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## What you Need to Know in Ottawa Today

Apology, of sorts: A Conservative MP has apologized, not so much for what he said, but for the way he said it. Larry Miller was appearing on the Owen Sound radio station CFOS when he said Muslim women should, "stay the hell where they came from" if they wish to keep their faces covered during a citizenship ceremony. In a retraction, Miller later stated, "I stand by my view that anyone being sworn in as a new citizen of our country must uncover their face, however, I apologize and retract my comment that went beyond this."

Niqab polls: How is all of this controversy over the niqab playing in public opinion surveys? A Forum Research survey released yesterday suggested the Conservatives are on the popular side of the controversy with 67% of Canadians opposed to the wearing of niqab facial coverings during citizenship ceremonies. The same poll suggests the Liberals have a 4% lead over the Conservatives. A Nanos poll released this morning indicates, however, that Prime Minister Harper has increased his lead over Justin Trudeau as most preferred to be Prime Minister at 33.7% compared to Trudeau's 30.4%.

Netanyahu wins: There's a clear victory for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in yesterday's Israeli election. His Likud Party won 30 of the 120 seats in Parliament, compared to the leading opposition Zionist Union party, which got 24 seats.

Return denied: Two suspended Liberal MPs accused of sexual misconduct will not be allowed back into caucus. CTV News has learned that Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, who suspended Massimo Pacetti and Scott Andrews from the caucus last November, now has a review of the allegations prepared by human rights lawyer Cynthia Petersen. Sources say the investigation now

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includes complaints from other women as well.

Chiarelli responds: Ontario Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli blames the weather as one reason for increased hydro costs. He also said of the high delivery costs, "The cost to move from the generating plant to get it to your house is a very significant cost. That's just a reality of how systems work." He added there are programs in place to help people who need it, including a \$600 allowance and senior tax credits.

Rural seniors need our help: A new report on the elderly in rural areas says they're falling through the cracks and holes in the city's social safety net because case workers don't want to go to the country. Mary Acton-Bond, the executive director of the Rural Ottawa South Support Services, said, "More and more we're coming across seniors with mental health problems. We don't have the support in the rural areas to support older adults with mental health challenges. People in the city won't come out to the country."

In sports: The Ottawa Senators and the "Hamburglar" win another! Andrew Hammond tied a 77-year-old record by allowing fewer than two goals for his 12th consecutive game to start his career. The Senators beat the Carolina Hurricanes 2-1 in overtime.

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## Coming up today on Madely in the Morning:

7:10 - Elliot Tepper, Distinguished senior fellow at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs and senior research fellow at the Centre for Security and Defence Studies

7:40 - What You Need to Know in Ottawa Today

7:50 - The News Challenge. This week's prizes:

- A pair of tickets to the 2015 [Ottawa-Gatineau Auto Show](#) at the Shaw Centre (formerly Ottawa Convention Centre) this Thursday to Sunday.
- Two tickets to the Opera Lyra performance of [Marriage of Figaro](#) on at the National Arts Centre March 21st, 23rd, 25th and 28th.
- Get out with the family and enjoy 2 museums this March Break. Play on the Farm at the [Canada Agriculture and Food Museum](#) and enjoy some out-of-this-world activities at the [Canada Aviation and Space Museum](#).

8 - 9 - David Akin, Veteran Parliament Hill journalist and columnist for the Hill Times

8:55 - Mark Sutcliffe tees up The Chatroom

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Late Night Counsell - *9p-11p* --- Wednesday is Ask the Pastor Night, when John Counsell puts his 30+ years of pastoral experience to good use. It's open-line/open topic with a twist. The twist is that he answers, responds, and reacts to all questions, queries and opinions from a Biblical perspective.

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