

RE: Issues for Pre-Avail Brief

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Yes except for the im pleased part, which is not pertinent unless P is explicitly pleased for the two innocent people.

Perhaps start with: the dismissal of this case speaks for itself, as does the judge's verdict.

Let's delete highlighted part in libel response.

From: Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
Sent: October 26, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Beaudry, Jennifer (OPO); @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management; Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
Subject: RE: Issues for Pre-Avail Brief

Draft below. Andrew – are you ok w/ the Sudbury key messages?

Sudbury

- I have always been confident that once the facts surrounding this situation were known, a court would conclude that there was no wrongdoing.
- I find it unfortunate that political demands for prosecution put these two innocent people through an ordeal of almost three years in order to defend themselves and their reputations.
- I'm pleased this situation is over and as always I remain focused on the important work that lies ahead.

Brown Libel

- Let's not kid ourselves: If Mr. Brown wanted a fast resolution he would have apologized
- Everyone has recognized that what Mr. Brown said was factually incorrect
- It was also defamatory
- It is extremely disappointing that rather than retracting and apologizing, Mr. Brown has chosen to use further defamatory language, which I know that the Premier's counsel has advised only adds to the legal claims against him.

· I know that my counsel will continue looking at next steps.

- A good outcome for me, as I've said before, is to ensure that any debate is based on the facts and on the truth.

LTEP

- Over the last several years people told us that electricity prices had increased too much, and too quickly.
- This generation of Ontario ratepayers had invested nearly \$70 billion in much needed improvements to the province's electricity system.

- These investments to create a clean and reliable electricity system and eliminate dirty coal-fired generation, will last for generations to come.
- It's only fair that more than the current generation pays for them.
- And that's why we launched Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan – and as part of this we were always clear with the people of Ontario about its costs and benefits.
- We've lowered rates by 25 per cent, and they will not rise by more than inflation for four years.
- Following this period, our Long-Term Energy Plan now lays out a path for predictable, affordable electricity prices – with no sudden jumps.
- We heard from families that they can't handle the sharp increases that were taking place in previous years – and we've acted.

Autism

- I'd like to thank the Ontario Autism Coalition and all the parents and advocates for being here today.
- We hear your concerns and look forward to continuing to work with you to improve services and supports for children and youth with autism
- As I'm sure you are aware we're investing a historic \$500 million in autism services to create 16,000 new spaces and reduce wait times
- However, we know that there's more work to do especially when it comes to supports in the classroom
- That's why we just announced an additional \$5 million for a pilot program in schools across the province that will:
 - o Provide intensive ABA training for Educational Assistants
 - o Provide dedicated spaces for external practitioners of ABA to deliver on-site autism services for students
 - o Allow school boards to hire additional ABA expertise professionals with a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst certification.
- This is an important first step but we know that there's more work to do
- We will continue to work with the Ontario Autism Coalition and all of our stakeholders as we move forward in new ways to support students with autism in the classroom.

Nursing Home Beds in TO

- We are completely aware of the changing environments in each community, which present new challenges to Ontario's LTC Home operators.
- These pressures include our aging population, as well as other factors like rising real-estate costs in the City of Toronto.
- That's why we are working very closely with the Ontario Long-Term Care Association and our municipal partners, including the City of Toronto, to overcome these challenges.
- I look forward to our continued work together in the coming months.
- It's also important to mention that we retain complete control over where beds are located in Ontario – and over any relocation proposals.
- And that I understand the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has not received any formal applications to move any of these beds.

College Strike

- I've been clear that I am very concerned about students not being affected negatively by this situation.
- Of course I don't want students to lose this semester.
- I want to see them in class, but I do believe that the collective bargaining process is one that has to be respected.
- I urge both parties to return to the table and find a solution that allows students to return to the classroom where they belong
- We need to make sure that the conversation is fruitful and that they can come to an agreement.

- That's where the agreement has to take place.
- We are paying very close attention to it, and I hope that in the very short future, we will see that the parties are at the table.

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Good morning!

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Thanks,
Jenn

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.