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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The Ontario Board of directors, under the leadership of Chair, David Telka, is hard at work, reviewing the activities of its four committees with the Committee Chairs to determine the best course of action in 2019. The Committees include:

- *Digital Committee*, which promotes modernization, innovation and digital transformation for industry and government
- *Ontario Public Sector Business Committees (PSBC)*, which monitors, assesses and advises on public sector business and government procurement policies and practices in Ontario. It regularly hosts members-only Fireside Chat events that provide unique access to government leaders. It also hosts bi-annual events with the Corporate Chief Information Officer of the Ontario Government, and several of his CIOs;
- *Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee*, which recommends and develops programming to encourage the growth and success of our SME members; and
- *The Ontario Policy and Advocacy Committee*, which is responsible for identifying key policy recommendations and government messaging for influencing government.

It's important to note that after 15 years, the political tide shifted significantly in Ontario in 2018, with Doug Ford, PC, as Ontario's new Premier. ITAC has been making inroads with the government to ensure continuing commitment to develop Ontario's digital economy. This will continue throughout 2019 as we work to find ways to drive our digital agenda forward.

We continued our series of successful interactive Fireside Chat series throughout the year and the next [Ontario Public Sector Business Committee \(PSBC\) and Fireside Chat](#) with Karim Ramji, CIO, Kinark Child and Family Services will be held on Thursday, January 17th. If you're an OPSBC member – be sure to sign up! We are also working on the next Broader Public Sector event in early March. Stay tuned for more details.

We are currently in the process of drafting the ITAC Ontario Budget Submission, which is due on February 8, 2019. We will engage our members by the end of January with a draft Submission that will align with the themes suggested by Ontario Finance and the core commitments of the Ford Government.