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G **Garrett Raakman** 00:13

Ontario Child Care Agreement backlash. IRCC changes Canada Express entry rules. Trick or treat: How to make Halloween accessible for kids with disabilities. How Canadian audiences consume news today.

L **Lucas Ten Houte De Lange** 00:39

Good afternoon. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Lucas ten Houte de Lange.

G **Garrett Raakman** 00:43

and I'm Garrett Raakman.

L Lucas Ten Houte De Lange 00:46

The 2026 municipal election happened on Monday, October 26th. Here's a recap of the results. Olivia Chow won a second term as Toronto's mayor. Official results from the city of Toronto show Chao won approximately half a million votes. Challenger Brad Bradford finished second with just above 400,000, more than 980,000 ballots were cast on council. Several incumbents lost, including TMU's Ward 13, where Curran Stitkus defeated incumbent Chris Moise. And across the GTA, it was a rough night for incumbent mayors. Mississauga, Hamilton, and Oakville all replaced their incumbents, with Alvin Tedjo, Keenan Loomis, and Jeff Noel, respectively.

G Garrett Raakman 01:21

Last night's the United States election had its the United States had its midterm congressional elections. In a major upset, the Democratic Party took control of the House and Senate back from the Republican Party. The night had multiple upsets. The Democrats beat Trump-aligned Senate candidates in South Carolina, Texas, and Kansas, all Republican strongholds. Kansas, for instance, has not sent a Democratic senator to the Capitol since 1932. Texas also came away from the night with its first Democratic governor since the 1990s and its first Democratic senator since 1988. The midterms were a turbulent time for the Trump administration. Polls showed that the voters were dissatisfied with Trump's handling of the unpopular war with Iran and rising grocery and gasoline prices. We're still waiting for our last results.

L Lucas Ten Houte De Lange 02:11

Canada turned its clocks back an hour this weekend, but not everyone is on board. Parts of northwestern Ontario and all of B.C. have chosen to keep their clocks locked in place, creating permanent daylight time. In 2020, Ontario passed the Time Amendment Act, which would strike down time changing, but it won't go into effect unless Quebec and New York follow suit. Alberta also switched to permanent daylight this year, calling it Alberta time. Sleep experts have warned that the change could have negative health impacts and have suggested the best decision is motivate the decision is motivated by popular opinion instead of science. Instead, many suggest that permanent standard time would be better for Canadian circadian rhythms. For more on this story, On The Record reporter Karina Leung has a piece on our website.

G Garrett Raakman 02:53

Ontario's renewed child care agreement is facing backlash from advocates and early child educators who say more needs to be done to support the sector? OTR reporter Ali Safaverdi has the story.

A **Ali Safaverdi** 03:06

Ontario education workers and their supporters have taken to Queens Park to protest against the education agreement renewal, which was announced last month.

S **Speaker 1** 03:14

Families and childcare workers down. In 2021, the Ford government.

A **Ali Safaverdi** 03:19

The renewed agreement announced September 29th has drawn criticism from advocates and childcare workers calling for better wages, improved working conditions, and more accessible childcare. Registered early childhood educator Jess Thomas, who has more than 15 years of experience working in the childcare sector, spoke about the challenges facing educators.

S **Speaker 2** 03:37

I know the power that we have to transform the world, and I know we are not.

A **Ali Safaverdi** 03:57

Other attendees highlighted how these challenges are affecting both educators and those entering the profession.

S **Speaker 3** 04:03

We're not getting paid as much as we because right now I'm working at a daycare and my pay is the minimum wage 17.90, but I do a more for 1790. You know,

S **Speaker 4** 04:13

if you're not paying our mentors properly and we're going into a placement, they're overwhelmed. The kids are overwhelmed. Nobody's learning. I think it affects all of us, and it's important that we address all of it together.

A **Ali Safaverdi** 04:23

Representatives from various organizations, government officials, and families took turns speaking about low wages, long wait lists, and the future child care. However, one group was missing.

S **Speaker 2** 04:33

Who didn't show up? Which party ignored our invitation?

A **Ali Safaverdi** 04:50

For organizers and child care workers, the focus is now on what the province does next.

S **Speaker 3** 04:54

I think they need to sit down and actually consider where this funding is going and where the money needs. To go because the $10 a day is a big thing for the parents, but the funding's not coming to to the people who create the programs. I think we need to consider who's sitting at the table representing our voices, because clearly the ones sitting at the table right now are not representing our voices.

A **Ali Safaverdi** 05:16

For On The Record News, this is Ali Safaverdi.

L **Lucas Ten Houte De Lange** 05:21

Effective November 3rd, Canada's new express entry rules give some candidates up to 70 extra points for eligible Canadian work experience, or up to 100 points for job offers in designated high-wage occupations. But a higher score does not guarantee an invitation to apply for permanent residence. Tarun Paul Singh explains what the changes mean for people waiting in the pool.

T Tarun Paul Singh 05:44

25 years old Jono has been working as a building technology designer for two and a half years, who hopes to benefit from this new policy to get permanent residency.

L Liz Spence 05:54

Well, the whole purpose of getting the PR is definitely the stability, right? Because if I want to work in Canada for a long period of time, then definitely I need a permanent residency.

T Tarun Paul Singh 06:06

While applicants in key fields like OI are looking forward to the changes, immigration experts caution that candidates outside those specific occupation won't see the same

S Speaker 5 06:17

boost. Definitely, people those who are not working in those dedicated knock codes, they won't get benefit out of the special labor market integration program. The

T Tarun Paul Singh 06:25

high wage classification depends on the occupation, national media wage, rather than applicant's individual salary. People working outside those categories can still receive their existing point for eligible Canadian work experience. Extra points do not guarantee an invitation. Candidates must still meet the requirements and cut off score from a run. O says he has completed the steps he can for now.

L Liz Spence 06:47

Since with the new policy coming out, it is a all I need to do is just wait and see what's going to happen.

T Tarun Paul Singh 06:54

While talking with an immigration lawyer and other community people, they have been saying is that applicants should update their express entry, and more should be done in regards to it. The statement which IRCC has given to everyone is that applicants seeking points for qualifying job offer should update their express entry profile before november 3. Invitation round will pause while scores are recalculated. A process IRCC says could take up to two weeks. From On The Record, this is Tarun Paul Singh.

G Garrett Raakman 07:22

Children across Toronto filled neighborhood streets in their favorite costumes to collect buckets of candy celebrating Halloween last weekend. But for some children with disabilities, traditional trick-or-treating can come with unexpected challenges, from navigating steep porch steps to managing sensory overload. Now, one inspiring initiative is helping make Halloween more accessible, one driveway at a time. OTR's Liz Spence has the story.

L Liz Spence 07:49

On Queens Drive, Halloween decorations are going up as neighbors prepare to welcome trick or treaters.

S Speaker 1 07:54

Our street is awesome, and we started this five years ago. And the reason that they picked Queens Drive was because we regularly have 800 to 1,000 kids on a regular Halloween.

L Liz Spence 08:07

But instead of welcoming children at their front doors, these neighbors are bringing the treats down to the end of the driveways. For children with mobility challenges or other disabilities, navigating stairs, reaching a doorbell, or finding treats they can safely enjoy can make traditional trick or treating difficult,

S Speaker 3 08:22

and it's very heartwarming because sometimes we get told by the kids or parents it's their very first time ever trick or treating because we probably don't think about it. But if you have a disability, curbs are a problem, nighttime is a problem, allergies are a problem.

L Liz Spence 08:37

That's where Treat Accessibly comes in. The initiative encourages homeowners to make simple changes to the tradition.

S Speaker 3 08:43

One thing is to let people know that you're an accessible street, so you put up signs ahead of time. And we've already had people drive by saying, "Is this an accessible street? What time do you start and stuff?" Because the parents will set it up. So that's number one: let people know. And number two is, yeah, have a table here at the curbside, and that way, the kids don't with either wheelchairs or physical disabilities are not navigating stairs.

L Liz Spence 09:07

But this idea didn't start here. It began with one family recognizing how easily children with disabilities could be left out of a night meant for everyone.

S Speaker 6 09:15

Putting pumpkins on the stairs to our front door, and she looked up and she saw a little boy using a wheelchair, and she realized immediately he couldn't trick or treat at our house, something that I would have never considered. So that night we made a sign. It looks a lot like the one you probably seen today across Canada now, and we put that sign on our lawn. And a week later we treated from our driveway.

L Liz Spence 09:36

Since then, the initiative has grown across the country, with more than 30,000 homes participating, and for the people who take part, the most important thing is making sure children and families feel welcome.

S Speaker 7 09:47

Well, as a special ed teacher, I know how inaccessible a lot of streets are, and people have steps and things like that on their house, and a lot of our kids don't trick or treat because they can't get through the neighborhoods. So this. To me, is like I don't know, just a big open hug to the special needs kids. So if I get them,

L Liz Spence 10:05

treat accessibly hopes more communities will follow their lead, making small changes that can make a big difference for children and families. For On The Record News, I'm Liz Spence.

L Lucas Ten Houte De Lange 10:15

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) celebrated its 90th birthday on November 2nd. Since its establishment as Canada's national public broadcaster, Canadians have explored formats other than traditional print and broadcast journalism to source their news. OTR reporter Aaliyah Nguyen takes a look at how audiences are consuming news today.

A Aaliyah Nguyen 10:34

After almost a century of tuning into the news on the radio or catching a broadcast at home, that daily habit has shifted straight into people's hands, redefining where, when, and how audiences stay connected.

E Ethan Clarke 10:46

There's like a lot of people in the city that do that kind of stuff, and then you learn a lot from them as well, and informative things as well. So, like for example, with the elections, I learned a lot through social media.

A Aaliyah Nguyen 10:57

Social media isn't just where people get their news. Posting online has become a powerful way to raise awareness about local issues and foster community building. I

S Speaker 8 11:07

think that content creation is actually very political, like especially like going to like a restaurant, supporting businesses, and also like if you support a business, you kind of like saying you kind of like vouching for them.

A **Aaliyah Nguyen** 11:18

The downside of relying on social media is that news can spread rapidly without traditional fact checking.

L **Liz Spence** 11:24

You should be really careful about like citing and sourcing them.

A **Aaliyah Nguyen** 11:27

Digital content creation is spotlighting communities as cultural hubs and amplifying their voices.

S **Speaker 9** 11:33

So social media is a way for people that are either already in Toronto or outside of it that are coming in to visit to just get an idea of like what can you really do? Because outside of the really touristy stuff, like yeah, there's CN Tower and all of that, but what are the actual like fun events you can do where you meet people from Toronto and your community?

A **Aaliyah Nguyen** 11:49

Among the places going viral on social media are Toronto's favorite neighborhoods like Kensington Market and the Ossington Strip, boosting over 450,000 posts across Instagram and TikTok, as social media becomes the go-to for Torontonians to find out what's going on in their city, it is up to the consumer to identify the credible information. For On The Record News, I'm Aaliyah Nguyen.

G **Garrett Raakman** 12:13

The road to Eurovision 2027 has begun for Canada as the public votes to choose a representative. Candidate voting opened on October 27th and closes November 5th at midnight. The song contest, which is set for May 2027 in Bulgaria, will mark the first time a Canadian is sent to compete. The list of candidates includes Tyler Shaw, Talk, Reve, Josan, and William Clotier.

L Lucas Ten Houte De Lange 12:41

Now turning to entertainment, here's Chris Harrison with what's happening this week.

C Chris Harrison 12:46

Thanks. Godzilla minus zero will premiere in theaters on Friday, november 6. It's the sequel to the acclaimed Godzilla minus one, which won the Academy Award for Best Visual Effects. Minus Zero is the first Japanese film shot in IMAX. On November 7th and 8th, the Toronto Game Expo will be taking place. Exhibition Place is expected to be packed with more than 10,000 attendees, 600 exhibitor tables, and over 100 gaming experiences. There will be a free play arcade, celebrity appearances, and of course, tons of cosplayers. Elsewhere in the gaming world, November 19th will see the launch of arguably the most anticipated release of all time. Grand Theft Auto 6 will be hitting consoles worldwide. The game has already generated more than 600 million U.S. dollars in pre-order revenue and could break long-time sales records. November is also shaping up to be a big month for album releases. Fans can expect new music from Rex Orange County, Kings of Leon, and Skepta on the sixth, and Snow Allegra and West Side Gun on the 13th, plus re-releases from Bonnie Ver, Tom Petty, and The Heartbreakers and REM. That's all for entertainment. Back to the desk.

G Garrett Raakman 13:59

Now on to sports. As the TMU Bold have a championship on the line. Here's Ethan Clarke with more.

E Ethan Clarke 14:05

Thanks. The TMU Bold men's soccer team is heading to the OUE Championship final after a one-nothing win over the McMaster Marauders. The Bold will host the Guelph Griffins at Downsview Park this Saturday of kickoff set for 7 p.m. This marks the Bold's first appearance in the final since 2022, and they'll be hoping for a better result this time around after leaving Toronto's in their last appearance. And staying with TMU sports this Friday, both the men's and women's basketball team will celebrate their OU championships by raising their championship banners at the Mets' Meet Athletic Center. Both teams will face the Windsor Lancers, with the women tipping off at 6 p.m., followed by a men's team at 8 p.m. In hockey news, on Monday, all 32 NHL teams released their new hometown remix jerseys. Each team's jersey is designed to celebrate city's local culture and team history while introducing brand new designs. Teams will wear the jerseys several times throughout the season, with many debuting their new threads throughout the week. This is the first time since the reverse of retro jerseys in 2022. That the NHL has released league-wide alternates. Sticking with hockey, in a shocker, NHL superstar Nikita Kucherov has requested a trade from the Tampa Bay Lightning. The Lightning winger said poor communication and a lack of respect had sour relationship with the team and led to their request. Kucherov is in the final year of his eight-year, $76 million contract. Instead of over the past four months, he only had two conversations with general manager Julian Brisbane about contract extension. Brisbane made clear in a statement that a team has unequivocally no intention of trading Kucherov. Now on to the hardwood. The Oklahoma State Thunder announced that they'll be retiring All-Star Westbrook's number zero jersey. Westbrook spent 11 seasons with the Thunder, bringing it to an NBA Finals appearance in 2012. Yale became the second player in NBA history to average a triple double over an entire season, earning him the NVIDIA Peer Award in 2017. The Jersey retirement will take place on February 7th when the Thunder face the New York Knicks. That's all for sports. Back to the desk.

L Lucas Ten Houte De Lange 15:56

Now let's hear from the newsroom with our live news flash, where we have Calan Pittis standing by live, Calan. What do you have for us this week?

C Calan Pittis 16:03

Thank you. We've got all sorts of news online for you this week. OTR's Shari Kulenthirasa has a story about the hundreds of delivery drivers who packed the streets in downtown to protest for better pay and working conditions. OTR reporters Joey Fellows and Maia MacDaniel have a piece up on the website looking into how nursing cuts in Ontario hospitals are leaving some nursing students worried about their futures. We also have lots of news coming up for you a little later in this week. Repeater Miriam Nor is bringing us a story on the upcoming drop in both electricity prices and electricity rebates here in Ontario, asking the question of whether Ontarians will see any meaningful savings, we've also got reporter Liz Spence, who's looking into a number of potential strikes from education assistance here in the city, in the face of understaffed schools. Reporters Sophie Gelder and Miriam Nor will be bringing you a story on the new digital ID cards the province plans on rolling out, and on November 5th, TMU staff and students are staging a walkout in protest against the provincial government's cuts to OSAP grants, and OTR will be there. And of course, all of this and more is available online at ontherecordnews.ca. Back to you at the desk.

G Garrett Raakman 17:19

Thanks, Calan. Before we come to the end of today's segment, Sofie Gelder has more on this week's weather.

S Sofie Gelder 17:26

Thanks. Leaves are starting to collect on the ground, a sign that we are more than halfway through the fall season. But mild temperatures can be expected for the first week of November. Across the GTA and parts of southern Ontario, we're seeing highs between 19 degrees and 21 degrees, and a mix of sun and cloud for the region. You can delay pulling out that winter jacket today. Now let's have a look at Toronto's five-day forecast. You can expect a mix of sun and cloud, and temperatures between 19 degrees for the rest of the day. Light rain is expected to start this evening and carry into the night with a low temperature of 15 degrees. Thursday, a mix of sun and cloud with a high of 17 degrees in the afternoon, and temperatures will drop to a low of 11 degrees overnight. Friday morning and afternoon will remain above 10 degrees with a high of 14 and a mix of sun and cloud. However, temperatures will dip below 8 degrees overnight. Now for the weekend, Saturday we have a 40% chance of rain in the morning and afternoon, but no more than two millimeters throughout the day. Temperatures are expected to climb to a 12 degrees, dropping to a low of eight overnight. And on Sunday, temperatures will rise from seven degrees in the morning to 11 degrees in the afternoon, with a mix of sun and cloud all day, and a low of eight overnight. So there you have it, Toronto's five-day forecast. Back to the desk.

L Lucas Ten Houte De Lange 18:47

That's all for On The Record today. I'm Lucas ten Houte de Lange.

G Garrett Raakman 18:50

and I'm Garrett Raakman. Thanks for tuning in.