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Between voting to remove Ontario's *Freedom of Information law*, returning his private jet, and wanting to buy Billy Bishop airport, here's what happened this week in the house:

Ford's private jet – gone but not forgotten

Last week, we found out that Doug Ford, who claims there isn't enough money to invest in special education programs or lower grocery prices, had \$28.9 million to buy himself a private jet.

The math doesn't add up.

After intense scrutiny from our caucus every day since the purchase, Ford felt the heat and decided to sell the plane back to Bombardier – guess they have a good return policy!

Ford didn't hand it over quietly. "There's no one in this country that is scrutinized more than I am," he claimed.

When families are living paycheque to paycheque, students can't afford a post-secondary education, and professionals can't find work in the province, the last thing a Premier should do is make selfish, luxury purchases.

This was Ford's first private jet, but he already uses the two private jets owned by the Ontario Provincial Police. Back in 2019, Ford said that he would never use the Premier's plane. Seven years later, he bought his own.

Guess Ford won't be feeling so fly like a G6 anymore.

In loving memory of FOI – 1987-2026.

Following a midnight house session, the tired Ford government pushed their 2026 budget through, despite all of the opposition members voting against it.

This budget doesn't just affect Ontario financially – it also affects the nearly four decade old Freedom of Information Act. This act was introduced as a public legal right to access government records, which created the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

By gutting FOI, the dishonest Doug Ford government is living up to our claims of leading a shady, secretive, and sly administration.

Journalists, organizations, and educational institutions, won't be able to ask for any information on government operational records or personal information held by public institutions.

You can't ask for the information either.

Making it harder to access information begs the question – what are they hiding?

We're not done yet. Your Ontario Liberal Caucus will be bringing back a vote on the FOI changes – let's see if the government changes their minds after a week away from the House.

Harmful gaming ads – a mental health crisis

It seems as though every time you turn on the tv to watch a sports game, or scroll through social media, every few minutes there's an online gambling ad.

The increase in youth and adolescence going through a mental health crisis because of these ads is harmful.

This is why MPP Lee Fairclough, Liberal Critic for Mental Health and Addictions, has introduced the *Stop Harmful Gambling Advertising Act, 2026*, a Private Member's Bill that would ban the advertising and promotion of online gambling in Ontario.

Let's hope that when the time comes to vote on this, Doug Ford looks at the damage this causes instead of using young people as a cash grab.

Ford throws a fit

When in the chamber, it's important for members of all parties to speak to each

other with respect and act in a parliamentary way.

That's the opposite of how Doug Ford acted when he attacked MPP Stephanie Smyth, Liberal Critic for Ethics, Integrity & Accountability.

Smyth questioned the Premier on why he refuses to uphold the Freedom of Information laws and hand over his phone to the Royal Canadian Mountain Police for investigation.

A pioneer for female journalists across the country, Smyth and her 30+ year career were on the receiving end of the Premier's trashy comments.

Sexism in the workplace is very visible with this government. You only go low when you don't have an answer.

Interim Leader John Fraser, and leader of the Green Party, Mark Schreiner, called on Ford to apologize for his comment. Journalists are also coming to defend Smyth, with one reporter calling his comments "dirty and uncalled for".

We have yet to hear an apology.

Buying Billy Bishop

Ford may have sold his private jet for \$28.9 million, but he's wanting to use that money to now buy and expand Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

The government, although very excited about this, have received heavy backlash from Toronto Mayor, Olivia Chow for the decision.

They want to take over more of the province without protecting Ontario. Classic colonial act.

The *Building Billy Bishop Airport Act*, introduced by Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria, will be debated at the beginning of May. If passed, the out-of-touch Conservative government will take control of one third of Toronto's Little Norway region, which is on the waterfront.

We have one question for the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy – did you budget for this?

Wanted: Six missing prisoners

Remember those 150 prisoners that were mistakenly let out the front door on

Solicitor General, Michael Kerzner's, watch?

There's still at least six of them still out, with no idea of where they could be.

Even worse? The victims and survivors of the crimes haven't been notified.

This goes far beyond mismanagement – it's directly putting Ontarians at a high risk.

Ontario isn't *Money Heist*. Our neighbours, children, and community members deserve better than to constantly look over their shoulder.

When will this failing Ford government wake up and take off their rose coloured glasses? Maybe he's taking inspiration from Donald Trump's government?

Ford's popularity is rapidly declining, but we need your support to make sure that when the next election rolls around, we're ready to take down his whole crew.

We're not backing down now, and we're going to ensure that Ontario truly protects you.

Thank you for your continued support,
Your Ontario Liberal Party