Ontario's Open Government strategy & action plan

Ontario is working to become the most open and transparent government in Canada. This includes leading in all three streams of Open Government – Dialogue, Data and Information – and inspiring cultural transformation.

Open Dialogue

Ontario is giving the public more opportunities to weigh-in on government decision-making, in order to help improve the programs, policies and services that impact Ontarians.

Public Engagement Framework

A new Public Engagement Framework will help the province engage more Ontarians and increase the quality of public consultations taking place. The framework will lay out the key stages of engaging the public in a meaningful way and will provide ministries with guidance on public consultations.

Public Engagement Demonstration Projects

Ontario is testing the draft Public Engagement Framework through a variety of demonstration projects, including Red Tape Reduction, Strategy for a Safer Ontario and Accessibility Certification.

An Online Consultations Directory

To help Ontarians better learn about and participate in government consultations, Ontario is launching a one-stop location for all public consultations taking place across the province.

Open Data

Ontario is sharing government data regularly with the public, so that developers, non-profit organizations, researchers and others can help the province solve problems that affect Ontarians every day.

Open Data Directive

Ontario is currently implementing a new Open Data Directive that outlines principles and requirements for ministries and provincial agencies on releasing open data. Ontario was the first jurisdiction in Canada to consult the public on a draft Open Data Directive and used feedback to inform the final version.

Release of Open Data

Ontario continues to release new open data sets on a regular basis, over 400 to date, and is putting an emphasis on publishing priority and high-value data sets – including the most-voted data sets.

Internal Data Portal

Ontario is developing an Internal Data Portal to facilitate the sharing of data across ministries in order to support more evidence-based decision making. The portal will provide a one-stop hub for ministries to share and access cross-government data.

Open Information

Ontario is providing the public with the information they want and need about their government, to help them better understand how government works and improve transparency and accountability.

Open Information Strategy

The province is developing a plan to make Ontario a national leader on the proactive release of government information.

Open Government Project Tracker

Ontario is launching an online Open Government Project Tracker to inform Ontarians of the progress of the province's top Open Government projects. The project tracker will allow citizens to have an at-a-glance view of tangible ways Ontario is becoming more open.

Performance Measurement

To help measure progress, Ontario has developed a performance measurement framework with Key Performance Indicators to track government-wide progress across all three streams.

Culture Change

Ontario is working to transform internal culture to integrate Open Government principles into processes, planning and policies. The province's change management plan includes new learning and development opportunities, and a strategy to create awareness and generate support.

Vision: To become the most open and transparent government in Canada.

Open Dialogue

A broader, more diverse range of Ontarians is engaging regularly with the government and informing decisions that impact their daily lives.

Consultations Directory
Provide a one-stop location for Ontarians to connect with public consultations in the province

Public Engagement Framework
Develop and consult on draft framework to set out the guiding principles for engagement

Demo Projects
Work with ministries in a cross-section of demonstration opportunities, such as red tape reduction & a Strategy for a Safer Ontario

Open Data

Businesses, non-profits and BPS partners are working with government to access and use high-value data that supports innovation and fosters economic value.

Internal Data Portal
Create an internal data portal to provide a one-stop hub for ministries to share and access data

Ongoing Dataset Release
Publish priority data sets – encourage ministries to unlock top data sets for posting, based on results on the data inventory, economic impact and value

Open Data Directive
Create and implement an Open Data Directive that outlines principles and requirements for ministries and provincial agencies on releasing open data

Open Information

Ontarians are accessing the information they need and want about their government through interactive digital tools and user-friendly content.

Online Project Tracker
Create an online Open Government Project Tracker that allows the public to follow the province's progress on key projects

Open Info Strategy
Develop and release a plan to make Ontario a national leader on the proactive release of government information

Performance Measures Framework
Develop a performance measurement framework with Key Performance Indicators to track progress on all three streams across government

Culture Change

Learning & Development
Create new learning and development opportunities for staff to build capacity around all three streams of Open Government

Change Management
Develop and implement a Change Management Plan to support the cultural transformation required for Open Government

Comms & Outreach
Develop an integrated communications strategy to support the government's overall approach for the Open Government plan.