



# End of mandate report

The Honourable David C. Onley  
28th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (2007-2014)



His Honour the Honourable David C. Onley, OOnt  
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Shown in the uniform of Colonel of the Regiment of  
The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment)

Painted by Juan Martínez

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Since 1937, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario operates out of a suite of offices located in the northwest corner of the Legislative Building at Queen's Park

# At a glance

Highlights of Mr. Onley's mandate

**September 5, 2007**

DATE OF INSTALLATION

**September 23, 2014**

LAST DAY IN OFFICE

**7 years, 18 days**

LENGTH OF MANDATE

**6328**

LETTERS RECEIVED

**4750**

INVITATIONS RECEIVED

**2550**

NUMBER OF ENGAGEMENTS

**Over 1 million**

AUDIENCE AT EVENTS ATTENDED

**61,000**

VISITORS TO THE SUITE  
AT QUEEN'S PARK

**14**

FIRST NATIONS VISITED\*

**12**

ROYAL VISITS

**9**

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

**Accessibility  
Aboriginal Literacy**

PRINCIPAL MANDATE THEMES

**"That which enables  
people to achieve  
their full potential"**

WHAT ACCESSIBILITY MEANS

**First**

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ON TWITTER

**Second**

LONGEST SERVING  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



\*Her Honour paid 23 visits on Mr. Onley's behalf to 13 First Nations communities in Northern Ontario. These "fly-in" communities were simply inaccessible to Mr. Onley because of his reliance on a power scooter.

# A message from His Honour

## The Honourable David C. Onley

To mark the end of my tenure as Ontario's 28th Lieutenant Governor, I present this report on the major initiatives I have undertaken since my installation on September 5, 2007.

As the first Lieutenant Governor of Ontario with a physical disability, I adopted accessibility as the theme for my term in office. In order to make the point that accessibility is not restricted to physical accommodations, like ramps and automatic doors, I defined accessibility as "that which enables people to achieve their full potential". Accessibility is also an attitude, welcoming and supporting people at all levels of ability, because every human being is unique and of value.

While I have promoted accessibility in all its forms throughout my term, I have been especially concerned by the high levels of unemployment in the disability community. To that end, I have met with and spoken to employer groups in the public and private sectors, and to service clubs and community organizations around the province, promoting the business case for employing people with disabilities. I'm pleased to say that I've witnessed considerable progress; there is still work to be done, but I have faith that it will continue long after I leave office.

Throughout the past seven years, I have been welcomed by Ontarians of all ages. I have joined with them in commemorating anniversaries, honouring local heroes, while on other occasions we have mourned the loss of soldiers, police officers, and firefighters. But I have always been inspired by Ontarians' sense of decency and volunteerism.

My wife Ruth Ann has visited, on my behalf, many of the Lieutenant Governor's Aboriginal Summer Reading Camps in Northern Ontario, where she was honoured to represent the Crown's connections with Canada's First Nations and to bear witness to the people, their history, and their cultures.

I am honoured to have had the privilege of serving the people of Ontario as Her Majesty The Queen's representative. For me and for Ruth Ann, it has been a transformative experience, one that we will look back on with gratitude for the many fond memories.

God bless Ontario. God save The Queen!



David C. Onley

# A message from the Chief of Staff

## Mr. Anthony Hylton

Since Mr. Onley's installation as Lieutenant Governor in September 2007, the institution of the Crown in Ontario has seen remarkable change. Whether through constitutional and ceremonial duties, or by participating in community and volunteer events, Ontario's Lieutenant Governor continues to represent Her Majesty in our province with energy and enthusiasm.

In line with the spirit of his theme of accessibility, under Mr. Onley's leadership, the Lieutenant Governor's Suite is now more accessible and open to the public than ever before, and our office has made a concerted effort to connect with Ontarians in all areas of society.

During Mr. Onley's mandate, the office has focussed on public outreach, aiming to enhance visibility in the community, with events linked to high-profile activities such as the Toronto International Film Festival, the Luminato Festival, the WorldPride Human Rights Conference 2014, as well as the annual New Year's Levee, salons, round-table discussions, art exhibitions, and regional visits.

Our office has also revolutionized the way in which we connect with Ontarians. In addition to

traditional communications, we now keep people informed of the Lieutenant Governor's activities through social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. This has been a large undertaking and one that will continue to evolve.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many partners, organizations, families, and individuals that have helped us serve the Lieutenant Governor. In particular, I would like to thank our small but devoted staff, and the dedicated corps of aides-de-camp and other volunteers who welcome the many thousands of annual visitors to the suite.



Anthony Hylton

# His Honour

The Honourable David C. Onley, OOnt



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The Honourable David C. Onley was appointed Ontario's 28th Lieutenant Governor following a distinguished career as a broadcaster.

Having championed disability issues for many years, Mr. Onley served as chair of the Accessibility Standards Advisory Council of the Government of Ontario and as an accessibility council member for the Rogers Centre and the Air Canada Centre.

As Ontario's first Lieutenant Governor with a physical disability, Mr. Onley adopted accessibility as the overarching theme of his mandate. He defines accessibility as "that which enables people to achieve their full potential", and believes that true accessibility occurs when disabled people can fully participate in the social, cultural, and economic life of Ontario.

Because accessibility includes equal access to opportunities such as education, Mr. Onley

expanded the Aboriginal Youth Literacy Initiative to include computer literacy programs.

Mr. Onley was born in Midland, Ontario, grew up in Scarborough, and has been inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame and the Scarborough Walk of Fame. He served as Colonel of the Regiment of The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) in his capacity of Lieutenant Governor, and personally as Honorary Colonel of 25 Field Ambulance. He is the recipient of the Rick Hansen Award of Excellence, the Courage to Come Back Award, and holds 12 honorary degrees.



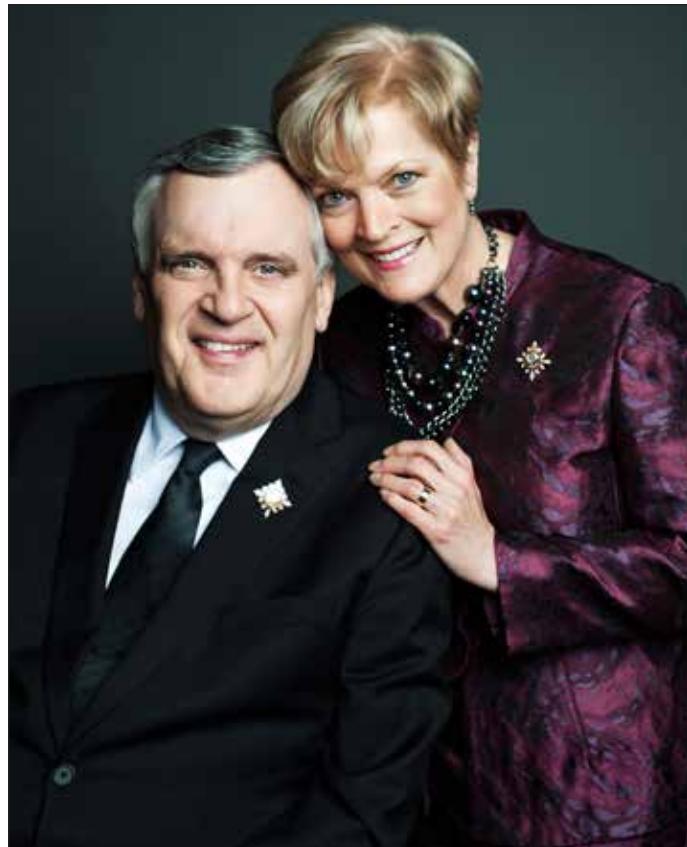
Mr. Onley received a grant of arms in 2007  
*Register of Arms, Flags and Badges of Canada*,  
Volume V, page 448

## Coat of arms symbolism

Among the symbolism in Mr. Onley's arms are allusions to aerospace, his faith, and accessibility. The Latin motto PER ARDUA AD ALTA, meaning "Through adversity to the heights", alludes to the spirit of overcoming challenges to fulfil one's potential.

# Her Honour

Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley



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As Ontario's viceregal consort, Mrs. Onley took part in many of the Lieutenant Governor's activities, embracing her public role with enthusiasm.

Raised on a farm near Simcoe, she studied psychology and French at university before becoming a professional singer and touring across North America.

Her career has included performances on television, and with orchestras, stage shows, conventions, and at major sporting events. In 1982, she won the Canadian Country Music Association Vista Rising Star award.

With marriage, Mrs. Onley turned her attention to family life and to raising the Onley's three sons, Jonathan, Robert, and Michael. She has now returned to gospel singing and is a successful recording artist and performer. In 2014, she recorded

"We Are the People of the Maple Leaf", a new patriotic song for Canada with lyrics, written by His Honour, set to the popular tune of "Highland Cathedral".

Throughout her husband's time in office, Mrs. Onley often attended functions and participated in initiatives in place of His Honour when accessibility infrastructure precluded his attendance.

Her Honour made 23 visits to Aboriginal communities in Northern Ontario as part of the Lieutenant Governor's Aboriginal Youth Literacy program. Her Honour's vibrant and caring involvement has strengthened the viceregal relationship with Aboriginal communities in Ontario.



Mr. and Mrs. Onley in August 2014 at the wedding of their son Robert to Natasha, accompanied by son Jonathan, daughter-in-law Andrea, and son Michael.

# Constitutional responsibilities

## Carrying out the executive powers of the Crown

Mr. Onley ascends the Throne at his installation ceremony; Premier Dalton McGuinty and Chief Justice Warren Winkler look on as Mr. Onley signs his installation oaths; Members of the 24th Executive Council after their swearing-in ceremony; Announcing the appointment of Premier Kathleen Wynne; Reading the Speech from the Throne

### Representing the head of state

Canada is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy. This means that while The Queen is Canada's head of state—represented in Ontario by the Lieutenant Governor—the Premier is the provincial head of government. In our system of government, the two roles are distinct: the head of state holds supreme constitutional power on behalf of the people and lends it to be exercised by the government of the day.

### Powers and responsibilities

The powers and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor derive from the *Constitution Act, 1867*, statute, and constitutional convention. The Lieutenant Governor is responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that Ontario always has a Premier that commands the confidence of the elected Legislative Assembly;
- Appointing ministers to the Executive Council (Cabinet) on the recommendation of the Premier;
- Reading the Speech from the Throne at the start of a parliamentary session;
- Giving Royal Assent in The Queen's name to bills passed by the Legislative Assembly, the final step in the legislative process;



- Summoning, proroguing, and dissolving the Legislative Assembly on the advice of the Premier;
- Ordering elections to the Legislative Assembly on the advice of the Premier and Executive Council;
- Approving regulations, public appointments, and other government business via Orders-in-Council on the advice of the Executive Council;
- Ensuring that the democratic will of Ontarians and their elected representatives is upheld, and that the unwritten constitutional conventions of responsible government are respected.



Her Majesty receives Their Honours at Buckingham Palace, 2008



Their Honours accompany The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Queen's Park, 2010



The Hon. Kathleen Wynne is sworn in as the 25th Premier of Ontario, 2013

The Lieutenant Governor conducts these roles in a non-partisan fashion and retains the right to be consulted, to encourage, and to warn.

### In numbers

During his time in office, Mr. Onley:

- Delivered five Throne Speeches;
- Issued writs for three general elections;
- Issued writs for 14 by-elections;
- Swore in Ministers of the Crown during four full-scale Cabinet swearing-in ceremonies and 18 Cabinet shuffles.

In addition, from September 5, 2007 to September 17, 2014:

- Royal Assent was granted to 210 bills;
- 13,071 Orders-in-Council were signed into effect.

# Core initiatives

## Bringing important issues into the public consciousness



His Honour on the slopes at Oshawa Ski Club; Opening the newly accessible suite with then Speaker Steve Peters; Meeting Jamaican artist Astro Saulter; The Countess of Wessex attends a celebration of Aboriginal culture; Her Honour meets a summer reading camp volunteer

The Lieutenant Governor, while serving the people of Ontario as a whole, also has a unique opportunity to draw public attention to themes that transcend politics and reflect the values of society.

For many years prior to his appointment, David C. Onley was a respected and effective advocate for the disability community. As the first Lieutenant Governor of Ontario with a physical disability, Mr. Onley chose accessibility as the overarching theme for his time in office. In his installation speech on September 5, 2007, he pledged to promote accessibility, which he defined as "that which enables people to achieve their full potential". He pointed out that his vision of accessibility was not limited to people with physical disabilities; it also included people with invisible disabilities, such as mental health challenges and learning disabilities, as well as those who are marginalized by poverty, alienation, or lack of opportunity.

**"Accessibility is that which enables people to achieve their full potential."**

**INSTALLATION ADDRESS, SEPTEMBER 2007**

Accordingly, Mr. Onley pledged to continue and expand on the Aboriginal youth literacy initiatives of his predecessor, the Hon. James K. Bartleman, in order to enhance accessibility to mainstream society for young Aboriginal people and enable them to realize their potential.

## Accessibility

During his mandate, Mr. Onley participated in nearly 500 accessibility-related functions. The Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queen's Park was the venue for many of these events, including exhibitions by artists with disabilities, and receptions for Ontario's Paralympic and paraport athletes.

In 2009, an elevator was installed in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queen's Park, making the facility accessible for the first time to visitors with physical disabilities.

## Employment opportunities for persons with disabilities

Perhaps the most daunting challenge for people with disabilities is the number of myths and misperceptions preventing them from getting jobs. Throughout his tenure, His Honour promoted the business case for hiring disabled workers, encouraging business owners and managers to remove barriers, both physical and attitudinal, that keep disabled people out of the workplace.

- From his earliest days in office, Mr. Onley spoke to hundreds of employers in the private and public sectors, and enlisted the support of service organizations and business groups in promoting the unique advantages persons with disabilities bring to the workforce.
- He worked closely on the issue with **Rotary Clubs** around the province. Since 2007, His Honour spoke to more Rotary Clubs than any other single group, as many of their key programs—including the **End Polio Now** campaign and **Rotary at Work**—aligned with his objectives as Her Majesty's representative.



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Their Honours meet participants during the Lieutenant Governor's Games at Variety Village



Spencer West's team hold the Lieutenant Governor's Standard at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, June 18, 2012



The viceregal standard flew once again in Toronto on July 23, 2012

- His Honour also worked with **Legal Leaders for Diversity**, a group of general counsels from major Canadian public companies who are committed to increasing opportunities and inclusion in the workplace for people with disabilities.
- In January 2013, His Honour led a team of business, government, and accessibility experts on a tour of the Connecticut distribution centre of Walgreens, the largest drug retailing chain in the United States and a leader in employment for persons with disabilities.
- In September 2014, it was announced that Mr. Onley would become the honorary patron of **Canadian Business SenseAbility**, a new private-sector organization created to help Canadian companies access the benefits of hiring people with disabilities.

## Recognizing achievement

Mr. Onley enthusiastically recognized outstanding achievements and personal excellence in accessibility communities.

- Mr. Onley participated in several awards events with the **Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons**, including the annual Great Valentine Gala (2009–2014).
- He developed a relationship with Free the Children and its founders, Craig and Marc Kielburger, as well as motivational speaker **Spencer West**. Despite the amputation of both legs in childhood, Mr. West climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds and awareness for Free the Children, taking the Lieutenant Governor's Standard with him to the peak in June 2012. On his return to Toronto, His Honour invited Mr. West and his team to raise the very same standard during a ceremony at Queen's Park.
- His Honour celebrated the service of those helping Ontarians with developmental disabilities and mental health conditions, including **Community Living Ontario**, **Special Olympics**, **Moeen Centre**, and **Autism Ontario**.
- He supported sports and recreation groups for people with disabilities, went skiing with the **Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing**, took glider flights with **Freedom Wings**, a group providing flight training opportunities for people with disabilities, and took part in opening ceremonies for the 2009 and 2011 **Mobility Cup** regattas for disabled sailors.
- In 2010, Mr. Onley attended the Winter Paralympics in Vancouver, where he gave a keynote speech to international delegates at the 2010 Accessibility Showcase. He also presented the victory bouquet to silver medalist Colette Bourgonje, the first Canadian to win a medal during the 2010 Vancouver Paralympics.
- In 2013, His Honour hosted a screening of **March to the Top**, a documentary following a team of wounded and ill Canadian veterans as they set out to climb a mountain in the Himalayas.

- His Honour acted as honorary patron of **Variety Village**, one of Canada's premier fitness, life skills, and sports facilities for people of all abilities. Throughout his mandate, he continued the long-standing viceregal tradition of officially opening and attending the Lieutenant Governor's Games at Variety Village every year.
- Mr. Onley recognized the work of those helping the poor and people with invisible disabilities, paying visits to the **Yonge Street Mission**, **Scott Mission**, **Sanctuary**, and **The Good Neighbours' Club**, among others.

## Jamaica

In November 2012, Mr. Onley was invited to be the keynote speaker at the inaugural Disability Friendly Awards Gala in Kingston, Jamaica. The trip was organized by the Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Jamaican consul general at Toronto.

During his visit, His Honour took the opportunity to meet with many of the people and organizations involved in improving accessibility and the quality of life for Jamaicans with disabilities. He toured the **Sir John Golding Rehabilitation Centre**, which serves the needs of disabled persons throughout the English-speaking Caribbean and is badly in need of renovation.

In April 2013, Mr. Onley returned to Kingston, leading a volunteer delegation of Canadian accessibility experts on a visit to the centre. They met with their Jamaican counterparts to exchange ideas and identify areas needing improvement, and established commitments for future Canadian co-operation in renovating the centre's facilities to improve overall accessibility.

## Reimagining Accessibility

In September 2013, Mr. Onley joined with OCAD University to officially launch **Reimagining Accessibility**, an international student challenge to complement the traditional wheelchair sign by designing a more encompassing and inclusive accessibility symbol or set of symbols. The contest was open to post-secondary students and adjudicated by an expert jury, with the finalists' designs to be unveiled at the Lieutenant Governor's Suite in the presence of The Countess of Wessex.

Awareness of the competition gained traction through His Honour's blog at the Huffington Post, and attracted more than 100 submissions from students around the world. Ultimately, the judges concluded the competition had not achieved its goal, although two designs were deemed worthy of honourable mentions for their promising concepts. The **Inclusive Design Research Centre** at OCAD U committed to working with the designers of both submissions, for presentation the following year at the **International Summit on Accessibility** in Ottawa. The designs were also featured in a February 2014 pop-up exhibit at the **Museum of Modern Art** in New York City.



Touring the prosthetics workshop at the Sir John Golding Rehabilitation Centre



Reimagining Accessibility Honourable Mentions  
Left: Design by Tagreed Al-Zubaidi,  
Julie Buelow, Yijin Jiang, Arief Yulianto;  
Right: Design by Dalton Hadwen



Loading books onto Canadian Forces trucks for distribution to First Nations

“My definition of accessibility includes access to education for all students to achieve their full potential. For some with disabilities, it implies special needs being met. For Aboriginal kids, it means ensuring they have the same 21st century computer resources kids have in the rest of Ontario.”

ABORIGINAL CULTURE CELEBRATION, NOVEMBER 2011



Their Honours visit Nibinamik First Nation



Mrs. Onley spends time with a camper at Eabametoong First Nation



Her Honour captains a canoe during a trip to KI First Nation

## Aboriginal peoples in Ontario

Ontario’s Aboriginal peoples have long had a special relationship with the Crown. Through his commitment to continue and expand the Aboriginal youth literacy initiatives of his predecessor, the Hon. James K. Bartleman, Mr. Onley—with the enthusiastic and invaluable assistance of his wife Ruth Ann—made a lasting contribution to strengthening this bond.

- In 2008 and 2009, His Honour launched book drives that resulted in 50,000 new books being donated and sent to First Nations children in Northern Ontario.
- In 2010, His Honour established a pilot computer program in Kingfisher Lake and Poplar Lake First Nations.
- Mr. Onley hosted five presentations of the James Bartleman Youth Creative Writing Award.
- Mr. Onley attended the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Leadership Assembly in November 2007.
- In August 2014, His Honour attended and spoke at a ceremony in Youngstown, New York to mark the 250th anniversary of the Treaty of Niagara.

### Lieutenant Governor’s Aboriginal Summer Reading Camps

The Lieutenant Governor’s Aboriginal Summer Reading Camps provide Aboriginal youth in remote communities with the opportunity to enhance their literacy and numeracy skills in a fun, engaging, activity-oriented setting. The program is implemented by Frontier College on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor’s Office. In 2013, 3225 Aboriginal children and youth attended 42 three-week camps in 29 First Nations communities.

The regions where the Lieutenant Governor’s literacy initiatives are most needed are in some of the most remote areas of Ontario. The First Nations in those areas are known as “fly-in” communities because they are accessible only by small aircraft during most of the year.

Even after the government’s executive aircraft was fitted with a dedicated stair-climbing machine, His Honour was severely limited in the number of trips he could make, as conditions in the fly-in communities were too rugged for his scooter to navigate.

Mr. Onley believed it was vital for the program’s success that there be a personal connection between the Lieutenant Governor and the young people in these communities, and His Honour was anxious that the initiatives not be carried out at a distance. His wife, Ruth Ann, volunteered to travel north in his stead.

Her Honour made 23 visits to 13 Aboriginal communities on His Honour’s behalf, engaging with the people there on a personal level. Her warm and empathetic personality made a lasting impression, not just on the camp counsellors and children, but also on the chiefs and elders who invited Mrs. Onley to visit and witness events in their

communities. Her Honour's musical talent proved to be a bonus: after reading with the children and discussing the pleasures of books, Mrs. Onley sang hymns and songs with them, at various times in their native language.

Her Honour undertook the majority of these visits alone; she was twice accompanied by Mr. Bartleman and, on two occasions, by Her Excellency Mrs. Sharon Johnston, wife of Governor General David Johnston. These visits not only served the goals of the literacy program, they also drew attention to the challenges and achievements of Ontario's First Nations.

Her Honour's final visit took place on September, 2014, when she was accompanied on a three-day trip by The Countess of Wessex, Premier Kathleen Wynne, the Lieutenant Governor-designate, Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and a group of women leaders from Ontario's cultural, business, academic, and philanthropic sectors. During their visit, the delegation met with community and youth leaders at Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation.

Her Honour's extraordinary contribution to the youth literacy initiative ensured the ongoing success of the program and greatly enhanced the relationship between the Lieutenant Governor and Aboriginal communities in Northern Ontario.

### Truth and reconciliation

In September 2011, His Honour hosted a cross-cultural dialogue of the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada** in the suite. Representatives from Ontario's Aboriginal community shared their experiences related to residential schools and His Honour, along with Marc Kielburger of Free the Children, were made honorary witnesses by the commission.

Subsequently, in May 2012, Mr. Onley delivered remarks at the opening ceremonies for a truth and reconciliation conference in Toronto.

### Aboriginal Forum

Arising from his experience with the truth and reconciliation process, in 2012, Mr. Onley held the first in a series of **Lieutenant Governor's Aboriginal Forums**, periodic round table discussions co-chaired by Deloitte Canada, Nipissing University, and First Nations House at University of Toronto, to foster information sharing and collaboration between individuals and organizations interested in the well-being of Aboriginal Ontarians and their communities. Dispensing with much of the usual ceremony associated with events at Queen's Park, the forum's informal approach encouraged networking and the building of strategic relationships.

The meetings, which were both well received and well attended, continued to the end of His Honour's mandate. Among the results of these forums have been greater co-operation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal participants—including the marriage of a couple who met as delegates!—and the donation of 3500 Kobo eReaders to the Lieutenant Governor's Aboriginal Youth Literacy program.

Another outcome of the forum is the collaboration of a number of organizations with Frontier College in delivering educational resources and programs to Aboriginal communities in Ontario. These organizations include: One Laptop Per Child Canada, Prince's Charities Canada, and Right To Play.



Mr. Onley was made an honorary witness of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada



Mr. Onley poses with Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy at a meeting of the Lieutenant Governor's Aboriginal Forum

# Connecting with Ontarians

Reaching out to the public and increasing the Crown's impact



The New Year's Levee is a family affair; Their Honours attended the Royal Wedding in spirit thanks to Photoshop and Facebook; Wishing Ontarians a happy Thanksgiving; His Honour takes a viceregal "selfie" to celebrate the 2013 word of the year; Charles Pachter's *Emblem* adorns the suite as part of *Lest We Forget*

## Engaging Ontarians online

Mr. Onley is a skilled communicator, as reflected in his background as a television reporter, program host, and news anchor. During his mandate, modernizing communications became a priority of the Lieutenant Governor's Office. The development of a new website and implementation of a social media strategy generated a marked increase in public engagement.

### Website

From his installation, Mr. Onley was personally involved in the development of the Lieutenant Governor's website, overseeing regular updates and prompting the adoption of new technologies.

In February 2013, after nearly a year of preparations, the office unveiled a completely redeveloped website, featuring a new look and feel and incorporating a modern content management system that allows for immediate updates. The website is fully compliant with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, meeting or exceeding WCAG 2.0 AA standards.

In May 2013, the Ministry of Government Services recognized the new website's development team with an **IT Award of Distinction** in the Small Projects, Big Impact category.

### Social media

Beginning in February 2012, Twitter and Facebook accounts were incorporated in the new online communications strategy.



The office now operates official accounts on Facebook, Flickr, Instagram, Livestream, Scribd, SoundCloud, Storify, Twitter, and YouTube.

In 2013, Mr. Onley reached out to the public in an unprecedented way, taking to Twitter to guide the public during the transition between the 24th and 25th ministries of Ontario.

In 2014, Mr. Onley similarly explained the responsibilities and respective roles of the Lieutenant Governor and Premier during the provincial election process.

### Blogging

In 2013, Mr. Onley was invited to become a blogger on the **Huffington Post Canada** website. He contributed periodic blog posts on various topics, including The Queen's coronation, accessibility, his First Nations initiatives, and the history of Ontario's Lieutenant Governors.

## Traditional communications

Both Mr. and Mrs. Onley have appeared frequently in the media. Throughout his mandate, Mr. Onley participated in hundreds of media interviews, communicating the role and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor to the public while emphasizing his particular initiatives.

### Special event messages

More than 1350 congratulatory messages were sent on the Lieutenant Governor's behalf to charities and community organizations celebrating significant anniversaries, hosting conferences and fundraising galas, and organizing cultural and sporting events.

## Birthday and anniversary greetings

Just over 51,800 greetings were sent on the Lieutenant Governor's behalf to Ontarians celebrating birthdays (90 years and over) and golden (50 years) wedding anniversaries and beyond.

## Spending time with Ontarians

### Engagements

Mr. Onley hosted or attended over 2550 engagements across Ontario, nationally, and internationally. While many of these events took place in the suite at Queen's Park, Mr. Onley travelled to a great majority of Ontario's 107 ridings. Overall, based on attendance estimates, more than one million people were present at events attended by Mr. Onley through the seven years of his tenure.

In 2008, the province invested in a stair climbing machine for its executive aircraft, which had previously been unable to accommodate passengers with mobility issues. This allowed His Honour to greatly expand the range of community visits throughout the province.

### New Year's Levee

Mr. Onley continued the tradition of hosting the Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Levee on January 1 of each year. The levee is a unique opportunity for Ontarians to meet Her Majesty's provincial representative, learn about the Lieutenant Governor's role and responsibilities, and enjoy local entertainment and refreshments.

Usually held in the suite at Queen's Park, the levee took place elsewhere in Ontario from time to time:

- City Hall, Peterborough (2009)
- Fort York National Historic Site, Toronto (2011)
- Fort George National Historic Site, Niagara-on-the-Lake (2012)

### Tours of the suite

The suite was regularly opened to visitors on Canada Day, during **Doors Open Toronto**, and as part of tours of the Legislative Assembly. Since 2007, it is estimated that over 61,000 persons visited the suite on tours or official functions.

A concerted effort was made to increase public access while art installations were displayed in the suite. Regular postings on the Lieutenant Governor's Facebook page, Twitter feed and Huffington Post blog contributed to a marked increase in tour requests during exhibitions.



Their Honours welcomed Paralympian and philanthropist Rick Hansen to the Lieutenant Governor's Suite



Their Honours meet War of 1812 re-enactors during the New Year's Levee at Fort George National Historic Site



Their Honours pose with the Governor General and Mrs. Johnston during the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Gala in Toronto

# Community role

## Encouraging community engagement and cultural involvement



Indigenous women filmmakers during the imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival; His Honour inspects the Canadarm; 2013 Junior Citizens of the Year; A view of the *About Face* exhibition, The Countess of Wessex tries her hand spinning a record with UforChange DJ L'Oqenz

### Youth and education

Mr. Onley encouraged young Ontarians to succeed throughout their education and development, and served as a role model for youth living with disabilities. His many youth-related engagements included the following:

- His Honour visited and spoke at dozens of elementary and high schools around the province during his mandate.
- In September 2007, Mr. Onley attended the **Scholastic Canada Kids Are Authors** awards ceremony.
- Mr. Onley spoke to almost 100,000 young people at **Free The Children's We Day** gatherings between 2009 and 2014, bringing his message of accessibility to a new generation. He also hosted several receptions to recognize young volunteers.

- From 2011 to 2013, he hosted and presided over the **Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Junior Citizen of the Year Award**.
- His Honour met frequently with Legislative Assembly pages, encouraging their involvement in public service.

### Science

Mr. Onley has a great personal interest in the world of science and technology, having worked for many years in television as a science correspondent. During his mandate, he took part in several events related to Ontario's technology sector and advanced medical research programs.

- In 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2013, Mr. Onley presented the **John Charles Polanyi Prizes** to Ontario's finest young researchers.
- In 2009, His Honour celebrated the 10th anniversary of the **Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics** during National Science and Technology Week in Waterloo.
- In October 2009, His Honour spoke at a commemoration of the 160th anniversary of the **Royal Canadian Institute for the Advancement of Science**.
- In August 2010, he visited **Science North** in Sudbury.
- Mr. Onley was a regular visitor to major hospitals through southern Ontario, keeping abreast of the health sector's latest technological developments. In 2014, he made a keynote address to the annual general meeting of the **Medico-Legal Society of Toronto**.



Speaking to the crowd at Toronto We Day celebrations

Mr. Onley attended a number of events touching on the theme of space exploration. He was a guest of the **Canadian Space Agency** at the final launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis in 2011. He also corresponded on Twitter with **Colonel Chris Hadfield** during his command of the International Space Station.

Back on Earth, His Honour welcomed Colonel Hadfield to Queen's Park and they attended the Toronto première of the sci-fi movie *Gravity* together. In July 2014, Colonel Hadfield returned to the suite and performed "O Canada" at the conclusion of the swearing-in ceremony for new MPPs in the Legislative Chamber.

## Arts and culture

His Honour recognized the importance of Ontario's vibrant arts and culture scenes, making a sustained effort throughout his tenure to encourage the intersection of arts and accessibility.

- In October 2007, Mr. Onley attended a reception in Toronto for the **Abilities Arts Foundation**, a charity providing creative opportunities for disabled persons.
- In December 2007, Mr. Onley visited the **Norfolk Heritage Centre** in Simcoe to meet local artists and tour the centre's displays.
- In August 2008, Mr. Onley visited the **Mouth and Foot Painting Artists Gallery**; Their Honours subsequently presented one of their artists' works to The Queen during their audience with Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace in October 2008.
- In November 2012, His Honour addressed a meeting of the **Arts and Letters Club of Toronto**. He also attended the opening of *Painting Canada*, a unique exhibit bringing together works by the Group of Seven and others, at the **McMichael Canadian Art Collection**.

### Art exhibitions

The Lieutenant Governor's Suite showcased a number of art exhibitions during Mr. Onley's tenure, bringing Ontario artists to the notice of a wide range of visitors, from royalty to school tours. The Lieutenant Governor's Office collaborated with many government and non-governmental organizations to acquire and display works.

- In April 2009, the suite hosted *Connections* as part of the **Abilities Arts Festival**, which featured pieces from artists living with a disability.
- In 2011, works were displayed by artists from L'Arche Daybreak, a residential community in Richmond Hill for people with intellectual disabilities.
- In 2011, the **Thunder Bay Art Gallery** loaned the suite a number of paintings by Aboriginal and Northern Ontario artists.
- From May 2012 to March 2013, thousands of visitors, including The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, viewed *60 in 60: An exhibition celebrating The Queen's Diamond Jubilee*. The exhibition showcased 60 photographs of The Queen—one for each year of her reign—taken during Her Majesty's visits to Ontario.
- In September 2013, His Honour launched *About Face: Celebrated Ontarians Then and Now*. Curated in collaboration with Library and Archives Canada, the exhibition included nearly 100 portraits spanning over 125 years. A commissioned documentary by filmmaker Nick de Pencier, titled *At My Table*, offered reflections on Toronto's creative community



His Honour poses with astronaut Chris Hadfield beneath his portrait in the *About Face* exhibition

through the eyes of artist **Charles Pachter**. Both celebrated the diversity of Ontario's people.

- To commemorate the centenary of the First World War, in June 2014, His Honour presented *Lest We Forget: Commemorating the First World War*, featuring paintings commissioned from contemporary artist Charles Pachter. The exhibition included a collection of essays by a distinguished and diverse group of Canadians, reflecting on the question "What have we learned from war?"
- In 2014, in collaboration with the **Archives of Ontario**, Mr. Onley oversaw the badly-needed restoration of the portrait of eighth Lieutenant Governor, Sir Oliver Mowat. In a post to his blog on Huffington Post, His Honour told the story behind portrait's restoration and re-attribution.

### Theatre, film, and television

His Honour celebrated the uniqueness of Ontario's theatre, film, and TV industries in a number of ways, including:

- Between 2008 and 2013, Their Honours attended opening nights of the **Shaw and Stratford Festivals**.
- In January 2011, His Honour appeared in an episode of the *Rick Mercer Report* on CBC. Mr. Mercer visited the Lieutenant Governor's Suite and toured part of the Legislative Building.
- Mr. Onley hosted a reception for the **Toronto International Film Festival** and members of the Canadian film industry in September 2012. In the presence of The Countess of Wessex, His Honour presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to film director Atom Egoyan and to TIFF executives Michèle Maheux and Piers Handling.

- In February 2013, His Honour appeared in an episode of the hit CBC series *Murdoch Mysteries*, portraying Sir Oliver Mowat.
- In March 2013, Their Honours attended a reception celebrating the inaugural Canadian Screen Awards.
- In May 2013, Mr. Onley hosted a reception to celebrate the **Toronto International Deaf Film and Arts Festival** and presided over the presentation of the 2013 Defty Awards.
- Mr. Onley opened the Lieutenant Governor's Suite in celebration of the 2013 Luminato Festival.
- In October 2013, Mr. Onley hosted a film screening and reception as part of the **imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival**.
- In June 2014, His Honour hosted a reception for the **Toronto Animation Arts Film Festival International** and, in August, he hosted a screening of *Mandela: A Long Walk to Freedom* as part of the **International Indian Film Festival Toronto**.
- In June 2014, Mr. Onley hosted celebrations in honour of the **National Film Board's 75th anniversary**.



Mr. Onley enjoys his appearance on the Rick Mercer Report



On the set of Murdoch Mysteries with Speaker Dave Levac and actor Yannick Bisson

- During his mandate, His Honour attended performances by the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra**, the **National Youth Orchestra of Canada**, the **Toronto Mendelssohn Choir**, and **Ballet Creole**, among others.

## Sports and recreation

Mr. Onley is a proud supporter of professional and amateur sports leagues in Canada and of parasports (sports for athletes with disabilities).

- From 2009 to 2014, His Honour attended the **Queen's Plate**, Canada's oldest thoroughbred horse race, at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. Established in 1860 by Queen Victoria, the race is the first in the Canadian Triple Crown. Mr. Onley presented the Royal Purse to the owner of the winning horse in 2009, 2011 to 2014.
- In 2012, His Honour participated in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the **Summit Series** at the Royal York Hotel, during which **Bobby Orr** was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.
- When the 2007 **Grey Cup** was held in Toronto, His Honour hosted the traditional pre-game coin toss at the Rogers Centre.
- In 2012, Mr. Onley attended the **OCAA hockey championships** in London, Ontario. Mrs. Onley threw out the first pitch.
- In August 2010, Their Honours attended the final game of the **International Baseball Federation's World Junior Baseball Championship** in Thunder Bay.
- His Honour has presided over the opening of **Ontario's Summer and Winter Games** on several occasions.
- Mr. Onley was named honorary chair of the **100th Grey Cup Festival**, hosted several commemorative events in the suite, and participated in numerous events in Toronto, including the **Grey Cup Gala** in November 2012.
- During a tour of Northern Ontario in August 2013, Mr. Onley attended a reception at **Hockey Heritage North** in Kirkland Lake.
- His Honour hosted several meetings and events in support of the **2015 Pan/ParaPan American Games** in Toronto.
- Several sports trophies have been displayed in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite, including the **Grey Cup** (CFL), the **Vanier Cup** (university football), and the **Clarkson Cup** (women's professional hockey). In February 2014, the suite was host for a day to the **FIFA World Cup Trophy**.
- In March 2014, he hosted a receptions for Olympic and Paralympic athletes returning from the Games at Sochi.
- In August 2014, Mr. Onley hosted the players draw for the men's **Rogers Cup** (tennis) tournament. World No. 1 male tennis player Novak Djokovic attended as the guest of honour.

## Volunteer service organizations

Recognizing the important role of volunteer service in communities across the province, Mr. Onley maintained strong relationships with the Ontario sections of several service organizations during his tenure.

- As honorary patron of **Scouts Canada** in Ontario, Mr. Onley hosted annual presentations of the **Queen's Venturer Award** from 2007 to 2013.
- Mr. Onley served as honorary patron of the Ontario Council of **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award** program. Annually, from 2007 to 2014, he presented the **Silver Award**. In 2007, 2010, and 2011, he attended three presentations of the **Gold Award** in the presence of members of the Royal Family.
- As Vice-Prior of the **Order of St John** in Ontario, Mr. Onley presided over the annual investitures into the order since 2008.

## Faith communities

During his tenure, His Honour accepted many invitations to attend events with diverse religious groups, such as:

- Each year, His Honour attended an inter-faith service as part of the province's opening of the courts ceremonies.
- Mr. Onley attended annual **Accession Day** church services at **St James Cathedral Church** in Toronto.
- Mr. Onley read The Queen's annual **Commonwealth Day** message during services, at **St Paul's Bloor Street Anglican Church** (2008–2012) and **Yorkminster Baptist Church** (2013–2014).
- In 2008, he attended a luncheon hosted by the **Islamic Humanitarian Service** and the **Interfaith Grand River Group** in Kitchener.
- In 2009, he spoke at the grand opening of the **Beth Torah Synagogue** in Toronto.
- In 2010, he spoke at the **40th Ontario Prayer Breakfast**.
- In 2011, he recognized accessible sports groups during a dinner held by the **Islamic Foundation of Toronto**.
- In 2013, he dedicated a new accessible entrance at the **Royal Chapel of the Mohawks** in Brantford.
- In 2014, he hosted a reception for the **Canadian Sikh Association**.

Mr. Onley honoured religious and inter-cultural institutions in communities across Ontario, joining them to celebrate extraordinary anniversaries. These included:

- 175th anniversary of **St Andrew's United Church**, **Markham** (2008)
- 100th anniversary of **Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto** (2008)

- 200th anniversary of the **Uxbridge Quaker Meeting House** (2009)
- 175th anniversary of **First Baptist Church**, **Simcoe** (2011)
- 175th anniversary of **St James-on-the-Lines Anglican Church**, **Penetanguishene** (2011)
- 175th anniversary of **St Paul's Anglican Church**, **Newmarket** (2009)
- 100th anniversary of **Alexandra Presbyterian Church**, **Brantford** (2012)

## Northern Ontario tour

In August 2013, Their Honours spent a weekend in Northern Ontario, participating in a series of events and visiting with the people and communities of the region.

Their Honours met with local leaders of **Cobalt**, **Temiskaming Shores**, and **Kirkland Lake**, attended a dinner at the **Polar Bear Habitat** in **Cochrane**, and unveiled a number of historical plaques **Kirkland Lake**. During a visit to **Hockey Heritage North**, Mr. Onley played a quick game of table hockey with the local mayor.

## His Honour honoured

On several occasions during his mandate, Mr. Onley was honoured for his community involvement.

- He received the **2011 Canadian Helen Keller Centre Award** for outstanding achievement and contribution to the disability community.
- In November 2012, he cut the ribbon for the opening of the **David C. Onley Training Block** at the **Aylmer Police College**.
- In February 2013, the **Canadian Council of the Blind** presented Mr. Onley with the **President's Award** in recognition of his positive contributions to the blind and visually impaired community and for serving as a model and an inspiration to those with disabilities. In 2014, he received the council's **Person of the Year Award**.
- In June 2013, His Honour was invited to his birthplace of **Midland** for the official dedication of the new **David Onley Park**.
- In February 2014, the **Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons** presented the inaugural **David C. Onley Award** at its annual **Great Valentine Gala**.
- Since 2007, Mr. Onley received 11 honorary degrees.
- In September 2014, the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and International Trade established the **David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility** to recognize Ontarians who have gone above and beyond in improving accessibility for people with disabilities.

# Representational and celebratory role

Rolling out the red carpet and celebrating significant moments



Greeting The Prince of Wales; The Princess Royal signs the Lieutenant Governor's guest book; The Countess of Wessex and members of Morningstar River Drummers; Then Governor General Michaëlle Jean presents a gift to Mr. Onley; Meeting former US president Bill Clinton

## Welcoming visitors

### Canada's Royal Family

As The Queen's representative in Ontario, Mr. Onley took great pleasure in welcoming members of the Royal Family.

- The first royal visitors of Mr. Onley's mandate were **The Earl and Countess of Wessex** in June 2008. They returned together in 2012 and participated in several engagements.
- In 2009 and 2012, he hosted **The Prince of Wales** and **The Duchess of Cornwall** in Toronto.
- In 2010, **Her Majesty The Queen** and **The Duke of Edinburgh** spent several days in Toronto during Her Majesty's 22nd official visit to Canada. The Queen's visit to the suite was the first time, since the 1939 visit by Her Majesty's parents, that the Lieutenant Governor's Suite had hosted a reigning Canadian sovereign.
- In July 2011, The Earl of Wessex returned to Toronto once more for a reception in support of The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. The Countess followed in November to attend a luncheon celebrating Aboriginal culture.
- In April 2013, The Duke of Edinburgh arrived for a one-day visit to present new colours to



The Duke of Edinburgh observe a dynamic military display outside Queen's Park

The Royal Canadian Regiment, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief. Mr. Onley hosted a breakfast reception for Prince Philip and members of the Canadian Forces.

- In October 2013, His Honour welcomed **The Princess Royal** to the Lieutenant Governor's Suite, where Her Royal Highness visited with alumni of The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference, members of the Royal Victorian Order Association (Canada), and others.
- In November 2013, The Countess of Wessex was present for the unveiling of the Reimagining Accessibility finalist designs.
- In June 2014, in his capacity as Colonel of the Regiment of The Queen's York Rangers, His Honour hosted a reception at Fort York National Historic Site in the presence of **The Duke of York**.
- In September 2014, The Countess of Wessex accompanied Mrs. Onley on a visit to Northern Ontario.



Their Honours greet Her Majesty The Queen in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queen's Park

### Commonwealth and foreign dignitaries

Mr. Onley was often the first to greet foreign officials and dignitaries during their visits to Ontario.

- In July 2009, His Honour welcomed the **Emperor and Empress of Japan**. It was the Emperor's first visit to the Lieutenant Governor's Suite

since meeting Ontario's 18th Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Louis Breithaupt, in 1953.

- Beginning in 2012, in conjunction with the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines, His Honour hosted a yearly wine tour for diplomatic representatives in order to promote Ontario's world-class vintages.
- During his tenure, Mr. Onley received the heads of state of seven countries and the prime ministers of three countries. He also welcomed 34 high commissioners and ambassadors, and 43 consuls general during courtesy calls at Queen's Park.

## Special guests

- In October 2011, Mr. Onley received Franklin Lobos and Omar Reygadas, two of 33 Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days in 2010.
- In February 2014, Mr. Onley welcomed European Union ambassadors and celebrity chef **Jamie Kennedy**, who prepared a tasting menu of locally produced wines and cheeses, to highlight Ontario's increasing international profile as a producer of world-class vintages and dairy products.
- His Honour welcomed to the suite a number of the Ontarians featured in the *About Face* exhibition, including Jim Balsillie, Hélène Campbell, the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, David Cronenberg, Chris Hadfield, Deepa Mehta, and Kim Phuc Phan Thi.

## Representing Ontarians abroad

In October 2008, Their Honours travelled to London for a private audience with The Queen at Buckingham Palace.

On several occasions, the Mr. Onley travelled abroad at the request of the federal or provincial governments.

### China

His Honour officially led the Canadian Paralympic delegation, representing Canada at the opening ceremony of the **2008 Summer Paralympic Games** in **Beijing**. During their visit, Their Honours met Chinese president Hu Jintao at a welcoming luncheon.

### Mexico

Mr. Onley participated in the closing ceremonies of the **Guadalajara 2011 Parapan Am Games** and received the Americas Paralympic Committee flag for the 2015 Parapan Am Games in Toronto.

### United Kingdom

In 2012, Mr. Onley attended the Summer Paralympic Games in **London** as the official representative of Ontario. Their Honours joined The Earl of Wessex for



Meeting swimmer and 2008 Paralympic flag bearer Donovan Tildesley



His Honour represents Ontario at the Guadalajara 2011 Parapan Am Games, receiving the flag in advance of the 2015 games in Toronto (Matthew Murnaghan/Canadian Paralympic Committee)



Meeting Paralympic swimmer Summer Mortimer

a tour of the Athlete's Village, encouraging Canadian Paralympians and meeting with officials. Back in Toronto, His Honour hosted a reception to celebrate Olympians and Paralympians returning to Ontario from London.

## Celebrating milestones

### The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The year 2012 marked the 60th anniversary of The Queen's accession to the Throne and her six decades of service to Canada. Mr. Onley made the recognition of this historic milestone a priority, intimately involving himself in **Diamond Jubilee** celebrations across Ontario. Highlights included:

- On February 6, Her Majesty's 60th Accession Day, His Honour presented the **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal** to 37 Order of Canada members.
- In June 2012 and February 2013, Mr. Onley hosted two **Diamond Jubilee Galas** at Roy Thomson Hall.
- In January 2013, His Honour welcomed the **Prime Minister** to the suite for a presentation of Diamond Jubilee medals.

While falling outside official Diamond Jubilee celebrations, His Honour hosted two events in June 2013 to commemorate the **60th anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation**.

- The **Toronto Mendelssohn Choir**, directed by Noel Edison, performed patriotic anthems and songs of the Coronation in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite. Historian **Hugh Brewster** presented a slide show and reflective commentary on this important anniversary.
- At **Toronto's Scotiabank Theatre**, Mr. Onley hosted a live screening of London theatrical production ***The Audience***, featuring **Helen Mirren** as Queen Elizabeth II.

See pages 24–25 for a more detailed look at Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Ontario.

### Black history and Emancipation Day

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Onley attended many events that placed special emphasis on the historical experience of Black Ontarians. He raised awareness of the role of the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, John Graves Simcoe, in setting in motion the abolition of slavery in Upper Canada. He honoured the achievements of Ontario's Black communities during **Black History Month**, on **Emancipation Day** celebrations, and at other times during the year.

In August 2008, Mr. Onley attended **Fort York National Historic Site** for celebrations marking the 175th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the Empire.

Mr. Onley routinely marked Emancipation Day in the company of members of the **Ontario Black History Society**.

### War of 1812

The 200th anniversary of the **War of 1812** coincided with Mr. Onley's tenure. The suite became a hub for 1812 bicentennial activity. His Honour participated in several commemorative events, which served to educate Ontarians about Canada's military history.

- In 2008, Mr. Onley recognized the restoration of **Discovery Harbour Historic Site**, the main British naval station on Lake Huron during the War of 1812.
- In 2010, he attended the inauguration of the **1812 Peace Garden** in Grimsby.
- A number of commemorative events took place at **Fort York** in Toronto. Among these was a military muster attended by The Prince of Wales in 2012.
- In 2012, the annual Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Levee took place at the **Fort George National Historic Site** in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Thousands

### Sir Roger Hale Sheaffe

A highlight of 1812 commemorations was the repatriation of the uniform, sword, and belongings of Sir Roger Hale Sheaffe, commander of British forces in Upper Canada following Sir Isaac Brock's death at the battle of Queenston Heights in October 1812. Sheaffe served as acting Lieutenant Governor until 1813.

Mr. Onley located Sheaffe's descendants in Australia and worked with them to bring their ancestor's belongings back to Ontario.

The descendants were recognized at a ceremony in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite in September 2012.

In April 2013, Mr. Onley officially entrusted the Sheaffe artifacts to the **Ontario Heritage Trust** and they are now on display at its **Parliament Interpretive Centre** in Toronto.



Mr. Onley tracked down this previously unknown portrait of Sheaffe, housed at Alnwick Castle in England; Ontario's vast collection of viceregal portraits now includes a reproduction

attended the levee, which launched War of 1812 bicentennial celebrations in the Niagara region.

## Other anniversaries

Throughout Mr. Onley's tenure, he was diligent in marking significant milestones, including:

- 25th anniversary of the Order of Ontario (2011)
- 30th anniversary of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the patriation of Canada's constitution (2012)
- 75th anniversary of the Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queen's Park (2013)

## Leading commemorations

### Federal dignitaries

Mr. Onley attended the state funerals of the Rt. Hon. **Roméo LeBlanc**, 25th Governor General of Canada (July 2009), the Hon. **Jack Layton**, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition (August 2011), and the Hon. **Jim Flaherty**, former federal Finance Minister (April 2014).

### Lincoln Alexander

On October 19, 2012, Mr. Onley announced the death of the Hon. **Lincoln Alexander**, 24th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. A week later, Mr. Onley celebrated Mr. Alexander's legacy during a provincial state funeral held at **Hamilton Place**.

On January 21, 2013, Mr. Onley celebrated the first **Lincoln Alexander Day** in Ontario, hosting a presentation of the Lincoln M. Alexander Award to three young Ontarians for their efforts to combat racial discrimination. Mr. Onley presided at the presentation of this award every year during his time in office.

### Nelson Mandela

In December 2013, Mr. Onley and the **University of Toronto** co-hosted a celebration of the life of **Nelson Mandela**, paying tribute to the former South African president and honorary Canadian citizen.

## Celebrating citizenship

Mr. Onley presided over four Canadian citizenship ceremonies, welcoming nearly 200 new Canadians.

- In December 2007, Mr. Onley marked the 60th anniversary of the creation of Canadian citizenship at a ceremony in Scarborough.
- In November 2013, Mr. Onley hosted a citizenship ceremony in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite. Notable among the 14 new Canadians



In 2012, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited the Lieutenant Governor's Suite, chatting briefly with Mr. Onley and the Hon. Lincoln Alexander

*"To truly honour Nelson Mandela,  
I believe we must make truth and  
reconciliation an integral part of our lives."*

NELSON MANDELA MEMORIAL, DECEMBER 2013



Michael Budman and Don Green show off their certificates of Canadian citizenship



His Honour celebrates with new Canadians

were Michael Budman and Don Green, co-founders of iconic fashion brand Roots Canada. Also present was Barenaked Ladies band member Ed Robertson, who performed the national anthem.

- In January 2014, His Honour hosted a citizenship ceremony in the suite and conferred citizenship on 35 excited new Canadians.

## Uniformed services

The Lieutenant Governor maintains active relationships with the Canadian Forces, as well as with police, fire, and emergency medical services.

### The Queen's York Rangers

Since 2011, His Honour has served as Colonel of the Regiment of The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment). The Rangers were brought to Upper Canada in 1792, by their erstwhile commander, Colonel John Graves Simcoe, to assist in the building of the province's new capital at York (now Toronto). When the Rangers approached the Lieutenant Governor with the request that he become honorary patron, he broached the idea of re-establishing the connection between the regiment and the Lieutenant Governor. The proposal receiving the strong support of the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Minister of National Defence. In September 2011,



Their Honours aboard a transport plane during a tour of CFB Trenton

Mr. Onley was appointed Colonel of the Regiment. The link between the regiment and the viceregal office will henceforth continue in perpetuity, with all future Lieutenant Governors serving in the same capacity.

Mr. Onley also served as Honorary Colonel of 25 Field Ambulance since 2012.

### Aides-de-camp

Aides-de-camp are current or retired uniformed service members who accompany and assist the Lieutenant Governor during events. Appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor, the position of aide-de-camp is honorary. In Ontario, aides-de-camp are selected from the three branches of the Canadian Forces, the RCMP, OPP, Toronto Police Service, and other regional police forces, as well as municipal emergency services and first responders.

A corps of over 75 aides-de-camp and volunteers support the Lieutenant Governor in Ontario, contributing thousands of hours of service each year.

In April 2013, Mr. Onley appointed Lieutenant Commander Albert Wong to be Chief Aide-de-Camp, following the retirement of the long-time chief, Lieutenant Colonel A. G. "Sandy" Cameron.

### Supporting members of the military services

As the proud children of World War II veterans, Their Honours participated in many events during in support of the men and women who wear the Canadian Forces uniform.

In 2008 and 2010, Their Honours attended deployment ceremonies at CFB Petawawa for the men and women of Task Force Afghanistan. In 2009, they took part in a Homecoming Celebration at Petawawa for Canadian Forces personnel returning from Kandahar.

On several occasions, Mr. Onley joined the commander of Land Force Central Area in the presentation of the Memorial Cross to the families of personnel killed in Afghanistan.



Mr. Onley wears the uniform of 25 Field Ambulance

Mr. Onley attended the visitations, funerals, or memorial services of several members of the Canadian Forces:

- **Private Michael Bruce Freeman**, The Royal Canadian Regiment (January 2009)
- **Trooper Brian Richard Good**, The Royal Canadian Dragoons (January 2009)
- **Warrant Officer Dennis Raymond Brown**, The Lincoln and Welland Regiment (March 2009)
- **Private Marc Hani Diab**, The Royal Canadian Dragoons (March 2009)
- **Corporal Tyler Crooks**, The Royal Canadian Regiment (April 2009)
- **Private Larry John Rudd**, The Royal Canadian Dragoons, (June 2010)
- **Honorary Colonel Doris Guyatt**, former aide-de-camp to the Lieutenant Governor (March 2012)
- **Lieutenant Colonel A. G. "Sandy" Cameron**, former Chief Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor (November 2013)

In September 2014, Mr. Onley attended a ceremonial street re-naming in Scarborough honouring **Corporal Joshua Caleb Baker**, killed in Afghanistan in 2010.

## Remembrance

Recognizing the sacrifices made by the Canadian Forces, Mr. Onley annually marked **Remembrance Day**:

- Each year, Mr. Onley received the ceremonial first poppy in Ontario from the **Royal Canadian Legion**.
- In 2007, he honoured the contributions of women in the military with a Remembrance Day video message.
- In 2008, Mr. Onley attended the provincial Remembrance Day ceremony at Queen's Park.
- In 2009, he took part in Remembrance Day ceremonies at **Old City Hall** in Toronto and at the **Scott Mission** for the homeless.
- In 2009 and 2010, Mr. Onley attended **True Patriot Love's** annual tribute dinner.
- From 2010 to 2013, Mr. Onley participated in Remembrance Day services with patients in the veterans wing of **Sunnybrook Health and Sciences Centre** in Toronto and, in 2010, also spoke at a Remembrance Day mess dinner with the **Royal Hamilton Light Infantry**.
- In 2012 and 2013, Mr. Onley hosted post-Remembrance Day parade receptions at the suite for members and veterans of **25 Field Ambulance**.
- From 2009 to 2014, Mr. Onley also took part in the annual memorial service of the **Korean Veterans Association of Canada**, held at the Korean War Memorial in Brampton.

- In 2011, he took part in the first annual commemoration of the **Battle of Vimy Ridge** by the **Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario)**.
- During 2013, he attended a mess dinner at **HMCS York**, to commemorate the **Battle of the Atlantic**, and hosted a reception for the presentation of the First Battle of Vimy Ridge commemorative coin.

## Police and fire services

The Lieutenant Governor is Honorary Commissioner of the **Ontario Provincial Police** and Mr. Onley is an Honorary Chief of the **Toronto Police Service**.

From 2008 to 2013, Mr. Onley recognized the important and often dangerous work of Ontario's first responders at annual provincial memorial services. Since 2008, Mr. Onley has attended the annual **Ontario Police Memorial Ceremony** in Toronto, as well as the **Toronto Police Services' annual Communion Breakfast**.

Mr. Onley attended the funerals or memorial services for:

- **Constable Alan Hack**, Ontario Provincial Police (July 2009)
- **Constable Ireneusz "Eric" Czapnik**, Ottawa Police Service (January 2010)
- **Constable Garrett Styles**, York Regional Police (July 2011).

He also delivered eulogies at the funerals or memorial services for:

- **District Chief Robert Leek**, Toronto Fire Services (August 2008)
- **Sergeant Ryan Russell**, Toronto Police Service (January 2011)
- **Constable Jennifer Kovach**, Guelph Police Service (March 2013)
- **Constable John Zivcic**, Toronto Police Service (December 2013)

Throughout his tenure, His Honour presided at the annual **Ontario Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony** and presented the **Ontario Medals for Police and Firefighter Bravery**.



Wearing the OPP uniform, His Honour speaks at the Ontario Police Memorial

# The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Celebrating Her Majesty's 60 years of service to Canada



John Fraser offers the loyal toast at the launch of *60 in 60*; Guests view photos of The Queen; Molly Johnston sings "Diamond in my Hand" at



the Diamond Jubilee Gala; Liona Boyd performs at the Diamond Jubilee Gala; Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra offers a Diamond Jubilee tribute

## Medal presentations

Much of the celebrations surrounding the Diamond Jubilee revolved around the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, a commemorative medal produced by the federal government to honour Her Majesty's 60 years of service by recognizing significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

During over a dozen ceremonies throughout the Diamond Jubilee year, Mr. Onley presented more than 300 medals.

## 60 in 60

In May 2012, the Lieutenant Governor's Office launched *60 in 60: An exhibition celebrating Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee*. Featuring 60 photos—one for each year of The Queen's reign—and various artefacts, the exhibition was assembled in co-operation with many organizations, including the Archives of Ontario, the Bank of Canada, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Canadian War Museum, Library and Archives Canada, the *Globe and Mail*, the *Toronto Star*, the *Toronto Sun*.

The exhibition was displayed in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite until June 2013. Visitors had the opportunity to take home a commemorative exhibition catalogue, a copy of which was provided to each of Ontario's public libraries. Two launch events brought together a



Ontario's first Diamond Jubilee medal recipients



Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

diverse company of distinguished Canadians, students, members of service organizations, and members of the Loyal Societies.

## Royal visit

The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited Canada on The Queen's behalf in May 2012. During their time in Ontario, Mr. Onley welcomed the royal couple to the suite for a special Diamond Jubilee medal presentation and a commemorative Ontario Heritage Trust plaque unveiling.

## Diamond Jubilee Galas

Under Mr. Onley's direction, the Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in a major way through two galas celebrating Her Majesty's 60 years on the Throne.

### June 18, 2012

In the presence of Their Excellencies the Rt. Hon. David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Johnston,



Students from Massey College pose with Diamond Jubilee medal recipient Gordon Lightfoot at the opening of *60 in 60*



Master of ceremonies Peter Mansbridge poses with young volunteers at the second Diamond Jubilee Gala

Mr. Onley hosted a Diamond Jubilee Gala at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto for over 1400 guests.

The star-studded evening featured Diamond Jubilee medal presentations by prominent Ontarians, live entertainment by Canadian artists, in a concert emceed by CBC personality Peter Mansbridge, and a reception. In all, over 600 people received medals. The event was run with the generous assistance from a corps of volunteers from Free the Children and the Monarchist League of Canada.

Featured performers were:

- Canadian Children's Opera Company
- Morningstar River Singers and Dancers
- Susan Aglukark
- Molly Johnson
- Craig and Marc Kielburger
- Ben Heppner
- Stuart McLean
- Gordon Lightfoot
- Famous People Players

### February 6, 2013

To mark the end of the Diamond Jubilee, His Honour hosted a second gala at Roy Thomson Hall, during which nearly 300 people received the Diamond Jubilee medal. Once again, the master of ceremonies was Peter Mansbridge, and the featured acts included:

- Michael Burgess
- Black Bull Singers
- St James Cathedral Choir
- Liona Boyd accompanied by Michael Savona
- Craig Kielburger
- Tom Cochrane
- Bruce Cockburn
- Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra
- Video messages from Chris Hadfield and The Prince of Wales



Mr. Onley congratulates Toronto resident David Chen on receiving a Diamond Jubilee medal



Memorabilia as part of the *60 in 60* exhibition

# Honours and awards

Recognizing achievement and encouraging excellence



The Hon. Lincoln Alexander congratulates award recipient Ana Teresa Rice; Mr. Onley presents the Order of Ontario to Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish; Temiskaming Shores resident Josette Coté

## Order of Ontario

In his capacity as Chancellor of the Order of Ontario, the province's highest official honour, Mr. Onley presided over seven investiture ceremonies, honouring 194 appointees. Created in 1986, the order recognizes any current or former long-time resident of Ontario who has demonstrated a high level of individual excellence and achievement in any field benefitting the people of Ontario or anywhere in the world.

## Ontario honours

The Lieutenant Governor served as Honorary Chair of the Advisory Councils for each of Ontario's four medal programs and presided at their annual presentation ceremonies. Mr. Onley bestowed:

- Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (81 honourees)
- Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers (59 young people)
- Ontario Medal for Firefighter Bravery (35 firefighters)
- Ontario Medal for Police Bravery (67 police officers)

## Ontario awards

In co-operation with the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, the Lieutenant Governor took part in the presentation of five annual awards. Mr. Onley bestowed:

- Ontario Senior Achievement Award (100 seniors)
- Lincoln M. Alexander Award (21 young people)
- James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award (36 Aboriginal youth)



Insignia of the Order of Ontario

receives the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award; Recipients of the Hilary M. Weston Scholarship; Atom Egoyan receives the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

- Hilary M. Weston Scholarship (6 recipients)

The Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for Students pays tribute to students who go above and beyond the number of volunteer hours required to graduate. Every year, an award is given to one graduating student at each of Ontario's secondary schools. During Mr. Onley's mandate, over 6200 young people received the award, which includes a commemorative pin.

## Lieutenant Governor's Awards

### Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines

In order to promote Ontario viticulture and wine making, in 2011, Mr. Onley established the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines. This awards program recognizes VQA Ontario wines made from 100% Ontario-grown and processed grapes. In this unique competition, all wines compete against each other, with eight to 12 being chosen for their excellence regardless of vintage or varietal.

The awards are administered by the Lieutenant Governor's Office, with entries adjudicated by expert judges recommended by the Canadian Food and Wine Institute at Niagara College. Since its inception, this annual contest has been enthusiastically received by Ontario's wine industry, with 1042 individual wines submitted in its first four years.

Each year, the producers of the winning wines were recognized by the Lieutenant Governor in ceremonies at Queen's Park, and received the right to affix a label to the winning wine's bottle bearing the official heraldic badge of the



Armorial bearings of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines  
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award. At a later date, members of the Toronto-based Consular Corps were invited to accompany the Lieutenant Governor on a tour of selected winning wineries. These tours provided a unique opportunity to further present Ontario's world-class wines to an international audience.

### **Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award**

Established in 1998 to recognize Ontario residents for outstanding contributions to their communities, this award is presented at the Lieutenant Governor's discretion to volunteers who are the foot soldiers of not-for-profit organizations and who have a direct impact on the people their organizations serve. His Honour presented 64 awards at community visits around the province.

The award consists of a congratulatory certificate and a commemorative pin featuring the royal crown, Ontario's trillium, and elements of the Lieutenant Governor's personal coat of arms.

### **Other Lieutenant Governor's Awards**

Successive Lieutenant Governors have partnered with provincial organizations to recognize excellence in several fields of endeavour. These include:

- Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards, administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust
- Lieutenant Governor's Award for Marketing Excellence in Ontario, administered by the Economic Developers Council of Ontario
- Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, administered by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada in Ontario
- Lieutenant Governor's Cup (sport horse breeding), administered by the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

## **Awards programs supported by the Lieutenant Governor**

The Lieutenant Governor is often invited to preside over presentation ceremonies for awards conferred by notable organizations, often those holding viceregal patronage.

### **Caring Canadian Award**

At the request of the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governor presents, from time to time, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, which recognizes living Canadians and permanent residents who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad.

- In 2009, 2013, and 2014, Mr. Onley honoured over 60 people during four awards ceremonies.
- In May 2010, Mr. Onley welcomed then Governor General the Rt. Hon. Michaëlle Jean to the Lieutenant Governor's Suite where she presented the award to three Ontarians.



Ontario recipients of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award



A graphic representation of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award

### **Donner Awards**

From 2010 to 2013, Mr. Onley honoured 28 organizations while presiding over four presentation ceremonies of the Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services.

### **National Ethnic Press**

From 2007 to 2013, Mr. Onley hosted members of the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada at Queen's Park, presiding over their annual award presentation ceremony. Mr. Onley recognized 217 individuals for their demonstrated journalistic excellence.

### **Ordre de la Pléiade**

From 2009 to 2014, Mr. Onley hosted annual presentation ceremonies for the *Ordre de la Pléiade de l'Association des parlementaires de langue française*, an award bestowed by the *Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie*. The award recognizes those who defend democracy, the rule of law, respect for human rights, the international influence of the French language, and cultural diversity.

### **The Lifesaving Society**

From 2007 to 2013, Mr. Onley hosted the Ontario branch of The Lifesaving Society, presiding over its annual volunteer service awards. The society's goal is to prevent drowning deaths and reduce water-related accidents through public education, research, and training.

# Office operations

## Supporting the Lieutenant Governor



### Federal funding

Each year the Lieutenant Governor receives funds from the Department of Canadian Heritage through the Lieutenant Governors' Federal Grant Program. Funds are used to defray administrative, hospitality, and travel costs not covered by the provincial government. The Lieutenant Governor receives a fully-taxable salary from the Government of Canada, the amount of which is determined by the federal Parliament.

#### Lieutenant Governors' Annual Grant (Department of Canadian Heritage)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Travel and accommodation	31,865	11,540	6,977	26,915	5,562	9,056
Hospitality	35,054	47,509	50,578	61,612	73,302	88,600
Operational and administrative expenses	387	7,399	3,403	5,826	12,957	7,460
	<u>\$67,306</u>	<u>\$66,448</u>	<u>\$60,958</u>	<u>\$94,353</u>	<u>\$91,821</u>	<u>\$105,116</u>

Source: "Expenses Incurred by the Lieutenant Governors in the Exercise of Their Official Duties." Department of Canadian Heritage. <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1358954758253/1358954802161>

### Provincial funding

The Government of Ontario provides funding for services required by the Lieutenant Governor in performing constitutional, representational, and community duties.

#### Actual expenditures (Public Accounts of Ontario)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Salaries and wages	678,716	682,845	705,985	712,903	718,272	810,087
Employee benefits	71,354	76,513	71,697	72,456	72,798	86,402
Transportation and communication	51,212	47,773	45,363	49,016	45,555	36,777
Services	257,251	187,049	200,679	130,827	175,858	168,998
Supplies and equipment	81,531	100,563	73,622	71,627	166,271	81,017
Discretionary allowance	151,000	120,800	120,800	155,800	155,800	155,800
	<u>\$1,291,064</u>	<u>\$1,215,543</u>	<u>\$1,218,146</u>	<u>\$1,192,629</u>	<u>\$1,334,554</u>	<u>\$1,339,081</u>

Source: Public Accounts of Ontario. Ministry of Finance. <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/paccts/>

#### Estimates vs Actual expenditures (Public Accounts of Ontario)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Estimates	\$1,361,100	\$1,362,900	\$1,360,000	\$1,359,100	\$1,359,100	\$1,313,700
Actual	\$1,291,064	\$1,215,543	\$1,218,146	\$1,192,629	\$1,334,554	\$1,339,081

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# Appendix

## Groups holding viceregal patronage

Through the extension of viceregal patronage, the Lieutenant Governor lends prestige to organizations that make outstanding contributions to civil society. In 2014, Mr. Onley celebrated the 125th anniversary of the **Ontario Historical Society**, which has enjoyed Lieutenant Governors' patronage since 1888.

Mr. Onley granted his patronage to 79 organizations, listed below.

- Accessible Media Inc.
- Air Cadet League of Canada
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Canada (ALS Canada)
- Army Cadet League of Canada
- Autism Ontario
- Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf
- Camp Awakening
- Canadian Capital Cities Organization
- Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness
- Canadian Council of the Blind, Inc.
- Canadian Crime Victim Foundation
- Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Canadian National Institute of the Blind
- Canadian Red Cross (Ontario Zone)
- Children's International Learning Centre
- Commissionaires Great Lakes
- Community Living Ontario
- Community Living Toronto
- Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- Deafblind Ontario Services
- Down Syndrome Association of Ontario
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Ontario)
- Empire Club
- Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (Ontario) Education Foundation
- Friends of HMCS Haida
- Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council
- Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario
- Hincks-Dellcrest Treatment Centre
- Historica-Dominion Institute
- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- Integra Foundation
- IODE (National Chapter of Canada)
- IODE (Provincial Chapter of Ontario)
- Kerry's Place Autism Services
- Last Post Fund-Ontario Branch
- Lupus Foundation of Ontario
- Lymphovenous Association of Ontario
- Moeen Centre
- Mon Sheong Foundation
- Mood Disorders Association of Ontario
- Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services
- Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations
- Ontario Historical Society
- Ontario March of Dimes
- Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation
- Ontario Parks Association
- Ontario Public Health Association
- Ontario Society of Artists
- Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association
- Pathways to Education
- Provincial Council of Women of Ontario
- Quarter Century Club
- Reach for the Rainbow
- READ Institute at Carleton University
- Roots of Empathy
- Royal Canadian Humane Association
- Royal Canadian Institute
- Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
- Royal Canadian Military Institute
- Royal Lifesaving Society (Ontario Branch)
- Royal Ontario Museum
- Schizophrenia Society of Ontario
- Scouts Central Canada
- Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario
- St George's Society of Toronto
- St John Council for Ontario
- Street Haven
- The Good Neighbours' Club
- The Monarchist League of Canada (Ontario Branches)
- The Royal Commonwealth Society (Toronto Branch)
- Travellers' Aid Society of Toronto
- Variety Village -A Children's Charity
- Volunteer Toronto
- Wind Reach Farm
- Women's Musical Club of Toronto
- Youth Assisting Youth
- Youth Flight Canada
- Youth in Motion



Above: Mr. Onley presides from the Throne during the Executive Council swearing-in ceremony, June 2014

Front cover: Their Honours in London, UK, for the 2012 Paralympic Games

This report presents the highlights of the Hon. David C. Onley's tenure as 28th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (2007-2014). It contains but a sample of Mr. Onley's activities and initiatives since taking office. As a historical record, this report serves as a guide to understanding the varied roles and responsibilities of The Queen's representative in Ontario.

To download an electronic copy of this report, visit the Lieutenant Governor's website at [www.lgontario.ca](http://www.lgontario.ca).

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