through the Department of Northern Development and Mines, as well as any other agencies or agents of the Government of Ontario, and to present:

1. An inventory of the provided studies and other productions containing evidence, advisories, recommendations, opinions, analyses, etc., underlying the decisions made by Cabinet to terminate *The Northlander* and to divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission.
2. An opinion as to the soundness of the research undertaken; and
3. An opinion as to the extent to which the decisions by Cabinet to terminate *The Northlander* and divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission are based upon, supported by, justified by, or are otherwise derived from methodologically sound research.

Titles of reports currently in progress are as follows, and the listing will be updated as reports move to the Publications page or new titles are added.

1. ONR-ONTC Research Task Force Interim Report 1: Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission.
2. Response by Rick Bartolucci, Minister, Northern Development and Mines to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2A.

3. Response by Eric Hoskins, Leadership Candidate, Liberal Party of Ontario to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2B.
4. Response by Gerard Kennedy, Leadership Candidate, Liberal Party of Ontario, to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2C.
5. Response by Glen Murray, Leadership Candidate, Liberal Party of Ontario, to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2D.
6. Response by Sandra Pupatello, Leadership Candidate, Liberal Party of Ontario, to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2E.
7. Response by Charles Sousa, Leadership Candidate, Liberal Party of Ontario, to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2F.
8. Response by Harinder Takhar, Leadership Candidate, Liberal Party of Ontario, to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2G.
9. Response by Kathleen Wynne, Leadership Candidate, Liberal Party of Ontario, to Requests for Details About and Access to Studies Behind the Decisions to Terminate *The Northlander* and Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission: Interim Report 2H.
10. Inventory of the Provided Studies and Other Productions Containing Evidence, Advisories, Recommendations, Opinions, Analyses, etc., Underlying the Decisions Made By Cabinet to Terminate *The Northlander* and to Divest the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission.

Task Force reports are published in as timely a manner as the schedules of Task Force members and the availability of publication resources allow. In addition to listing the

titles of reports, the publications page includes information about the author(s), date of publication and how/where to access materials.

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