

## SCI Alliance Meeting: June 2018

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### **2018 Ontario General Election Update**

In preparation for the 2018 general elections in Ontario, SCIO launched our own interactive online campaign platform called [yourmoveontario.ca](http://yourmoveontario.ca). The platform campaign raised awareness with political candidates about the importance of accessibility issues and its impact on our community.

Congratulations to all elected MPPs and the PC government for their victory. We look forward to engaging this government with the Alliance, amplifying our community's voice and ensuring representation at Queen's Park for people with SCI in a collaborative manner. We have been actively monitoring Ontario's new cabinet and will be building new relationships with new elected ministers and key ministries of interest to advance our Ontario SCI Alliance agenda.

[> View Campaign Results](#)

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### **New Executive Council of Ontario**

Premier Doug Ford and his cabinet were sworn in on June 29, 2018. Below is the list of key Cabinet Ministers and their posts.

- Christine Elliott - Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Deputy Premier
- Raymond Cho - Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- Victor Fedeli - Minister of Finance and Chair of Cabinet Services, and Government House Leader.

[> View the complete list](#)

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### **Federal Accessibility Legislation**

On June 20, the federal government tabled Canada's first national accessibility legislation. We will be working with our Federal Accessibility Legislation Alliance (FALA) under the leadership of SCI Canada to respond to the tabled legislation in the coming months.

[> More info on the bill](#)

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### **Ontario Knowledge Mobilization Network**

The Ontario Knowledge Mobilization Network (Ontario KMN) was first formed under the leadership of Dr. Dalton Wolfe and Saagar Walia as part of the larger 2014 – 2017 Bold New World Plan. The intent of this network was to bring together all five dedicated SCI rehab centres to work collaboratively on common best practice implementation science.

Under the recognition of our SCI community, the Ontario KMN hopes to streamline best practices in spinal cord injury rehab and community supports. Ontario KMN has been meeting monthly to establish their method and specific projects that they will be moving forward for implementation in this fiscal year.

The Alliance will continue to support the Ontario KMN with community engagement to ensure the perspectives of people with lived SCI experience are integrated into the Network's plans. Dr. Dalton

Wolfe and Saagar Walia will provide an update on the specifics and progress of the Network during our next Alliance meeting in September.

[> More info on SCI KMN](#)

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### **Access to Medical Supplies**

We continue to work with Health Quality Ontario (HQO) on the Health Technology Assessment of Intermittent Catheters and expect to release a response to the results of the systemic review from HQO in July. We will inform you when HQO releases their systematic review and offer key messages for public.

[> Our Global Policy Review](#)

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### **Independent Review on Access to Mobility Devices in Ontario**

We have been working closely with University of Toronto's Public Goods Initiative (PGI) to produce an independent review of the Mobility Devices Sector in Ontario. The review informs our work with the government and the community partners on how to improve access to mobility for people with spinal cord injuries and recommends policy and procedural changes impacting the sector.

[> The PGI Independent Review](#)

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### **Knowledge Exchange**

Over the course of this fiscal year, we will be working with our Knowledge Exchange Team to develop comprehensive and interactive video training modules targeted to people with spinal cord injuries and the medical community. The modules will focus on the following topic areas:

- Neuropathic Pain
- Bladder management

### **The Rick and Amanda Hansen Fellowship**

For more information on this Fellowship opportunity, [view the application](#).

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### **Scholarship for People with SCI**

Under the leadership of SCI Canada, we are thrilled to provide scholarships for students with disabilities. Apply now! Deadline is July 31.

[> Learn more](#)