## Ontario Liberals' announcement more about election than child care, Arnott says

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"Why now?"

Wellington Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is questioning Premier Kathleen Wynne's latest announcement, which he is calling yet another Liberal campaign commercial.

On March 27, the Ontario Liberals announced the province will be offering free child care for children aged two-and-a-half until the age they are able to start kindergarten - a move they approximate will save families \$17,000 per child.

But Arnott says this decision is more about the coming election than about child

Wynne, along with Minister of Finance Charles Sousa and Minister of Education Indira Naidoo-Harris, says the new initiative is part of the government's investment of \$2.2 billion over three years for child care. More than \$930 million from 2020 to 2021 will go toward providing families with free preschool child care.

"In spite of what Premier Wynne said today, no government program is 'free,'" Ar-



Photo courtesy of Ted Arnott

Wellington Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is calling out the Ontario Liberals on their latest child care announcement.

nott told the Independent. "We all pay for government programs through our taxes and the heavy tax burden under this Liberal government is making life harder and harder for many families."

Arnott says the Liberals have been in power for 15 years and that it's worth questioning why these changes are being made just weeks away from the provincial election on June 7.

"However," Arnott added, "their problem is that almost nobody believes them anymore.'



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