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Revised: Edit to Regional Story #1. Please note: This is intended as a brief summary. More comprehensive coverage will follow in the Top Issues Summary at 9 AM.

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1. *Ontario Ombudsman Is Investigating Licence Suspension System*

(Toronto Star, A1, Above the fold; Online – Homepage, below the scroll)

The Ontario ombudsman Paul Dubé announced that he would be investigating how the Ministry of Transportation communicates news of licence suspensions and reinstatements to motorists. Dubé said, “we have heard from drivers who went for years without knowing their licences were suspended ... When they finally found out, it was through their insurance company or police, not the ministry...” The ongoing complaints, despite efforts by the ministry and the ombudsman to improve communication, suggests “an underlying systemic problem” Dubé said. The press secretary to Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca said that the ministry “takes the concerns of the ombudsman very seriously.”

2. * Minister to Overhaul Ontario Jails, Following Release of Sapers Report*

(Globe and Mail – A6; Online – Secondary page)

Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, says she is determined to make Ontario an international model for humane correctional practises. Two weeks ago, independent corrections adviser and federal corrections ombudsman Howard Sapers released a report on solitary confinement and Ontario’s segregation practises. Lalonde called the Sapers report “fair” and pledged to tackle each of its 63 recommendations. “Every one of those recommendations is important,” she said. Lalonde says she intends to introduce new legislation this fall to reflect his recommendations. She also

pledged to establish independent adjudicators and correctional facilities to oversee solitary confinement cases.

3. *Report From Financial Accountability Officer Shows Cost Of Hydro Rates Cut*

(Toronto Star, A8; Online – Secondary page)

The provincial financial accountability officer Stephen LeClair has found that over the next three decades Ontarians will pay \$21 billion for hydro despite the province's Fair Hydro Plan which lowers electricity costs by 25 per cent. LeClair's report says that the Fair Hydro Plan will cost the province \$45 billion over 29 years while saving ratepayers \$24 billion for a \$21 billion net expense. He added that these estimates are only applicable if "the province is able to achieve and maintain a balanced budget over 29 years." If the province cannot maintain a balanced budget the estimates grow to anywhere from \$69 billion to \$93 billion. LeClair says that although ratepayers will achieve savings of \$24 billion it will not be spread evenly over time and electricity costs are expected to increase by 2027. He further questioned whether or not the province is bankrolling the cut through its electricity utility Ontario Power Generation which could mean an addition \$4 billion in interest costs. Auditor general Bonnie Lysyk will be conducting her own review of the hydro rate plan later this year.

4. *New data on opioid use may help combat crisis*

(The Star, A9; Online - Secondary page)

The new online tracker launched by the province to monitor opioids' impact shows that more than 400 Ontarians died from an overdose in just the first six months of last year. The access to this data is part of a strategy to fight addiction and overdose deaths. The "opioid tracker" has more than 13 years' worth of statistics, listing cases that required medical care, hospitalization or resulted in death, and is meant primarily for health-care workers, but is also accessible to the public. A joint statement from Health Minister Eric Hoskins, Chief Medical Officer of Health David Williams, and Chief Coroner Dirk Huyer, said "The opioid crisis in Ontario is a growing and evolving problem, and one we are continuing to work diligently to combat."

*** REGIONALS ***

R1. * Kingston: "Procter and Gamble closing Brockville plant," Kingston Whig-Standard, Sabrina Bedford, A6*

Brockville's largest private-sector employer, Procter and Gamble, announced its impending closure on Wednesday. It is set to close as early as 2020, moving production to West Virginia, costing 480 jobs locally. The company will work with each employee individually towards their desired outcomes. The company mostly produces Bounce and Swiffer products. Jeff LeRoy, a P&G company communications

spokesperson said that while the local site had exceeded the company's performance expectations, the decision came after a years-long review of "how the company goes to market." He said the company has been examining how to redesign and transform its supply network in North America for four years. The property upon which the new plant in West Virginia is located is "three to four" times the size of the Brockville site, which will allow the company to integrate, on-site, with suppliers of raw materials they use to make their products. Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark said the closure is a "devastating announcement" and plans to co-ordinate with other levels of government to "explore every possibility of reversing the company's regrettable decision to close a profitable plant." He went on to blame the provincial government for the closure, saying "we've seen a hollowing out of the manufacturing sector."

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CALENDAR

Premier Wynne to make an announcement and hold a media avail

9:00 a.m. / Timmins: Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne holds a photo-op at YMCA of Timmins prior to making an announcement. Media availability follows. (376 Poplar Avenue)

Minister Moridi to make a regenerative medicine announcement

9:00 a.m. / Toronto: Ontario's leading stem cell and regenerative medicine scientists gather for the Ontario Institute for Regenerative Medicine's Annual Symposium, where the Reza Moridi, minister of Research, Innovation and Science, makes a regenerative medicine announcement at 9 a.m. (Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning, 686 Bay Street)

MPP McMahon and MP Gould to announce infrastructure funding

10:00 a.m. / Oakville: MP Karina Gould and MPP Eleanor McMahon announce infrastructure funding. (Burloak Water Purification Plant, 3380 Rebecca Street)

Minister Moridi to attend the launch of several cancer research initiatives

10:00 a.m. / Toronto: The Ontario Institute for Cancer Research announces the launch of several large-scale cancer research initiatives. Research, Innovation and Science Minister Reza Moridi will attend. (OICR, MaRS Centre, 661 University Ave., Suite 510)

NDP Leader Horwath and NDP by-election candidate Krmpotich discuss hospital overcrowding and frontline healthcare cuts

12:00 p.m. / Sault Ste. Marie: Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and NDP byelection candidate Joe Krmpotich discuss hospital overcrowding and frontline healthcare cuts. Media availability follows. (Sault Area Hospital, 750 Great Northern Road, corner of Lukenda Drive and Hospital Parking Lot)

Ontario to Recognize Outstanding Accessibility Leaders

1:00 p.m. / Toronto: Tracy MacCharles, Minister Responsible for Accessibility, will join Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and the Honourable David C. Onley to present the third annual David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility. (Lieutenant Governor's

Suite, Queen's Park)

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