

**Ontario Nurses' Association  
Weekly Media Scan & Media Release Summary**

**June 24 to 28, 2024**

**ONA coverage:**

**'Keep the promise:' Memorial Park in Bracebridge packed with concerned residents**

MyMuskokaNow, June 24, 2024

['Keep the promise:' Memorial Park in Bracebridge packed with concerned residents - My Muskoka Now](#)

**HOOPP and Abacus Data Release the 2024 Canadian Retirement Survey**

Pension Pulse, June 20, 2024

[HOOPP and Abacus Data Release the 2024 Canadian Retirement Survey \(pensionpulse.blogspot.com\)](#)

**Nurses union unhappy about arbitration with Health Sciences North**

Sudbury.com, June 26, 2024

[Nurses union unhappy about arbitration with Health Sciences North - Sudbury News](#)

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<b>Interview:</b> None			
<b>Note:</b>	Ontario Nurses' Association is looking for a contract for roughly 900 unionized health workers. HSN health-care professionals have been working without a current contract since June 2022, said the ONA release.		

**Nursing coverage:**

**Northumberland Hills Hospital recognizes two future nurses with scholarships**

Hamilton Spectator, June 24, 2024

[Northumberland Hills Hospital recognizes two future nurses with scholarships \(thespec.com\)](#)

**Whitby NP becomes new RNAO president**

Durham Radio News, June 24, 2024

[Whitby NP becomes new RNAO president | Durham Radio News](#)

## **Why the health-care sector is hiring temporary foreign workers like never before**

CBC News, June 25, 2024

[Why the health-care sector is hiring temporary foreign workers like never before | CBC News](#)

### ***COVID-19 coverage:***

## **Making visible the invisible: Supporting long COVID patients and the people caring for them**

The Conversation, June 24, 2024

[Making visible the invisible: Supporting long COVID patients and the people caring for them \(theconversation.com\)](#)

## **COVID-19 nearly killed this personal support worker three years ago. A transplant saved him. Now he faces a new health threat**

Toronto Star, June 26, 2024

[COVID nearly killed him. Now, a new health threat looms \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Scientists closing in on why some people never get COVID. That could help with future vaccines**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[Scientists closing in on why some people never get COVID. That could help with future vaccines | CBC News](#)

### ***Industry coverage:***

## **It's not inevitable that our health care system is broken — we must demand change**

The Canadian Press, June 22, 2024

[In Ontario, we don't have to accept 'health care is broken' \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Social media is a public health threat for our youth. Our leaders must take it seriously**

Toronto Star, June 24, 2024

[Social media is a public health threat for our youth \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Lyme disease might be more common, but this tick-borne disease is on the rise in Canada**

CBC News, June 24, 2024

[Lyme disease might be more common, but this tick-borne disease is on the rise in Canada | CBC Radio](#)

## **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has found toxins at a lake, but it hasn't been made public**

CBC News, June 24, 2024

[North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has found toxins at a lake, but it hasn't been made public | CBC News](#)

## **New leadership means new focus for Sudbury drug strategy group**

Sudbury.com, June 23, 2024

[New leadership means new focus for Sudbury drug strategy group - Sudbury News](#)

## **Cancer centre staff go above and beyond**

Ottawa Citizen, June 22, 2024

[Ottawa Citizen \(Print Edition\)](#)

## **Legendary nurse's childhood home listed for \$6.55m; Florence Nightingale**

National Post, June 22, 2024

[National Post \(Print Edition\)](#)

## **GBGH forges partnership with University of Toronto health network**

Midland Today, June 24, 2024

[GBGH forges partnership with University of Toronto health network - Midland News \(midlandtoday.ca\)](#)

## **In small town Ontario, fighting opioid crisis requires personal touch**

CBC News, June 26, 2024

[In small town Ontario, fighting opioid crisis requires personal touch | CBC News](#)

## **Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec record more cases than usual of invasive meningococcal disease**

The Globe and Mail, June 25, 2024

[Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec record more cases than usual of invasive meningococcal disease - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **'Why did I have this surgery': Ont. mother seeks answers after son's tonsil surgery**

CTV News, June 26, 2024

[Tonsil surgery: Ontario mother asks why her son needed it | CP24.com](#)

## **Infant mortality rate rose 8% in wake of Texas abortion ban, study shows**

The Associated Press, June 24, 2024

[Infant mortality rate rose 8% in wake of Texas abortion ban, study shows | CP24.com](#)

## **Southwestern Ont.'s largest hospital faces \$150M deficit, forcing major program, staffing rethink**

CBC News, June 26, 2024

[Southwestern Ont.'s largest hospital faces \\$150M deficit, forcing major program, staffing rethink | CBC News](#)

## **Lack of pop-up satellite blood donation clinics irk long-time donor**

CBC News, June 25, 2024

[Lack of pop-up satellite blood donation clinics irk long-time donor | CBC News](#)

## **Medical resident suspended after opening clinic during convoy protests**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[Medical resident suspended after opening clinic during convoy protests | CBC News](#)

## **\$4M worth of prescription opioids disappeared from an Ontario pharmacy. No one can say where they went**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[\\$4M worth of prescription opioids disappeared from an Ontario pharmacy. No one can say where they went | CBC News](#)

## **Supervised consumption ends in Timmins due to lack of funding**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[Supervised consumption ends in Timmins due to lack of funding | CBC News](#)

## **U.S. health officials strengthen endorsement of RSV shots for oldest Americans**

The Associated Press, June 26, 2024

[RSV shots America | CP24.com](#)

## **Bird flu vaccinations for humans to begin in Finland, a global first**

Reuters, June 25, 2024

[Bird flu vaccinations for humans to begin in Finland, a global first - National | Globalnews.ca](#)

## **Seniors must push to fix long-term care once and for all | Opinion**

The Ottawa Citizen, June 24, 2024

[Let's push to fix long-term care once and for all | Opinion | Ottawa Citizen](#)

## **Protestors and police feature at hospital organization's AGM in Walkerton**

Owen Sound Sun Times, June 27, 2024

[Protestors and police feature at hospital organization's AGM in Walkerton | Owen Sound Sun Times](#)

### **PTSD walk aims to spread the message, 'Don't suffer in silence'**

Sudbury.com, June 27, 2024

[PTSD walk aims to spread the message, 'Don't suffer in silence' - Sudbury News](#)

### **South Bruce Grey Health Centre Board Mum On Durham Hospital At Annual Meeting**

Bayshore Broadcasting, June 27, 2024

[South Bruce Grey Health Centre Board Mum On Durham Hospital At Annual Meeting | Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre](#)

### **Province appoints supervisor to take over Renfrew's hospital amid concerns about financial practices**

The Ottawa Citizen, June 27, 2024

[Province appoints supervisor to take over Renfrew's hospital | Ottawa Citizen](#)

### **Alex Munter stepping down as CHEO president and CEO to lead Canadian Medical Association**

CTV News, June 27, 2024

[Alex Munter stepping down as CHEO president and CEO in October | CTV News](#)

### **Paramedic response times on highest-priority calls rise, city's auditor general finds**

Toronto Star, June 27, 2024

[Toronto paramedic response times rise: auditor \(thestar.com\)](#)

### **Head of National Microbiology Lab resigns in wake of scientist security scandal**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[Head of National Microbiology Lab resigns in wake of scientist security scandal | CBC News](#)

#### ***Labour coverage:***

### **Bombardier workers at Toronto facility on strike after failed contract talks**

Toronto Star, June 23, 2024

[Bombardier workers strike after failed contract talks \(thestar.com\)](#)

### **From fast food to construction, employers turn more and more to temporary foreign workers**

CBC News, June 24, 2024

[From fast food to construction, employers turn more and more to temporary foreign workers | CBC News](#)

## **How inflation took a bite out of workers' wages as they rose over the past decade**

CBC News, June 26, 2024

[How inflation took a bite out of workers' wages as they rose over the past decade | CBC News](#)

## **See how inflation in Canada has affected the wages of workers in your region**

CBC News, June 26, 2024

[See how inflation in Canada has affected the wages of workers in your region | CBC News](#)

## **Union blasts 'shameful' ruling on Cargill's Covid response**

The Globe and Mail, June 25, 2024

[Union blasts 'shameful' ruling on Cargill's Covid response - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **WestJet mechanics issue strike notice for possible job action Friday**

The Canadian Press, June 26, 2024

[WestJet mechanics issue strike notice for possible job action Friday \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Laurentian University staff union welcomes new law protecting universities from bankruptcy proceedings**

CBC News, June 24, 2024

[Laurentian University staff union welcomes new law protecting universities from bankruptcy proceedings | CBC News](#)

## **WestJet strike averted as Ottawa imposes arbitration on airline, mechanics**

The Canadian Press, June 27, 2024

[WestJet strike averted as Ottawa imposes arbitration on airline, mechanics \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Stelco and John Kenyon Ltd. charged after workers died after being burned at Nanticoke steel plant**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[Stelco and John Kenyon Ltd. charged after workers died after being burned at Nanticoke steel plant | CBC News](#)

### ***Human Rights & Equity coverage:***

## **Edith Anderson Monture of Six Nations was a woman of several firsts**

CBC News, June 24, 2024

[Edith Anderson Monture of Six Nations was a woman of several firsts | CBC News](#)

## **Here's why this Sudbury women's right advocacy group is set to strike**

CBC News, June 24, 2024

[Here's why this Sudbury women's right advocacy group is set to strike | CBC News](#)

## **Celebrating women, two-spirit people in Waawiiatanong through portraits**

CBC News, June 24, 2024

[Celebrating women, two-spirit people in Waawiiatanong through portraits | CBC News](#)

## **Hundreds take part in Orillia, Ont., Pride march**

The Globe and Mail, June 23, 2024

[Hundreds take part in Orillia, Ont., Pride march - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Toronto police say hate crime incidents up nearly 55 per cent over last year**

The Canadian Press, June 24, 2024

[Toronto police say hate crime incidents up nearly 55 per cent over last year \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Pride flag burned at Stoney Creek elementary school**

Toronto Star, June 25, 2024

[Pride flag burned at Stoney Creek elementary school \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **New human rights chief apologizes for pain to Jewish community caused by tweets**

The Globe and Mail, June 25, 2024

[New human rights chief apologizes for pain to Jewish community caused by tweets - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **She fled persecution for being a lesbian. She found Pride and a new LGBTQ family in Toronto**

Toronto Star, June 27, 2024

[Behind the surge in newcomers volunteering at Toronto Pride \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Indigenous man shot dead by OPP in Kenora has community demanding answers**

The Globe and Mail, June 26, 2024

[Indigenous man shot dead by OPP in Kenora has community demanding answers - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **'A civic disgrace': When Halloween turned homophobic in 20th-century Toronto**

TVO.org, June 26, 2024

['A civic disgrace': When Halloween turned homophobic in 20th-century Toronto | TVO Today](#)

## **Toronto's 43rd Pride weekend begins**

CBC News, June 28, 2024

[Toronto's 43rd Pride weekend begins | CBC News](#)

## **Immigrants in same-sex couples are on the rise and settling in smaller communities**

The Canadian Press, June 28, 2024

[Immigrants in same-sex couples settling in smaller cities \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Indigenous communities are coming together to speak on reconciliation and changing the narrative in Sudbury**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[Indigenous communities are coming together to speak on reconciliation and changing the narrative in Sudbury | CBC News](#)

### ***Political coverage:***

## **Council votes to exclude local MPP from meetings with Ford government**

The Trillium, June 21, 2024

[Council votes to exclude local MPP from meetings with Ford government - The Trillium](#)

## **Toronto-St. Paul's voters head to the polls Monday in a byelection being seen as a test for Trudeau's Liberals**

Toronto Star, June 23, 2024

[Toronto-St. Paul's byelection could signal Liberals' fate \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **'Allergic to accountability': Ford government under fire for ballooning Ontario Line costs**

Global News, June 24, 2024

['Allergic to accountability': Ford government under fire for ballooning Ontario Line costs | Globalnews.ca](#)

## **Why increasing polarization means your vote matters more than ever**

The Trillium, June 21, 2024

[Why increasing polarization means your vote matters more than ever - The Trillium](#)

## **Conservatives score upset win Toronto—St. Paul's byelection**

Toronto Star, June 24, 2024

[Toronto-St. Paul's byelection a test of Trudeau's leadership \(thestar.com\)](#)



## **Donald Trump’s dangerous rhetoric has changed the way Canadians think about an important democratic tool. We studied how**

Toronto Star, June 25, 2024

[‘Trump effect’ is eroding trust in mail-in voting in Canada \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Some sensible advice on health spending, still ignored 50 years later**

The Globe and Mail, June 25, 2024

[Opinion: Some sensible advice on health spending, still ignored 50 years later - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Original Ontario Line price only didn’t include all costs: Metrolinx CEO**

Global News, June 25, 2024

[Original Ontario Line price only didn’t include all costs: Metrolinx CEO | Globalnews.ca](#)

## **Province announces investments in long-term care in the region**

Doppler Online, June 25, 2024

[Province announces investments in long-term care in the region - Huntsville Doppler \(doppleronline.ca\)](#)

## **Was a Toronto byelection a wake-up call on Trudeau’s approach to antisemitism?**

The Canadian Press, June 26, 2024

[Was a Toronto byelection a wake-up call on Trudeau's approach to antisemitism? \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **How the Toronto-St. Paul’s byelection became of part of a global trend to dispute elections**

Toronto Star, June 26, 2024

[How global protesters targeted Toronto byelection \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Justin Trudeau’s political career is over. He can walk away with dignity now or stick around to get creamed by a man he loathes**

Toronto Star, June 25, 2024

[Justin Trudeau needs to realize his political career is over \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Ontario ministry hires private company to overhaul FOI system, process requests**

The Trillium, June 25, 2024

[Ontario ministry hires private company to overhaul FOI system, process requests - The Trillium](#)

## **Doug Ford's PC Party is polling on possible early 2025 election for Ontario**

Global News, June 26, 2024

[Doug Ford's PC Party is polling on possible early 2025 election for Ontario | Globalnews.ca](#)

## **Premier Ford 'extremely disappointed' in PC MPP's meeting with Tommy Robinson**

The Trillium, June 26, 2024

[Premier Ford 'extremely disappointed' in PC MPP's meeting with Tommy Robinson - The Trillium](#)

## **Employment aid privatization, 'modernization' leaving behind those on social assistance: stakeholders**

The Trillium, June 26, 2024

[Employment aid privatization, 'modernization' leaving behind those on social assistance: stakeholders - The Trillium](#)

## **Investments needed to address 'threadbare' supports for Ontarians with complex needs: ombudsman**

The Trillium, June 26, 2024

[Investments needed to address 'threadbare' supports for Ontarians with complex needs: ombudsman - The Trillium](#)

## **Outgoing integrity commissioner urges for overdue lobbying law review in possible final report**

The Trillium, June 26, 2024

[Outgoing integrity commissioner urges for overdue lobbying law review in possible final report - The Trillium](#)

## **Eligibility for Ottawa's dental plan expands to children, people with disabilities**

The Canadian Press, June 27, 2024

[Eligibility for Ottawa's dental plan expands to children, people with disabilities \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Crombie vows to appoint special investigator to look at Ford deals if elected, including science centre**

City News, June 27, 2024

[Crombie vows to investigate Ford deals if elected as premier \(citynews.ca\)](#)

## **Premier Smith says Alberta plans to opt out of federal dental care plan by 2026**

The Globe and Mail, June 26, 2024

[Premier Smith says Alberta plans to opt out of federal dental care plan by 2026 - The Globe and Mail](#)

**Pierre Poilievre presents himself as a hard-scrabble populist. Away from the cameras, the truth is very different**

Toronto Star, June 27, 2024

[Poilievre attacks lobbyists but privately consorts with them \(thestar.com\)](#)

**Trump's attacks on voting by mail may have lowered Canadians' trust in mail-in ballots**

Toronto Star, June 25, 2024

['Trump effect' is eroding trust in mail-in voting in Canada \(thestar.com\)](#)

**Architecture firm behind Ontario Science Centre slams closure**

The Canadian Press, June 27, 2024

[Architecture firm behind Ontario Science Centre slams closure | CBC News](#)

**Ontario turning urban planning over to developers – what can go wrong?**

The Globe and Mail, June 26, 2024

[Opinion: Ontario turning urban planning over to developers – what can go wrong? - The Globe and Mail](#)

**The next federal election is already shaping our politics for the worse**

TVO.org, June 26, 2024

[The next federal election is already shaping our politics for the worse | TVO Today](#)

**CRA preparing to take legal action against people who received pandemic benefits while ineligible**

CBC News, June 27, 2024

[CRA preparing to take legal action against people who received pandemic benefits while ineligible | CBC News](#)

## **Health Sciences North Health-Care Professionals Back in Arbitration, Seeking Better Care for Patients**

**SUDBURY, ON**, June 25, 2024 – Almost six weeks after a first round of arbitration hearings and a large rally calling for respect for health-care professionals at Health Sciences North (HSN), the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) bargaining team representing the workers will back in arbitration this evening.

“It is appalling that our skilled and dedicated health-care professionals have received so little respect from their employer and have been forced into arbitration for a new contract,” says ONA President Erin Ariss, RN. “If HSN had any regard for those on the front lines who provide such value to patients, they would have fairly negotiated a respectful contract. Instead of prioritizing the working conditions of those who deliver patient care, they have left our members severely short staffed and struggling to provide care and diagnostic services.”

HSN health-care professionals have been working without a current contract since June 2022. The hospital has failed to retain and recruit sufficient workers, including radiation therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and respiratory therapists. There are also a wide range of skilled workers in pharmacy, lab, and diagnostic imaging who are experiencing shortages.

“The shortages have resulted in patient delays in accessing diagnostic work and treatment, and the heavy workloads have left many health-care professionals burnt out,” notes Ariss.

ONA is the union representing 68,000 registered nurses and health-care professionals, as well as more than 18,000 nursing student affiliates, providing care in hospitals, long-term care facilities, public health, the community, clinics, and industry.

## Media Release

### Registered Nurses at Centretown Community Health Centre Vote to Join ONA

**OTTAWA, ON.,** June 28, 2024 – The Ontario Nurses’ Association (ONA) is delighted to welcome registered nurses (RNs) from Centretown Community Health Centre to the union.

“I look forward to these incredible RNs joining us,” says ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. “Our union is strong and engaged and membership offers an incredible range of representation that will ensure our new members have a strong voice in their workplace.”

Centretown Community Health Centre RNs voted overwhelmingly to join ONA. They have a number of issues of concern with their employer, including low wages, recruitment and retention challenges, and a desire for transparency and clear processes in the workplace.

Ariss says that “ONA prides itself in supporting our members as they find their collective power in union membership.”

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