

Pickering-Uxbridge MPP Bethlenfalvy will be taking on the role of Finance Minister while keeping his position as President of the Treasury Board.

In a statement, Phillips said, "Today I submitted my resignation as Ontario's Minister of Finance

"Travelling over the holidays was the wrong decision, and I once again offer my unreserved apology," Phillips added.

"I look forward to focusing my efforts on continuing to serve the people of Ajax as their Member of Provincial Parliament," Phillips stated.

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Phillips and his wife travelled to St. Barts on Dec. 13 and stayed there until the news broke earlier this week that he had left the country. He was ordered home by Premier Doug Ford on Thursday.

Ford had initially said he didn't know Phillips had left the country and then corrected himself on Wednesday when he said he had known.