

# [Transcript] Patrick Brown on CP24 with Stephen LeDrew - October 26, 2016

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MPP: Brown

*Media: LeDrew*

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*LeDrew: --19-year old candidate down in Niagara. Safe Tory seat, but some people sare saying he's just so socially conservative that he's going to be a problem in your caucus, when he wins—they're assuming that he's going to win.*

Brown:

- You know—a giant nomination there
- The beautiful thing about democracy is this 19-year-old hustled, he worked hard and he won against a very formidable candidate

*LeDrew: He knocked down your party president, who was a former MP.*

Brown:

- --regional councillor, the former publisher of a paper

*LeDrew: So unlike Donald Trump, you aren't going that these things are fixed.*

Brown:

- No, it, it—

*LeDrew: It was a very open nomination.*

Brown:

- It was a fair and transparent nomination
- And, you know, Sam has, has told me he supports the direction I'm taking the party and, you know, we talk a lot in politics about young people not being engaged, about their being apathy amongst young people
- If he's elected he'll be the younger member of provincial parliament in Ontario history
- It's, it's, it's—

*LeDrew: Is he going to be a poster boy in your campaign?*

Brown:

- \*laughter\*

*LeDrew: I mean, really, 19 years-old—an MPP.*

Brown:

- Well, you know, last month we had a by-election in Scarborough where we elected a 79-year-old or 80-year-old MPP—

*LeDrew: Yeah, but no one really believes that Chan [sic] is 80-years-old 'cause he just runs so fast.*

Brown:

- Well, you know what, I think, likewise—

*LeDrew: So you went from start to finish—19 to 80.*

Brown:

- There's no ageism in our party

LeDrew: No, none at all. OK let's just talk about news yesterday that Joe Oliver—speaking of ageism, I mean how old is Joe, he's 70-something, 75?—he wants the nomination in York-Centre. Monte Kwinter's had that seat for the Liberals for about 30-some years. He's in a, he's in a re—not nursing home but he has been ill for the last little while. Still probably wants the riding. A lot of people contesting it. What do you think about someone going from the federal sphere into provincial?

Brown:

- You know what, what we're seeing is there's a lot of excite—

*LeDrew: --speaking of that—*

Brown:

- \*laughter\* I did
- Municipal, federal and provincial
- But there's a lot of excitement right now running for our party
- So what we're finding is that nominations which previously might have been

acclaimed, now there's 5, 6, 7 people running

- I think it speaks to the fact there's a lot of momentum and magnetism around the, the push for change in Ontario

*LeDrew: Are you feeling that—I, I, I hear your point about that, when you have so many candidates running for nomination, they want to be there because they think you're going to form the government. Let's just talk about reasons why you may form the government. Yesterday your party was just peppering the poor Minister of Energy, I mean, he was just up and down like a ping-pong ball. Up and down with these questions about the 80 million dollars that they lost. And hydro prices, I mean, people still are very, very concerned about hydro prices. Can you win on that, on that—*

Brown:

- The biggest issue—

*LeDrew: --platform?*

Brown:

- --in Ontario right now is the hydro mess that the Wynne and McGuinty legacy has, has created
- So today we were up about a 95 million dollar lawsuit on a hydro scandal that the government lost
- Yesterday it was a 80 million dollar accounting error that the, the government had
- Just in the last 7 days alone it's 215 million that we've been able to discover of more hydro mismanagement
- And you know who's not paying for it?—the Premier's not paying for it, the Minister of Energy is not paying for it
- That 200 million?—it's going on your bill, they'll throw it in with the global adjustment like they do for every scandal they have
- And I'm sick and tired of it
- Ontarians are sick and tired of it
- This is the most incompetent government that we've ever seen on hydro
- They've given away, let me say this, they've given away since 2009 6 billion dollars in surplus electricity
- They are giving it to Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania \*crosstalk\*

*LeDrew: You know, you know it was just last week they signed a deal to buy electricity – from Hydro – why are they buying it, when they are giving it away \*crosstalk\**

Brown:

- They are just, they are just trying to confuse the public
- So they are buying Hydro for 200,000 homes to “blur” the conversation
- They have given away 6 Billion since 2009

*LeDrew: Okay Hydro has been, we have many people talking about Hydro, they say it has been a mess with this Party, with this Government, with the previous Government, and the previous Government, and the previous Government, and it has been Conservatives, it has been NDPs, it has been Liberals – they say it has just been a mess for almost a generation... \*crosstalk\**

Brown:

- Yeah

*LeDrew: So if you're Premier, what are you going to do to solve it?*

Brown:

- So—first I want to correct the assertion
- It hasn't always been this way

*LeDrew: No, no, no, no \*crosstalk\**

Brown:

- We used to have competitive energy prices

*LeDrew: Not in the fifties and sixties*

Brown:

- No, but ten years ago we had Hydro prices that were competitive with other Provinces

*LeDrew: Yes, but from a corporate point of view, we still had high, it was like something from Halloween, I said "you know so many heads, so many arms" \*inaudible\* \*crosstalk\**

Brown:

- But the average family's bill has gone up a thousand bucks

*LeDrew: Yeah*

Brown:

- Ten years ago we weren't un competitive with other provinces so that's changed, that's new
- What I would do differently, stop signing contracts for surplus energy we don't need they, they \*crosstalk\*

*LeDrew: Why are they doing that?*

Brown:

- Well, the companies that got the contracts for the 9.2 billion dollars we overpaid according to the Auditor General, surprise, surprise this is going to shock you
- The companies that got those contracts
- Donated 1.3 million dollars to the Ontario Liberal Party

*LeDrew: Sounds like pay for play, except for I mean \*Laughter\* they get the benefits.*

Brown:

- And everyone in Ontario pays more \*crosstalk\*
- It is on everyone's bill
- This surplus electricity
- I actually said in the Legislature
- Everyone is talking about making America Great

- Donald Trump is not making America Great
- Kathleen Wynne is making America great
- She is the one giving free electricity to Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New York
- She is charging you to subsidize our competitors
- That is Liberal Hydro Policy

*LeDrew: There is the line of this whole interview \*Laughs\*, Kathleen Wynne "Making America Great, making Michigan great". Patrick brown, always good words outta you, thanks very much see you soon.*

[END TRANSCRIPT]