




Year in Review 2024–25

# Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario





The Otonabee  
River, near the  
Canadian Canoe  
Museum in  
Peterborough

## Land Acknowledgment

The scope of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario's work covers the lands and waters we know as Ontario. Since time immemorial, they have been stewarded by Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples throughout the province.

The Office is based at Queen's Park in the heart of Toronto, which is a traditional gathering place for many Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island, including the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat. Queen's Park is located in the territory of Treaty 13, signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, to whom we pay respects.

As a viceregal office, we honour and cherish the treaty relationships between the Crown with Indigenous Peoples in Ontario, and we strive to fulfil our part in advancing the work of reconciliation. While the journey remains unfinished, we continue to walk forward in partnership with Indigenous Peoples.

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Since 1937, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario has occupied a suite of offices and state rooms located in the northwest corner of the Legislative Building at Queen's Park in Toronto.



#### A note about this report.

This report presents the highlights of the Honourable Edith Dumont's public engagements from April 2024 to March 2025.

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# Foreword

I am pleased to present to you this activity report for 2024–25. It documents a year of meaningful meetings and conversations, and opportunities to learn about inspiring initiatives. I have been privileged to witness how every day, people across our province are helping to build more caring communities.



The Honourable  
Edith Dumont,  
Lieutenant  
Governor of  
Ontario

On the road and at Queen's Park, my meetings and conversations with Ontarians have shown me how gestures of kindness and openness can influence the ways we live alongside one another. At schools, town halls, museums, and places of both commemoration and innovation, I have seen our communities flourish and grow towards the realization of a common vision for a brighter tomorrow.

Our province's inestimably rich diversity and heritage allow us to tell our shared history, enabling us to forge and strengthen links between generations, cultures, and regions. Ontario's vibrancy manifests itself in many ways. I have seen it, for example, through the sustained efforts of those who live on these lands to advance reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

I have seen it embodied by young people who dare to be creative; by older people eager to pass down their knowledge; by immigrants who have brought with them their talents, their dreams, and a drive to contribute to our democracy; by artists whose creations spark dialogue and reinforce Ontarians' sense of belonging; and by a Francophone community that values and builds on its own diversity. Everywhere, I have found evidence of the same generosity of spirit.

How important it is to recognize those whose contributions shape Ontario, whether their work takes place in the spotlight or behind the scenes! I was moved to be able to present the Coronation Medal to hundreds of Ontarians—to salute their remarkable contributions in the name of the Crown, and to acknowledge how civic engagement binds us together. Their stories—and those of other award recipients, from leaders in many fields to devoted volunteers to young people inventing new ways of building tomorrow together—all deserve to be heard, celebrated, and spread widely.

Finally, I wish to express my deep gratitude to those who support me every day in my work. The staff at the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, volunteers, aides-de-camp, and local partners all play essential roles in organizing and running events and engagements. Their professionalism and unwavering commitment shine through on every page of this document. The report belongs to them as well.

I invite you to look through these pages as you would a travel diary. I hope it elicits curiosity, a sense of gratitude for Ontarians' contributions, and the renewed desire to work together with our communities, as we nurture the ever-evolving project that is Ontario.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edith Dumont". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

The Honourable Edith Dumont,  
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

# The Lieutenant Governor's Role



Canada is a constitutional monarchy whose sovereign and head of state is the reigning monarch, His Majesty King Charles III. It is also a parliamentary democracy. In our system of government, the state, commonly called the Crown, holds power on behalf of the people and lends it to the federal and provincial governments.

As Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Edith Dumont represents His Majesty in the province. Her role involves constitutional, ceremonial, and community duties.

With Premier Doug Ford and incoming members of the Cabinet before the swearing-in ceremony in March 2025

## Constitutional

The Lieutenant Governor exercises the powers of the Crown, which derive from Canada's written constitution and laws and are exercised in accordance with constitutional convention (expected practices and norms).

The Lieutenant Governor's constitutional duties include:

- Ensuring that Ontario always has a premier who commands the confidence of the Legislative Assembly
- Appointing members of the Executive Council (Cabinet ministers) on the advice of the premier
- Summoning, proroguing, and dissolving the legislature on the advice of the premier
- Reading the Speech from the Throne at the beginning of a parliamentary session
- Granting Royal Assent, the final step of the legislative process, to bills passed by the Legislative Assembly
- Ordering provincial elections to the Legislative Assembly on the advice of the Cabinet, in accordance with the Election Act
- Approving government business such as regulations and public appointments by signing Orders in Council on the advice of the Cabinet

## Ceremonial

The Lieutenant Governor's ceremonial duties involve acting in an official capacity as head of state in the following ways:

- Presiding over awards ceremonies related to Ontario's honours system and presenting recipients with their awards
- Representing the Crown at events related to the monarchy (e.g., accession ceremonies, celebrations of coronations and royal anniversaries) and greeting members of the Royal Family on their visits to Ontario
- Meeting with members of the diplomatic and consular corps in Ontario as well as visiting heads of government and state from other countries
- Recognizing the service of members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)



Occasionally, when the Governor General is unavailable, the Lieutenant Governor is asked to fulfil her role (e.g., to invest Ontarians into the Order of Canada).



## Community

The Lieutenant Governor encourages civic engagement and pride and seeks to foster a sense of belonging among communities and community members throughout Ontario. Related duties include:

- Conducting engagements in municipalities and Indigenous communities throughout the province to learn about the diverse aspirations, priorities, and local initiatives of people living in Ontario
- In a non-partisan, non-policy prescriptive way, advocating for meaningful causes, and convening Ontarians to support them
- Presenting community awards for service and excellence
- Supporting and promoting diversity, equity, culture, and heritage
- Granting viceregal patronage to lend support and recognition to charitable and non-profit organizations and related initiatives that make contributions to civil society

(L): With recipients of the Ontario Medal for Paramedic Bravery

(R): The INNOVA Space at the University of Ottawa

The Lieutenant Governor promotes active citizenship by meeting with volunteers and those engaged in public service. Making use of her ability to convene people from all walks of life, she encourages information-sharing and partnerships to benefit the public good.

She engages with young Ontarians by visiting schools, meeting with youth groups involved in their community, and joining participants in model parliament programs.

## Crown/Indigenous Relations

As the representative of the Crown in Ontario, the Lieutenant Governor plays an important role in furthering the enduring treaty relationship between Indigenous peoples and the Crown. To that end, she engages regularly with Indigenous communities and creates opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together in dialogue and to collaborate as equal partners.

(L): Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

(R): With Scott McLeod, Chief of Nipissing First Nation



Exhibit by Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis National Council at 100 Wellington in Ottawa, showcasing Inuit and Métis history and culture





# UK Visit



In November 2024, Mme Dumont visited the United Kingdom to meet with His Majesty King Charles III and to build on Ontario's strong and productive ties with the UK. She was accompanied by her husband, His Honour Tony Viscardi.

Meeting His Majesty  
King Charles III

Their Honours  
outside Buckingham  
Palace



## Meetings with His Majesty and Dignitaries

His Majesty received Their Honours at Buckingham Palace. Their lively conversation underscored His Majesty's close and longstanding relationship with Ontario, which dates back to his first visit to Canada as Prince of Wales in 1970. His Majesty made clear his determination to continue finding ways that citizens of Canada, the UK, and the Commonwealth can build on the history and values we share, address common challenges, and seize opportunities together.

Their Honours also met with Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, at St James's Palace. Together, they spoke about ways to bolster bilateral relations, in the context of the Duke and Duchess's own strong ties with Ontario (which have been demonstrated, for instance, by His Royal Highness's work with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Canada program for young people and Her Royal Highness's patronage of hospitals in Toronto).

Their Honours  
with Their Royal  
Highnesses the Duke  
and Duchess of  
Edinburgh





At Canada House in central London, the office of the High Commission of Canada to the United Kingdom, Their Honours, along with the Honourable Joan Marie J. Aylward, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador and her husband, had a courtesy call with the Honourable Ralph Goodale, High Commissioner of Canada in the UK. Mme Dumont also met with Wanda Hamilton, CEO of the Canada-UK Foundation, and Sophia Arvanitis, Ontario's agent-general in London, and together, they hosted a spirited roundtable discussion featuring ten young Ontarian scholars and professionals living in the UK. The young people enthusiastically shared their experiences of international study and work, speaking about how they remained connected to Canada.

(L-R): Deputy High Commissioner Robert Fry; the Honourable Carl Thompson; the Honourable Joan Marie J. Aylward; the Honourable Ralph Goodale; their Honours



## The Chapel Royal at St James's Palace

Chapels royal are places of worship with a special connection to the Crown that has been officially recognized by a reigning monarch. Ontario's three chapels royal are the only ones outside the UK, and each of them honours the enduring relationship between the Crown and Indigenous Peoples. While in London, Mme Dumont visited the main chapel royal, at St James's Palace; it was built in the mid-16th century.

Mme Dumont was asked to deliver a reading during one of the chapel's Sunday Services, which are open to the public. Afterwards, she met with Reverend Canon Paul Wright, the King's residential chaplain and sub-dean of His Majesty's Chapel Royal. Mme Dumont presented him with a Canadian King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of his efforts to promote and bolster the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the Crown.

Meeting the choir  
at St. James's Palace



Their Honours  
with Reverend Canon  
Paul Wright and  
members of his staff







Their Honours meet in London with Sophia Arvanitis and young Ontarian scholars and professionals



Their Honours at the Institut français du Royaume-Uni

## History, Art, and Culture

At Windsor Castle, Their Honours met with curators from the Royal Collection Trust, which conserves and showcases artwork from the Royal Collection—one of the world's largest art collections. Their Honours were shown Canadian art with historical significance and resonance, including portraits of 18th- and early 19th-century Mohawk leader Thayendanegea (otherwise known as Joseph Brant) and former prime minister Jean Chrétien (painted by Ontario artist Bernard Poulin), works by the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025), and watercolours related to the tour of Canada in 1860 by Prince Albert Edward (later King Edward VII).

At the Institut français du Royaume-Uni, an organization that promotes French language learning and culture in the UK, Mme Dumont joined a roundtable discussion to speak about the Francophonie and the role it plays within the social and cultural fabric, provincially and internationally.

Their Honours visited Chickenshed, a renowned theatre company that partners with schools and universities and also takes its work into prisons and hospitals. Its productions bring together people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Their Honours observed rehearsals, attended a performance, and discussed the power of theatre and social cohesion with actors and administrators.



Their Honours  
at Chickenshed  
with press and public  
relations manager  
Susan Jamson



# Crown-Indigenous Relations



## Chapels Royal in Ontario

In September 2024, at the Lieutenant Governor's Suite, Mme Dumont hosted a reception that for the first time brought together delegations from the three Ontario chapels royal: His Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks, in Brantford; Christ Church, His Majesty's Chapel Royal of the Mohawk, in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory near Deseronto; and The King's Anishinaabek Sacred Place, at Massey College in Toronto.

At the Convening Conversations conference with Claire Sault, Ogiima Kwe of the Mississaugas of the Credit (R) and the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, former lieutenant governor of Ontario (L)

The reception formally opened the conference Convening Conversations on Faith, Environment, Community, and History, which was organized by the Institute for the Study of the Crown in Canada and hosted by Canon Wright at Massey College. Representatives of the delegations spoke about the history and community importance of their chapels. They participated in dialogue about how Chapels Royal can convene people and better realize their relationships with Indigenous Peoples, and about coordinating activities between the Chapels.

At Massey College  
with Elder Jan  
Kahehtio Longboat,  
Turtle Clan of the  
Mohawk Nation



Mme Dumont participated in two Chapel Royal ceremonies related to the conference. At The King's Anishinaabek Sacred Place, she witnessed the return to the chapel of a replica of the original Silver Covenant Chain Wampum—which in 1764 recorded the foundational Treaty of Niagara between the Crown and many First Nations. The replica had been presented to His Majesty in 2023 by representatives of the Mississaugas of the Credit in order to polish the covenant chain, i.e., to renew and reinforce the treaty relationships. It was kept in the Chapel Royal in London until Canon Wright brought it back across the ocean.

Mme Dumont also travelled to His Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks and officially unveiled a Grant of Arms—a heraldic emblem and badge that were designed in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Herald of Canada. Her Honour spoke to the gathering about the Grant's potential to advance the relationship between the Crown and the people of Six Nations. The Arms carry elements that are meaningful to each—and to both, together.



Her Honour had previously visited the Royal Chapel of the Mohawks in May 2024; there, she met with Sherri-Lyn Hill, elected chief of the Six Nations of the Grand River, and learned about the history of the building and its grounds, on which Thayendanegea is buried. Her Honour also visited the Woodland Cultural Centre, which has transformed a former residential school into a place of learning about the history and culture of the Haudenosaunee, as well as a hub for resilience and cultural revitalization.

## Initiatives and Cultural Events

In June 2024, Her Honour represented the Crown at the dedication of The Ponds, a section of the Souharissen Natural Area in Hamilton. The area is maintained by local residents and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and is used to promote treaty education. At the event, stone sculptures were unveiled that had been created by schoolchildren in collaboration with Indigenous Elders. Students, representatives of the Mississaugas of the Credit, and city councillors were present, and Mme Dumont congratulated everyone involved on creating **"a place for people and communities to strengthen their relationship with nature ... and with one another."**

Opening of The  
Ponds with Ogiima  
Kwe Claire Sault





On National Indigenous Peoples Day (September 30), 2024, Her Honour attended the opening of the Spirit Garden at Nathan Phillips Square in downtown Toronto. The space was created in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action #82, which calls for the installation of monuments that provide education about the history of residential schools "to honour survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities." Sixty-two survivors attended the opening of the garden, which features work by Indigenous artists and highlights elements of Indigenous cultural traditions. Later, in January 2025, Mme Dumont returned to the Spirit Garden with the Honourable Manon Jeannotte, Quebec's first Indigenous lieutenant governor; they were given a tour by Andrew Wesley, Board Elder for Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, and the garden's lead architect, Brian Porter, from the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Later on National Indigenous Peoples Day, Mme Dumont attended a screening of the film *Sugarcane*. Directed by Julian Brave NoiseCat (a member of the Secwepemc Nation) and Emily Kassie, the film was nominated for Best Documentary Feature Film at the 2025 Academy Awards. It follows members of the Williams Lake First Nation during an investigation into the abuse of children at the St. Joseph's Mission Residential School in British Columbia.

In August 2024, Mme Dumont had the honour of being part of the grand entrance party in annual pow wows hosted by the Mississaugas of the Credit and Saugeen First Nation. She was inspired by the singing, drumming, dancing, and rich cultural expression on display.

With knowledge  
keeper James Bird at  
Platinum Jubilee  
Garden outside the  
Lieutenant  
Governor's Suite





# Constitutional Role



## Provincial Election

With Premier Ford  
at the swearing-in  
ceremony

On January 28, 2025, Premier Doug Ford asked Mme Dumont to dissolve the Legislative Assembly and call an election. She gave her assent and signed a dissolution proclamation, which set out the exact date and time for Ontario's 43rd Parliament to end. It also set the deadline for election nominations and the date of the upcoming election.

Signing dissolution proclamation in the presence of James Scott-Vickers from the Cabinet Office



Signing writs of election with Greg Essensa



The following day, Her Honour met with Ontario's chief electoral officer, Greg Essensa, in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite. Together, they signed writs of election—official documents that start the election process—for each of the 124 ridings in Ontario.

The 2025 election took place on February 27. On the following day, Premier Ford advised Mme Dumont of the election results and shared his intention to continue governing, as his party, the Progressive Conservatives, had won a majority of seats in the Assembly.

On March 19, 2025, Her Honour presided over the swearing-in ceremony for the Premier and members of the executive council—otherwise known as Cabinet ministers. Each incoming minister swore an oath of allegiance and an oath as executive councillor, and Mme Dumont signed the documents as official witness. Her welcoming remarks to the gathering emphasized the pride Ontarians can take in our democracy, “which allows Ontarians to participate, together, in the dialogue that informs the decisions you, as ministers, will soon be making.”

Later, in April 2025, Mme Dumont would deliver the Speech from the Throne to open Ontario’s 44th Parliament.

## Royal Assent and Cabinet Documents

As the final step of the legislative process, Mme Dumont granted Royal Assent to transform bills passed by the Legislative Assembly into acts, which are the primary source of law of Ontario. Most often, Royal Assent is granted in the Lieutenant Governor’s Suite, where Mme Dumont received the clerk (and/or the speaker) and MPPs, and signed official documents. Royal Assent is also occasionally granted in the Legislative Chamber during parliamentary proceedings.

Mme Dumont also signed documents on the advice of the Cabinet.

Most of the documents a lieutenant governor signs are Orders in Council (OICs). Such documents formalize decisions that by law or royal prerogative are made by the “Lieutenant Governor in Council,” a term used when the Lieutenant Governor acts on, and with the advice of, the Cabinet. Decisions formalized by OICs include the appointment of individuals to public positions; the creation of agencies, boards, and commissions; and the in-force date of legislation (set by OICs known as “commencement orders”). Some OICs, such as those dealing with the affairs of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, are issued with formal proclamation documents.

Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor signs regulations, which are laws made under the authority of an Act (a law passed by the Legislature). Regulations are considered “delegated legislation,” as the authority to make them is delegated by the Legislature to the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Regulations deal with topics related to the Act under which they are made.

## Meetings with the Premier

As is customary for lieutenant governors, Mme Dumont held regular meetings with the Premier. In keeping with other communications between the Lieutenant Governor and the government, these meetings remain confidential to promote open exchanges of views.

Over the course of 2024–25, the Lieutenant Governor granted Royal Assent 48 times to bills and signed:

1,636

Orders in Council  
including commencement orders

46

Proclamations

387

Regulations

154

Great Seal letters  
and lease letters  
(patent issued under the  
Public Lands Act) to lease  
Crown Land on the advice  
of the Ministry of Natural  
Resources and Forestry

67

Great Seal letters  
(patent issued under the  
Mining Act) to give mining  
rights on the advice of the  
Ministry of Mines



On the advice of the Cabinet, Mme Dumont signed orders to appoint:

32

Provincial Judges

3

Associate Judges

6

Regional Senior Judges

4

Justices of the Peace

26

Deputy Ministers



She also presided over one ceremony for changes to the executive council (Cabinet shuffle).



# Ceremonial Role



## Coronation Medal

Starting in October 2024 and running through the rest of the 2024–25 fiscal year, at ceremonies around Ontario, Mme Dumont helped recognize remarkable Ontarians by presenting them with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

The medal was created to mark His Majesty's Coronation as King of Canada, and to honour 30,000 Canadians who have made a significant positive impact on their communities and on our country.

King Charles III  
Coronation Medal  
ceremony in the  
Lieutenant  
Governor's Suite

Its design evokes a celebration. On the front, or obverse, is a profile of His Majesty, wearing his coronation robes. The reverse features his Royal Monogram in the centre of a sunburst. Surrounding it are 13 triangles—pennants that together represent all the provinces and territories of Canada.

The medal program was administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall. Mme Dumont presented 491 medals on behalf of the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada.

(L): With Speaker Ted Arnott (L), presenting a Coronation Medal to Grace Bento from the Office of the Assembly

(R): Her Honour presents a Coronation Medal to RCMP Assistant Commissioner Michele Paradis

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (OLGO) collaborated with community organizations throughout the province to identify potential recipients from across communities and sectors, and to highlight Ontario's breadth and diversity of talent and leadership.

The medals reflect the Canadian Crown's deep appreciation for the recipients' contributions.



"It was truly wonderful to be able to meet recipients, along with their families and friends, and to learn about some of the incredible things Ontarians have been doing to make their communities, and our country, more caring and resilient—places we can be proud of, where everyone feels a sense of belonging."

The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario



*"It's a great opportunity to learn about changemakers, people who make a difference, and I'm proud to be part of that team."*

Archie Allison, Director, Access and Awareness at Variety Village

*"For me, receiving this honour means the work we do to improve our community is truly worthwhile. It's so important that the contributions of young people, Black communities, Francophone communities, and other diverse communities are recognized by institutions—and in this case, by King Charles III himself."*

Koubra Hagggar, community organizer and advocate

*"To be recognized for something we've done with all our heart is very rewarding."*

Diane Gabay, donor and advocate for DeafBlind Ontario

*"It's a real honour, but more importantly, it sends a message to young people that anything is possible."*

Abel Maxwell, singer-songwriter, author, and entrepreneur

(L): With Diane Gabay at the DeafBlind Ontario Coronation Medal ceremony

(R): Ontario Society of Artists Coronation Medal ceremony



*"It's a reminder of the connection between the Indigenous peoples of North America and the Crown."*

Jason Henry, former chief of the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

## Canadian Armed Forces

### Commemoration

Mme Dumont participated in events recognizing the service of Canadian Armed Forces members in historic conflicts, including:

A ceremony at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre, the largest veteran care facility in Canada, to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and also to cap off the centre's 75th anniversary celebrations. The cenotaph on its grounds was rededicated, and Mme Dumont laid a wreath to commemorate the fallen. She thanked the assembled veterans and members of the CAF for their service.

Mme Dumont  
with Royal Canadian  
Air Force Captain  
Mortimer Lightstone







The unveiling of a City of Toronto plaque in November 2024 commemorating the No. 2 Construction Battalion, a labour unit formed in World War I to allow Black men to enlist as soldiers. Mayor Olivia Chow hosted the ceremony in St. Andrews Church, near the site of a recruitment office for the Battalion. Mme Dumont spoke about the remarkable contributions the members made despite the personal and systemic racism they faced, emphasizing that **"their courage, their ingenuity, and their commitment to King and country helped ensure that we have the freedoms we enjoy today."**

The annual Ontario Ceremony of Remembrance, held at the Ontario Veterans' War Memorial at Queen's Park. In the presence of parliamentarians, community members, and veterans including centenarian Honorary Lieutenant General Richard Rohmer, Mme Dumont laid a wreath and spoke about the importance of military service to freedom, peace, and a sense of unity in Canada.

Remembrance Day  
ceremony outside  
Queen's Park

## Education

Her Honour attended military graduation ceremonies:

The Grey Wolf program for Indigenous recruits combines military training with Indigenous teachings. Run each summer in Meaford, in Grey County, it comprises three components: a culture experience week taught by Indigenous Elders; standard Army Reserve Basic Military Qualification, with CAF instructors; and experiential learning, including training with Army Reserve brigades and rangers. At the ceremony, Mme Dumont spoke about the program's positive impact on participants' lives and how it honours and advances the long and vital legacy of Indigenous peoples' service in the CAF.

Grey Wolf  
program graduation



32 Canadian Brigade is an Army Reserve Formation whose units include the Queen's York Rangers—of which Her Honour, as Lieutenant Governor, holds the honorary title of Colonel of the Regiment. Members of the Brigade have served extensively abroad, including in Afghanistan, and at home, contributing to national sovereignty and disaster relief. The 2025 graduates of its Basic Military Qualification and Infantry Private Rank Qualification courses were a diverse group from across southern Ontario. At the ceremony, held in the Fort York Armoury in Toronto, Mme Dumont thanked the graduates for choosing to play a significant role in the safety and security of Canadians—and of our allies around the world—at a critical time.



## Celebrations

In September 2024, the Owen Sound Regional Airport, formerly known as Billy Bishop Airport, was renamed in honour of Hon. Lt.-Gen. Rohmer. Joining the dignitaries and community members who gathered to salute him, Mme Dumont hailed his contributions to Canada as a pilot, a military commander, a lawyer, an author, a historian, and an extraordinary storyteller.

The year 2024 marked the centennial of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). In Barrie and at Toronto's Downsview Park, Mme Dumont ceremonially planted trees to unveil RCAF Centennial Groves—commemorative public planting projects created in collaboration with the charity Trees for Life. Her Honour thanked air cadets for planting trees, telling them, *"As they grow, so will you!"*

In March 2025, the annual Garrison Ball, which brings together CAF members from across the Greater Toronto Area, celebrated the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Europe. As hosts, the Governor General's Horse Guards (GGHG) welcomed World War II veterans Trooper Ed Stafford, the GGHG's last remaining veteran; Able Seaman Jack Reid, representing the Royal Canadian Navy; and Hon. Lt.-Gen. Rohmer, representing the RCAF. Mme Dumont addressed the gathering from the "Queen's Jeep," which was used by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to review troops in 1984 at the Canadian National Exhibition. She spoke of the pride she felt in *"knowing that in a time of crisis, we came together as a nation, and as part of an international community."*

32 Canadian Brigade  
graduation



## Diplomatic Engagements

In 2024–25, in order to cultivate and strengthen Ontario's ties with other nations, the OLGO welcomed dignitaries from 17 countries across 5 continents to the Suite to meet with Mme Dumont.

She met with 29 diplomats and visiting dignitaries, including:

- 15 consuls general – from Chile, Czechia, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kosovo, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom
- 2 deputy consuls general from Guatemala and Peru
- 6 ambassadors from Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland
- 2 honorary consuls from Sweden and Switzerland
- 1 consul from Italy
- 1 high commissioner from Sri Lanka
- 1 minister from Saudi Arabia
- 1 trade commissioner and head of international cooperation from Mexico

(L): With José Luis Gonzales Donayre and Daphne Amaya, Consul General and Deputy Consul General of Peru

(R): With Yann Gall, General Delegate of Wallonia-Brussels in Quebec





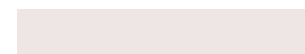
Mme Dumont also met with the delegate general of Wallonia-Brussels in Quebec and Ontario's agent-general in the UK.

Her Honour was asked to deliver remarks at two gatherings of diplomats. At the annual Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Consular Corps Association of Toronto, she spoke to the group of ambassadors and consuls general about the important role they collectively play in international relations and in ensuring that people feel empowered to make economic, social, and cultural contributions in Ontario and Canada.

In January 2025, at the residence of the Belgian ambassador to Canada, Mme Dumont met with the Groupe des ambassadeurs et ambassadrices francophones d'Ottawa. Together, they discussed ambassadors' roles in promoting and supporting Francophonie in Canada, and Her Honour spoke about how **"Francophonie is a dynamic force that helps shape who we are, fuels our economy, expands knowledge across every aspect of life, and enhances our cultural influence."**

(L): At the Belgian Embassy in Ottawa with Francophone ambassadors to Canada

(R): Her Honour welcomes Deuk Hwan Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea



## Recognizing Service and Excellence

Over the years, the government of Ontario has established official honours and awards that are granted by the lieutenant governor on the government's formal advice.

Mme Dumont presided over the presentation of the following awards in 2024–25:

- Ontario Medal for Paramedic Bravery - May 2024
- Ontario Medal for Firefighter Bravery - June 2024
- Ontario Medal for Police Bravery - June 2024
- Order of Ontario - October 2024
- Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship - March 2025

In September 2024, Mme Dumont presented the following awards created to honour the legacies of her predecessors:

- James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award
- David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility
- Hilary M. Weston Scholarship (for graduate-level social work students who specialize in mental health)
- Lincoln M. Alexander Award (for young leaders fighting to eradicate racial discrimination)

Coronation Medal ceremony at the Lieutenant Governor's Suite







Ontario Medal for  
Good Citizenship  
ceremony



(L): Order of St John  
investiture ceremony  
(R): With Lieutenant  
Governor's Medal of  
Distinction in Public  
Administration  
recipient Denise A.  
Campbell



Ingenious+ Awards  
ceremony



In addition, Mme Dumont had the opportunity to recognize hundreds of Ontarians through the following awards programs:

- Ingenious+ Regional Awards (with the Rideau Hall Foundation) - May 2024
- Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines (with George Brown College) - June 2024
- Order of St. John Investiture (with the Ontario Council of St. John Ambulance) - June 2024
- Lieutenant Governor's Distinguished Service Award (with the Royal Ontario Museum) - June 2024
- Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Canada - August 2024
- Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration (with the Institute of Public Administration of Canada) - November 2024
- Commonwealth Honour Awards (with the Royal Life Saving Society) - December 2024
- Lieutenant Governor's Award for Marketing Excellence in Ontario (with the Economic Developers Council of Ontario) - January 2025

(L): Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards ceremony

(R): With recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award—Canada





# Community Role



## Francophonie

Mme Dumont attended and hosted meetings, events and celebrations that helped connect Francophones and Francophiles, and that increased visibility of the Francophonie and of its important contributions in shaping Ontarian society:

With Mayor Chow and members of the Franco-Ontarian community on International Francophonie Day

## Celebration

On Franco-Ontarian Day, in September 2024, Her Honour participated in a raising of the Franco-Ontarian Flag outside Queen's Park. She told the assembled community leaders, parliamentarians, and students, **"Today, we affirm our dedication to building an inclusive future in which all Franco-Ontarian voices are listened to and respected."** At a reception she hosted in the Suite, singer/songwriter Abel Maxwell, OOnt, gave a rousing performance, and musicians from the chorale Café Chantant, from the Programme spécialisé en arts de Toronto at the École secondaire catholique Saint-Frère-André, performed songs in French.

On March 24, Her Honour hosted a reception to celebrate the Month of La Francophonie with FrancoNoir.e (a Black Francophone employee group in the Ontario Public Service), Diversités Noires (a group of Black high school students from Béatrice-Desloges Catholic High School in Ottawa), and the Francophone caucus of AMAPCEO (the Association of Management, Administrative and Professional Crown Employees of Ontario). Students delivered presentations about French-speaking countries, reflecting their own backgrounds and ancestry.

(L): Month of  
La Francophonie  
reception  
(R): Franco-Ontarian  
Day reception



Mme Dumont attended the 60th anniversary gala of Impact ON, a non-profit that boosts Francophone cooperatives and social enterprises. Ever since it was founded, in 1964, it has encouraged communities to band together in pursuit of sustainable socioeconomic development. In her remarks, Her Honour spoke about how working collaboratively in business encourages people, communities, and the province as a whole, to flourish.





Club canadien de  
Toronto conference  
on Francophonie  
throughout the  
world

## Conferences

Her Honour was invited to be a keynote speaker and panelist at high-profile events:

The annual conference held by the non-profit Acfas is the largest yearly gathering of Francophone scientists in Canada. The 2024 conference was held in Ottawa, and Her Honour delivered the keynote address at the symposium Language as a Determinant of Health at the Montfort Hospital, Ontario's Francophone teaching hospital, which partners with the University of Ottawa and the Collège La Cité. Mme Dumont told the assembled healthcare professionals, "While I have the privilege to join many Ontarians in times of celebration, I know many of you are there to help them during some of the most difficult times in their lives. Reassurance and support that are offered in people's mother tongues make all the difference."

The Michel Bastarache Conference is hosted annually by the University of Ottawa's French Common Law program. In her keynote address at the 2025 conference, held in March, Mme Dumont praised participants for their commitment to ensuring that in Canada, "Supporting official languages, including French, involves much more than preserving our cultural heritage. (...) It means ensuring that we can study, work, thrive, and be served in either of Canada's two official languages."

The conference Resolutions2024 was hosted in October by La Passerelle-Intégration et Développement Économique, a non-profit that facilitates the economic development of Black and marginalized Francophones in Ontario. Mme Dumont's remarks reflected the conference's theme, "Technology and the changing face of systemic racism." She quoted the late Lincoln Alexander, Ontario's first Black lieutenant governor, who called for Canadians to "work together to make certain Canada is the great nation it can be." She affirmed that "together, Canadians can exert influence over the development and use of technological tools, ensuring that they promote justice and equity."

## Education

Her Honour was invited to speak to gatherings of Francophone educators and to visit educational institutions doing important work in French:

On Franco-Ontarian Day in September 2024, Mme Dumont participated in the Université de l'Ontario français (UOF)'s first annual Tribute Evening, where members of the university community were celebrated for their accomplishments.

Her Honour attended the conference hosted by the AFOCSC, Ontario's French Catholic school board association, in May 2024. She delivered a keynote address that highlighted the importance of schools' direct engagement with the communities they serve.

In March 2025, Mme Dumont visited the INNOVA Space at the University of Ottawa, which supports innovation in French-language education in minority-language settings across Canada. There, she learned about new learning technology including an immersive cylinder that creates simulated learning environments, digital multitouch tables, and augmented-reality glasses. Her Honour was filmed to create a life-sized digital image resembling a hologram; her remarks about her own experiences as Lieutenant Governor and as a student at the University of Ottawa will be shown to visitors.

(L): Gisèle-Lalonde  
Secondary School  
in Ottawa  
(R): The INNOVA  
Space in Ottawa





## Women's and Young People's Leadership

One area of focus that has emerged in the early part of Mme Dumont's mandate is encouraging compassionate, caring, and responsible leadership—particularly among women and young people.

### Women in Leadership

On International Women's Day (March 8), 2025, Her Honour participated in a panel discussion at the UOF. Alongside members of the university's leadership team, Mme Dumont spoke about her experience as a woman leader in education. The panelists reflected on the challenges they have faced and lessons they have learned, and the importance of building strong support networks to strengthen women's leadership.

At the town hall in Orono, in the Durham region, Her Honour attended an event recognizing the achievements of local women working in visual art. Mme Dumont delivered remarks thanking the award recipients **"for demonstrating to young women and girls that no matter what the medium may be ... visual art provides tools that can empower women to share their creative voices and amplify their power to change the world."**

(L): With the UOF  
International  
Women's Day  
panelists

(R): Orono Town Hall  
Women of the Arts  
event





(L): Networking breakfast for women leaders at the AMO conference

(R): Trafalgar Castle School



During the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual conference, held in Ottawa in August 2024, Mme Dumont hosted a networking breakfast for women leaders—mayors and municipal managers. She invited Roseann O'Reilly Runte, former CEO of the Canada Foundation for Innovation, who presented her book *Canadians Who Innovate*. Together, they highlighted the importance of connecting with mentors and of forging links between women leaders.

In March 2025, Mme Dumont Spoke to students in Grades 7 to 12 at the Trafalgar School in Oakville, which was celebrating its 150th anniversary. She spoke about the two themes of International Women's Day in 2025—"Accelerating Action" and, from the United Nations, "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment"—and she encouraged the students to be "leaders who will help accelerate action towards equality for all."



## Young People's Leadership

In May 2024, in the Lieutenant Governor's Suite, Mme Dumont presented awards to the Ontario regional winners of the annual national competition Ingenious+, which is run by the Rideau Foundation and celebrates innovation among youth aged 14 to 18. Each winner devised an innovative project to address challenges Canadians have been facing across five categories: community and civic engagement, climate change and the environment, equity and inclusion, health and well-being, and technology and entrepreneurship. Mme Dumont praised them for creativity in areas stretching from asphalt to algae to AI, from education to electricity, and from communication to community-building.

In February 2025, in Windsor, Mme Dumont attended the fourth annual graduation gala for the Black Diplomats Academy, an eight-month program for young Black professionals to learn about global policy and diplomacy. She congratulated the graduates and praised the program for addressing systemic barriers in the field.

(L): Ingenious+ Awards reception  
(R): Model Parliament program



In February 2025, in the Legislative Chamber, Mme Dumont met with 115 high school students from across Ontario who were taking part in the 2025 Model Parliament program, an immersive, three-day introduction to parliamentary democracy and civic engagement. Her Honour spoke about her role and duties and fielded questions in English and French about her experiences as Lieutenant Governor.



## Culture and Heritage / Amplifying Voices

Mme Dumont seeks to help instil a sense of belonging among Ontarians by promoting the preservation of heritage and the flourishing of diverse cultures across the province.

The Mon Sheong Foundation, the first registered charity to focus support on the Chinese Canadian community, celebrated its 60th anniversary at its annual Cathay Ball, held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in November 2024. Her Honour praised the foundation for its work both in caring for older people and for offering educational and volunteering opportunities to youth. She spoke about how Mon Sheong is helping Ontario become **“more compassionate, more resilient, and full of hope for the next 60 years!”**

In February, to mark Black History Month in the Suite, Mme Dumont, together with the non-profit Children’s Breakfast Clubs, hosted Grade 4 and 5 students from Markham. They learned about Lincoln Alexander’s life and work and heard from five prominent members of the Black community in Ontario. Zanana Akande (the first Black woman to become a provincial Cabinet minister in Canada), the Honourable Jean Augustine (the first Black Canadian female MP and Cabinet minister), Arthur Downes (community organizer and former Justice of the Peace), B. Denham Jolly (Black radio pioneer and philanthropist), and Rosemary Sadlier (historian, activist, and champion of Black History Month) told the students about their journeys, answered questions, and gave inspirational advice. Each student was given a copy of Sadlier’s *The Kids Book of Black History in Canada*.



Her Honour visited the Amherstburg Freedom Museum on the east bank of the Detroit River. The museum focuses on African-Canadian journeys and contributions. On its grounds is the Nazrey African Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1848 by Black refugees from slavery who had crossed the river from Michigan to find freedom. The chapel became a terminus of the Underground Railroad, and Mme Dumont was profoundly moved by the stories she was told by museum staff, some of whom are Underground Railroad descendants.



On Canada Day, 2024, Mme Dumont attended the Unisong Choral Festival's 25th anniversary concert. The annual event brings together choristers from across Canada to sing. The 2024 performance featured songs in French, in English, and in Cree—the latter written by guest composer Sherryl Sewepagaham. In her welcoming remarks, Mme Dumont said, **"Today is a day to reflect on Canada's history, and on the history of these lands, which have been stewarded by Indigenous peoples for countless years—and a day to think about the future we want to see, and how we can get there. A future full of unity and potential—as embodied by this choir!"**

**(L):** History Month event with the Children's Breakfast Clubs  
**(R):** Amherstburg Freedom Museum

During the Month of La Francophonie, Her Honour hosted a literary evening in partnership with the Toronto French Book Fair and the Institut français du Canada. Students from McMaster University and the UOF discussed Sandrine Collette's novel *Madelaine avant l'aube*, which won the 2024 Prix Goncourt des lycéens—an award whose jury is approximately 2,000 high school students in France. As well, four Franco-Ontarian poets—Soufiane Chakkouche, Aristote Kavungu, Sophia Leopold-Muresan, and Gabriel Osson—read their work. Mme Dumont spoke about how **"literature, in all its forms, weaves links between us—between generations, cultures and ideas. It advances our understanding of the world and our ability to imagine it."**

In September 2024, in Sault Ste Marie, Mme Dumont attended a gala to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Ontario Provincial Air Service (OPAS)—now known as the Aviation, Forest Fires and Emergency Services in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The gala was held at the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, which displays classic aircraft in the OPAS’ original hangar and tells stories of bush pilots’ contributions to Ontario’s communities and natural heritage. Her Honour told attendees, **“With all the challenges facing Ontario and the world today, I think we could all use a little more of the calm that pilots possess—not to mention their ingenuity and their determination to solve problems.”**

In Peterborough, in May 2024, Her Honour attended the grand opening of the Canadian Canoe Museum’s new 6,000m<sup>2</sup> facility which houses 600 canoes and related watercraft—the world’s largest such collection. The museum offers information in Anishnaabemowin, in French, and in English. During the opening ceremony, Mme Dumont and His Honour, Tony Viscardi, joined community leaders to paddle canoes across Little Lake. She praised the museum’s staff and volunteers for their skill in steering through rough waters—they had persevered when the museum’s first planned site fell through. As Mme Dumont told the gathering, **“Sometimes the journey we make is not the one we had planned, but it’s the one we discover we needed all along.”**

Canadian  
Canoe Museum’s  
new facility







Haven Toronto

## Community and Belonging

Across the province, Mme Dumont supported the efforts of Ontarians working together to strengthen communities and make them more caring, cohesive, and resilient.

Her Honour is honorary patron of Haven, a charity founded in 1933 that supports men aged 50 and over. Most of its clients are homeless, and all are facing food insecurity. In December 2024, at Haven's annual Day of Giving, involving an open house and a clothing drive, Mme Dumont thanked the volunteers and staff, observing that any effort to find a sustainable answer to the kinds of problems their clients are experiencing **"will need to draw on the experience and expertise of those who are serving this community, and it will need to start with the values and the understanding at the heart of what you do here."**

Mme Dumont hosted a reception for members of the Ontario Public Service (OPS) who led the efforts of the OPS 2024 United Way Campaign, as well as for representatives of the charity United Way Centraide, which supports over 2,500 programs to address poverty, bolster communities, and support youth. In her remarks, Mme Dumont praised the power of community demonstrated by the volunteers: **"a power that is making Ontario a more resilient, inclusive, and caring place."**





**Top:**

(L): Haven Toronto  
(R): 55 Plus Centre in  
Thunder Bay

**Bottom:**

(L): Mayor of  
Ottawa's Canada Day  
breakfast with  
seniors

(R): Opening of  
Thunder Bay's  
concert series *Live  
on the Waterfront*

On March 9, 2025, the day before Commonwealth Day, Mme Dumont attended an interfaith service organized by the Royal Commonwealth Society of Toronto and held at Yorkminster Baptist Church. Interfaith greetings were offered by Adam Cutler, Senior Rabbi at the Adath Israel Congregation, and Abdul Hai Patel, director of Interfaith Relations at the Canadian Council of Imams. Her Honour spoke about the 2024 Commonwealth Day theme, "Together We Thrive," and about how the "gathering of nationalities and faiths illustrates the power of the Commonwealth and its potential to be a model of unity at a time of division."





In North Bay, on an official visit, Her Honour toured two organizations that are bringing communities and generations together. The Village at Canadore College is an innovative facility where seniors live on campus and benefit from student-led clinics and care, in an environment that promotes Western, Eastern, and Indigenous ways of knowing. OUTloud North Bay is an inclusive community space for youth of all gender identities, backgrounds, and sexual orientations, which works to build support networks throughout Northern Ontario.

**Top:**

**(L):** École catholique Monseigneur Jamot in Peterborough

**(R):** 25th anniversary celebration of the amalgamation of Saugeen Shores

**Bottom:**

**(L):** Saugeen First Nation Pow Wow

**(R):** Evergreen House in Thunder Bay



Her Honour's official visit to Thunder Bay focused on places that help create social cohesion and collective wellbeing. At the Evergreen House, a former biker clubhouse that has been converted into a place for at-risk youth to access food, feel safe, and find a sense of belonging, Mme Dumont participated in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) learning activity with young people from the community. She toured the 55 Plus Centre, which provides social connection and a wide spectrum of programming for older adults, and she visited the Roots Community Centre, which offers a free food program for seniors, culinary business courses for women refugees and immigrants, and food-related immersive activities for high school students. At Goods & Co. Market, a former mall that was repurposed as a community hub after the COVID-19 pandemic, she met local food and craft vendors who had been given space to start their businesses.

In March 2025, Mme Dumont visited McKinnon Public School in Mississauga and W.H. Morden Public School in Oakville, to meet students participating in the international art project Ship of Tolerance. Created by artists Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, it invites young people to imagine inclusive communities and create artwork with messages of hope, harmony, and peace. Their art was later stitched together to make sails for an 18-metre boat that docked at Gairloch Gardens in Oakville. Some students later wrote to Mme Dumont about their experience. For Grade 3 student Weini, "The Ship of Tolerance made me realize that being different isn't a bad thing. Instead, being different is diverse and unique." Her classmate Sumaiyah wrote, "Having a community is like one hundred people with one dish and spoon. For everyone to be filled, you must share, communalize, and work together. Without this, you are like a lock with no key."

OUTloud North Bay  
community space







Lieutenant  
Governor's Games  
at Variety Village

## Viceregal Patronage

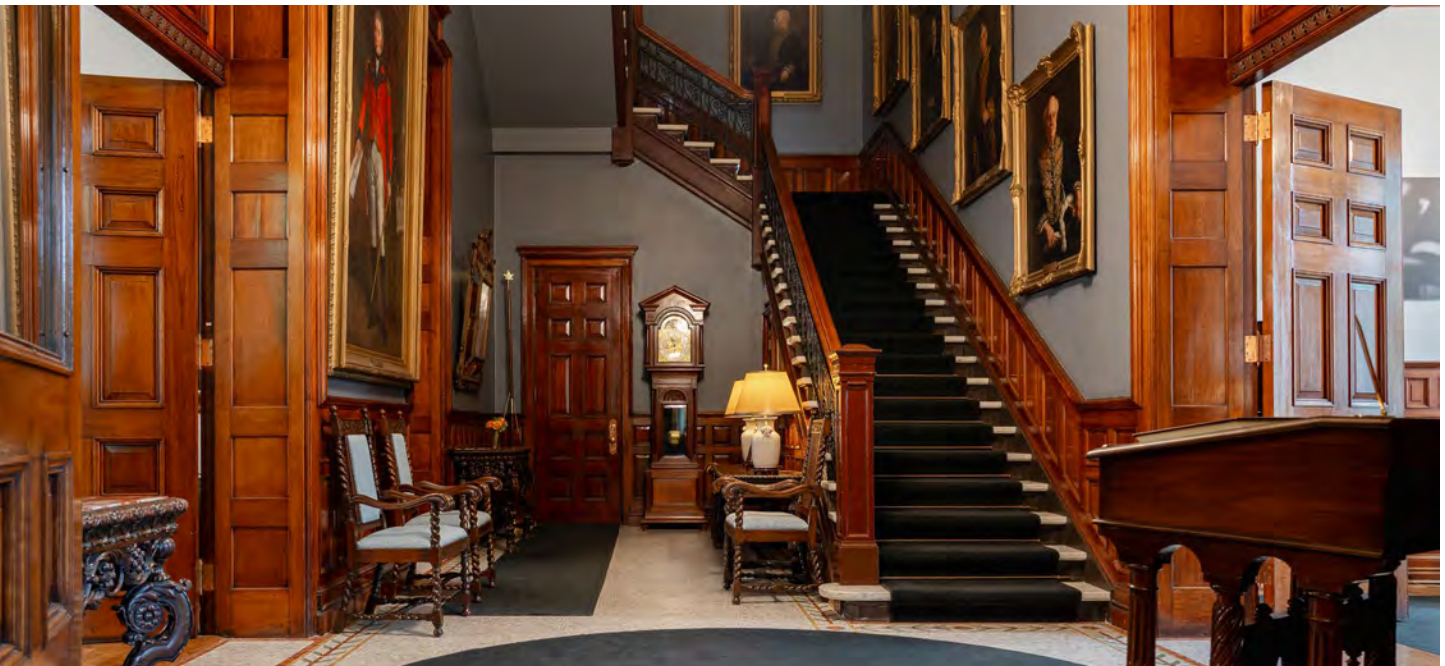
During 2024–25, Mme Dumont granted patronage to 29 organizations:

- Aga Khan Museum
- Air Cadet League of Canada – Ontario Chapter
- Army Cadet League of Canada – Ontario Chapter
- Applaud – People in the Public Service
- Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons
- Canadian Parents for French
- Commissionaires Great Lakes
- Concerts in Care
- DeafBlind Ontario
- Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Canada
- Friends of HMCS Haida
- Haven Toronto
- Institute for Advancements in Mental Health
- Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire – Ontario Chapter
- Massey College
- Mon Sheong Foundation
- Ontario Historical Society
- Ontario Society of Artists
- Royal Canadian Institute for Science
- Royal Canadian Military Institute
- Royal Commonwealth Society of Toronto
- Royal Ontario Museum
- Royal Life Saving Society – Ontario Branch
- STEM Fellowship
- St. George's Society of Toronto
- Toronto Children's Chorus
- Variety, The Children's Charity
- Women's Musical Club of Toronto
- Royal Over-Seas League – Ontario Chapter

In addition, Mme Dumont has granted patronage to one special initiative:

- STEM Fellowship's Ontario Provincial Digital Citizenship High School Graduation Award and Finals

# The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario



View from the  
foyer at the  
Lieutenant  
Governor's Suite

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (OLGO) assists the lieutenant governor in fulfilling her role by providing support in administration, communications, and events planning. Staff members lend their advice, insight, and expertise to build relationships with partners and communities.



During the fiscal year, the OLGO comprised a team of 16 staff members. In addition, a corps of 45 honorary aides-de-camp and 17 volunteers contributed thousands of hours of service. Volunteers greet and guide visitors during in-Suite events; they offer information and answer questions about the Suite and the duties of a lieutenant governor. Aides-de-camp are current or retired uniformed service members who accompany and assist lieutenant governors during events. The position of aide-de-camp is honorary, and those appointed serve on a volunteer basis. In Ontario, aides-de-camp are selected from the three branches of the CAF, as well as from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, regional and municipal police services, local emergency services, and first responders, including St. John Ambulance.

The staff comprises four teams: the events team liaises with partner organizations, municipal governments, and community groups to plan Her Honour's participation in events; the communications team is responsible for media appearances and press releases; the administrative team organizes the participation of aides-de-camp and volunteers; and the hospitality team supports the running of in-Suite events.

Together, all four teams worked to plan, promote, and host the OLGO's participation in Doors Open in Toronto, in May 2024, as well as the annual New Year's Levee. Across both events, almost 3,500 visitors explored the Lieutenant Governor's Suite and took the opportunity to learn more about her role.

## Lieutenant Governor Online

The communications team frequently updates the OLGO's website to include current and accessible information relating to lieutenant governors' role and activities:

[www.lgontario.ca](http://www.lgontario.ca)

Assisted by her communications team, the Lieutenant Governor maintains an active social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, in order to amplify Ontarians' diverse stories and important initiatives in their communities. Below are examples of posts from each of these platforms.



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I had the pleasure of meeting the students of W.H. Morden Public School during the "Ship of Tolerance" activity. Their creativity was on full display as they shared sail designs filled with messages of hope, harmony, and peace. Created by artists Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, @ilyaemiliakabakov, this international art project invites young people to engage in dialogue, express themselves through art, and imagine communities that are inclusive, caring, and resilient. In May 2025, a striking 18-metre boat featuring the students' colourful sail designs will be docked in Gairloch Gardens in @townofokville.

A warm thank you to Curtis Ennis, Eleanor McIntosh, Heather Finkbeiner, and Lisa Kosmack! hdsbschools



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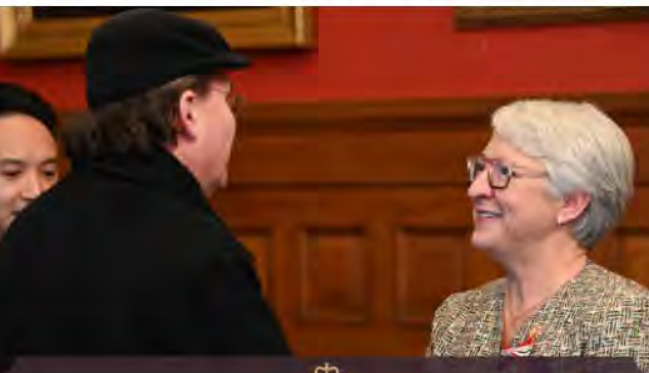


Happy New Year! Today, from noon to 2 p.m., the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, warmly welcomes you to Queen's Park for her New Year's Levee. Bring your family and friends and join us. All are welcome!

<https://www.igontario.ca/.../lieutenant-governors-2025.../> #LeveeWithTheLG2025

... Bonne et heureuse année 2025! Aujourd'hui, de midi à 14h, la lieutenant-gouverneure Edith Dumont vous invite chaleureusement à la réception du Nouvel An à Queen's Park. En famille et entre amis, vous êtes les bienvenus.

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Réception du Nouvel An 2025 de la lieutenant-gouverneure

January 1 | janvier

Noon to 2:00pm | De midi à 14 h

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Queen's Park, Toronto



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I was delighted to join the [Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons](#) at the Great Valentine Gala, celebrating remarkable individuals who are breaking barriers and shaping a more accessible future. Congratulations to the honorees for their outstanding contributions to human rights and athletics! One of the most moving moments of the night was applauding our 2024 Paris Paralympic athletes—their dedication and perseverance push boundaries and inspire us all. From the bottom of our hearts: thank you for pushing boundaries and championing inclusion.

... Ce fut un plaisir de me joindre à la [Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons](#) lors du Great Valentine Gala. Ensemble, nous avons célébré des personnes exceptionnelles faisant œuvre de pionnières et de pionniers pour un avenir toujours plus accessible. Félicitations aux récipiendaires pour leurs contributions inspirantes dans les domaines des droits de la personne et de l'athlétisme. Beaucoup d'émotions lorsque nous avons applaudi nos athlètes ayant représenté le Canada lors des Jeux paralympiques de Paris 2024. L'engagement et la persévérance dont vous faites preuve repoussent les limites et favorisent l'inclusion. De tout cœur, nous vous disons : merci!

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# Messages to Ontarians

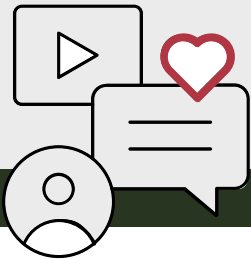
The OLGO communications team supported the Lieutenant Governor in providing special event messages to non-profit organizations and congratulatory greetings to Ontarians celebrating birthdays (90 years and older) and anniversaries (50 years and longer). She also recorded video messages to be broadcast as part of events around Ontario.



## Mme Dumont participated in:



## In 2024-25, Mme Dumont published:



# Financial Information

## Provincial Funds

The Government of Ontario provides the principal means of financial support for lieutenant governors' activity programs.

| Operating Expenses               | 2024–25            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries and wages               | \$1,915,845        |
| Employee benefits                | \$231,839          |
| Transportation and communication | \$31,414           |
| Services                         | \$245,150          |
| Supplies and equipment           | \$78,523           |
| Discretionary allowance          | \$155,800          |
|                                  | <b>\$2,658,571</b> |

Year ending March 31.  
All amounts rounded to the nearest \$1. Amounts may not add up precisely due to rounding.  
Source: Public Accounts of Ontario Ministry Statements and Schedules 2024–25.



## Federal Funds

The Department of Canadian Heritage provides lieutenant governors with funds for the purpose of defraying operating expenses.

| <b>Lieutenant Governors' Annual Grant</b><br>(Department of Canadian Heritage) | <b>2024–25</b>      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel and accommodation expenditures                                          | \$83,598.12         |
| Hospitality                                                                    | \$34,752.40         |
| Operational and administrative                                                 | \$92,867.85         |
|                                                                                | <b>\$211,218.37</b> |

Year ending March 31.

Source: "Expenses incurred by the Lieutenant Governors in the exercise of their official duties."  
Department of Canadian Heritage.



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Office of the  
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