



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO

## Constitutional Procedure regarding a change of Premier

### BACKGROUNDER

**In response to many public and media inquiries, the following outline is provided to describe the flow of official events that take place regarding the election of a new leader for the governing party.**

1. On October 15 2012, the Premier advised the Lieutenant Governor of his intention to resign as First Minister following the election of a new leader by his party.
2. After the election of a new leader for the party which forms the government, the Premier must advise the Lieutenant Governor in due course, of the result of the leadership election.
3. The Lieutenant Governor will then commission the new leader to form a government. This individual then becomes the **Premier-designate**. The Premier-designate will also confirm the date on which a new government can be formed as agreed with the outgoing Premier.
4. In the meantime, Mr. McGuinty will continue as Premier, along with Ministers of the Crown in the 24<sup>th</sup> Ontario Ministry since Confederation, until his formal resignation is accepted by the Lieutenant Governor.
5. On the date agreed to, the outgoing Premier would normally visit the Lieutenant Governor to formally submit his resignation as First Minister, which carries with it the resignation of Ministers.
6. Immediately following this, the Premier-designate will present a recommendation to the Lieutenant Governor on the composition of the Executive Council of Ontario in the new government, and will then be sworn-in, along with new Ministers of the Crown who will form the 25<sup>th</sup> Ministry.

**These events may transpire over a few days or weeks, depending on the length of transition agreed to by the outgoing Premier and Premier-designate.**

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