

RE: For Approval - Facts Still Matter in Ontario - Patrick Brown in the North

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Great stuff

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Subject: RE: For Approval - Facts Still Matter in Ontario - Patrick Brown in the North

Hi All,

We would like to send the below Facts Still Matter in Ontario to the Gallery and Northern media from LCSB to refute Brown's claims on CBC up North and at the Timmins Chamber of Commerce.

Proposed Email

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Good Morning,

Patrick Brown was on CBC Up North yesterday and at the Timmins Chamber of Commerce misleading Northern Residents on basic facts. No matter where in Ontario he travels he should know that Facts Still Matter in Ontario.

He Said: *“Sam when he ran a by-election didn’t talk about social issues”*

Fact: He did, <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2016/11/07/teen-tory-oosterhoff-touts-his-social-conservative-credentials-at-all-candidates-debate.html>

He Said: Being asked about candidates supporting social conservative issues in 2017 *“I don’t think that’s a fair assessment”*

Fact: To be fair it was 2016 but...<https://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2016/12/13/social-conservative-mpp-chastised-after-saying-tory-party-has-secret-plan.html>

He Said: *“You know I was at the group health centre in the Soo, which is the major healthcare network there in the Soo; and they told me because of the 12-year funding freeze, they had to get rid of mental health workers”*

Fact: Since 2012 the Ministry of Health has increased operating funding at the GHC by 46%. The Government has also recently made the following investments at GHC \$500,000 for a new building study, \$1.6 million to expand Willow Avenue site, \$744,000 Vascular Intervention Program, \$550,000 for Clinical Learning Centre (NOHFC), \$500,000 for elevator upgrades, \$216,000 annual funding for cardiac rehabilitation program.

(Source: <https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/group-health-centre-to-spend-half-a-million-orazonies-on-new-building-study-304492>, Ministry of Health)

He Said: *“Let me give you one example the Samsung deal...We could’ve taken a Billion—we could’ve got out of a Billion and a half and the government chose to blow that Billion and a half”*

Fact: Premier Wynne renegotiated the contract with Samsung, saving Ontarians \$3.7 B.

(Source: <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/ontario-liberal-wind-power-deal-slashed-by-3-7b>)

He Said: *“stop the fire sale of Hydro One immediately, we’re going to lose future control of rate increases with the fire sale”*

Fact: Energy rates will continue to be set by the independent Ontario Energy Board, who has a mandate to protect ratepayers.

(Source:

<http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Applications+Before+the+Board>

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He Said: “ *We give away electricity at a loss and sometimes we pay them to take it, \$6 billion we’ve given away*”

**Fact: When the PC’s were in power, they spent \$900 million importing electricity due to lack of supply. Given our current position of strength, Ontario is a now net exporter, benefitting ratepayers to the tune of \$230 million in 2015
(Source: Independent Electricity System Operator)**

He Said: “*We have become the capital of red tape in North America*”

Fact: The CFIB nominated has nominated the Ontario government for its golden scissors award for cutting red tape 3 years in a row. This year the government received two nominations.

(Source: <http://www.cfib-fcei.ca/english/article/4786-cfib-announces-golden-scissors-award-finalists.html>)

He Said: “*we continue to see jobs bleed because of the price of electricity*”

Fact: Ontario is leading the G7 in economic growth.

(Source: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/economy/ecaccts/>)

Fact: Ontario is leading the country in job creation.

(Source: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/start>)

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Subject: [Transcript] Patrick Brown on CBC Up North – February 16, 2017

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Media: CBC

Host: So you're a few days into the tour of Northern Ontario, what are the common themes you're hearing from people as you visit towns and cities?

Brown:

Well, I'm certainly hearing a lot of hydro horror stories

I'm hearing about the challenges of the health care cuts and I'm seeing, once again, how beautiful it is up here

This is my 24th visit since becoming leader of the party and my second driving tour; I make a point of driving because whether it's infrastructure that's dilapidated or having no cell phone service, you get a better appreciation for it if you drive it

Especially if you drive it in the winter

But some of the stories even surprise me

I was in a long term care facility yesterday in Sault Ste. Marie where their hydro bill had gone up in 2016 by 39%, \$165 000.00

So they actually had to cut key services for seniors, they had to diminish the service for laundry, for dry cleaning, for plants, for the dietary supplements

You know I was at the group health centre in the Soo, which is the major healthcare network there in the Soo; and they told me because of the 12-year funding freeze, they had to get rid of mental health workers

How are we as a government telling people to have the courage to come forward when they have a mental health challenge, come forward and seek treatment and then cut that same treatment?

There might be some other options in downtown Toronto when you cut care, there are not other options in the North

I find it infuriating frankly

Host: So when we hear about hydro, I'm wondering, what is your plan? Or how would you necessarily lower our bills? We've seen Kathleen Wynne take 8% with the HST, there are apparently more cuts coming to lower the rates but what would you do specifically and how much would we see the bills lowered if the PCs came to power?

Brown:

Well, first of all on the HST rebate, that was a shell game

They got rid of the clean energy rebate and then they brought on the HST rebate, which is actually less, so everyone is still paying the same ugly bill

That's a shell game, that's window dressing

What I want the government to do is commit to real structural change

There's three things I've called on Kathleen Wynne to do and she's ignored all of three of them

One, stop the fire sale of Hydro One immediately, we're going to lose future control of rate increases with the fire sale

I'd also note from a Northern perspective, why is a private company going to do invest in the transmission lines of Northern Ontario

We're going to lose that mandate for a public good and so any Northerner should be particularly concerned about this fire sale

Number two, I want to rip up the Green Energy Act

This has been an unmitigated disaster

We've now given away since 2009, \$6 billion in surplus electricity to the United States

We give away electricity at a loss and sometimes we pay them to take it, \$6 billion we've given away

And how it affects you, is we see it in the global adjustment

We shouldn't call it the global adjustment, we should call it "Kathleen Wynne's bad deal fee on the bill"

We're the only party, the NDP and the Liberals, continue to support the Green Energy Act

We're the only ones saying you need to look at these bad deals

I get why Kathleen Wynne doesn't want to, these thirty mega-renewable contracts donated \$1.3 million to the Ontario Liberal Party

I don't know why the NDP continue to support the Green Energy Act

And frankly, it's not even green energy; water power in the North we're spilling every day

Our own renewable able green energy water power we're not using because of this massive over supply of generation and I want to look at those bad deals

Third I want to reign in executive salaries and we gave the Hydro One CEO in Ontario \$4 Million a year

We're giving these exorbitant executive pay cheques

You know Hydro Quebec is \$400,000 for the CEO, 1/10th of what we're paying in Ontario

And now Wynne's trying to take hydro workers off the sunshine list so we can hide their salaries

No more games, I want a government who actually fixes these real structural problems

Host: So how are you lowering the bills?

Brown:

Well by dealing with the global adjustment you lower bills

Um the global adjustment in that global adjustment we have all these bad contracts that are hidden

Let me give you one example the Samsung deal

We're changing Ontarians for that deal, this massive surplus, the Samsung deal had an exit clause

We could've taken a Billion—we could've got out of a Billion and a half and the government chose to blow that Billion and a half

You know we're going to get the global adjustment under control um we're going to make sure we run hydro—make sure we actually watch the pennies um by reigning in these executive exorbitant executive compensations

We're going to stop the fire sale which will help diminish the um and have some control over future rate increases

Um these are the real structures that need to be addressed

We don't need window dressing, that's the only thing the liberals are talking about

Host: Alright, one of the things you are talking about is trying to grow that big blue tent to try to have more appeal for the progressive conservative party and try to steal some votes from the liberals obviously if you want to form a majority government. But how do you try and broaden out the tent but also still keep the social conservatives of your party happy? People who are not in favour of abortion rights or do not support same-sex couples. Like are you still trying to appeal to that as well as broaden out the tent?

Brown:

Well for me it doesn't matter who you love

Um government has no business in people's personal private affairs and I have no interest in revisiting um any of the divisive social issues like abortion

That's not part of my platform

My focus is on hydro rates, on creating jobs, on quality healthcare, on linking education to employment

Um that's my focus

Host: I hear what you're saying there but you know the liberals are going to hammer you on that and you still have candidates that supports those values despite the fact that it is 2017, so I'm just wondering how are you gonna deal with that ?

Brown:

I don't think that's a fair assessment

Anyone that is running for a nomination is running for the right to run as part of my team of candidates for the next election and I think it's pretty fair people know where I stand on this

I was the first PC leader to take an official delegation at the Toronto pride parade I've marched the last two years I was the first MP in Barrie's history actually I think 6 or 7 years ago to attend the pride flag raising

Host: *do you think Sam Oosterhoff would join you on that march though or a candidate like that?*

Brown:

- Yea but Sam knows where I stand on this
- Sam knows that none of these issues are part of our platform and he is happy to be a team member and he made it very clear he support the direction I'm taking the party
- Sam when he ran a by-election didn't talk about social issues he talk about linking education to employment to make sure young people had jobs
- He talk about hydro
- For me it doesn't matter if you are a muslim if you are a dutch-christian like Sam if you're Indo, if you're Sikh if you're Jewish if you're Catholic like me
- It doesn't matter what your pride our religions are I just want go government I want better management of Ontario tax dollars
- And we are not getting that right now by Kathleen Wynne and her team

Host: *Just lastly Patrick we have seen situation before in the past where the liberals were down in the polls the PCs were ahead in the polls we went to an election and next thing you know the liberals are still end up coming on top, does any of that fact is in your mind heading to that 2018 ?*

Brown:

- Listen, they are very clever in the political organization they will manipulate they will say anything to win but then will go back to the same old liberals
- You look at the tolls, they wanted tolls and all the sudden they didn't
- They thought everything was find in hydro and now they are saying okay we promise to look at it just give us, just elect us once more
- You know they've been in the office now almost 14 years and they will say just give us another 14 years and we promise you know we are not going to make the hydro bills worst
- I don't underestimate them they are an affective political organization but I'm gonna continue to work hard and make sure that we don't fall for their tricks and traps