

## Afternoon Media Scan w/ Cabinet Scrums and Premier's Remarks - Thursday September 15, 2016

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## **TV NEWS SUMMARY (NOON EDITION)**

Stations Surveyed: CFTO, CHCH, CKCO, CJOH, MCTV

### **CKCO (Kitchener)**

The first of Ontario's new high occupancy toll lanes opened today on the QEW, west of Toronto. People who bought special permits for \$180 will be able to use the lanes on the stretch between Oakville and Burlington.

### **CJOH (Ottawa)**

CUPE Ontario is suing the Ontario government to prevent the sale of any additional Hydro One shares.

### **MCTV (Sudbury)**

There is a lawsuit taking shape against the provincial government that hopes to try to halt any further selling of Hydro One. The lawsuit is being brought by the union CUPE in an effort to protect people from rising electricity prices.

Contract negotiations at General Motors are apparently not going well. This Monday is the deadline to reach a labour agreement and Unifor is not ruling out going on strike.

## **AFTERNOON CLIPS**

### **Household Debt**

[Household debt surges to new record as borrowing continues; Statscan says the ratio of debt to disposable income rose to 167.6 per cent in the three months to June, topping the year's first quarter of 165.3 per cent](#)

theglobeandmail.com - Thu Sep 15 2016, 9:04am ET

**Byline:**RACHELLE YOUNGLAI

[Canada's household debt is now bigger than its GDP, for the first time](#)

Financial Post - Thu Sep 15 2016

**Byline:**Gordon Isfeld

[Canadian key household debt ratio hits record high](#)

CBC.CA News - Thu Sep 15 2016, 11:38am ET

**Byline:**CBC News

### **Real Estate / Money Laundering**

[Canada's hot real estate sector could be used by money launderers, review says](#)

torontosun.com - Thu Sep 15 2016

**Byline:** Jordan Press THE CANADIAN PRESS

## GM / Unifor Negotiations

**Unifor members at Cami plant vow to support strike at GM; Cami workers in Ingersoll, Ont., are covered by a different collective agreement than the one now being negotiated between GM and Unifor**

theglobeandmail.com - Thu Sep 15 2016, 9:30am ET

**Byline:** GREG KEENAN

## Marijuana

**Developing a head for the bud business; Canadian schools and grads are in a position to capitalize on pot**

Macleans - Mon Sep 26 2016

**Byline:** Chris Sorensen

## Bank of Canada

**The Bank of Canada's new marching orders; A 2% inflation target makes little sense in today's economy. Here's what we could do instead**

Canadian Business - Sat Oct 1 2016

**Byline:** Kevin Carmichael

## TWEETS

### Hydro One – 8% Rebate



**Rob Ferguson @robferguson1 53s54 seconds ago**

After a week of touting an 8 per cent rebate of prov tax on hydro bills, the gov't will table the legislation today. [#onpoli](#)

### Think Tanks / Research



**The Fraser Institute @FraserInstitute 45m45 minutes ago**

It's official: Canada's the 5th most economically free country; but Ontario, Ottawa and Alberta are endangering that

Top 10 countries for economic freedom - Yahoo Finance UK <https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/photos/top-10-countries-for-economic-freedom-1473868333-slideshow/> ... via [@YahooFinanceUK](#)

## Economy



[Toronto Sun @TheTorontoSun 40m40 minutes ago](#)

Canada moving up 'economic freedom' ranks: Fraser Institute report <http://ow.ly/Fhsg304eZHQ>



[Fitch Ratings @FitchRatings 43m43 minutes ago](#)

"US recovery has weakened and is unbalanced between consumers and producers" -Brian Coulton, Fitch's Chief Economist [#FitchGSC](#)



[Craig Alexander @CraigA\\_Eco 2h2 hours ago](#)

Debt-to-income climbs to 167.6% despite policy efforts to lean against rising indebtedness. Debt burden only sustainable due to low rates



[Financial Post @financialpost 1h1 hour ago](#)

Q2 [#debt](#) to disposable income out: 167.6%. dollar value more than Canada's GDP  
<http://natpo.st/2ctNuFV>



[CTV News @CTVNews 9m9 minutes ago](#)

Canadians' household debt-earnings ratio hits new record high <http://ow.ly/fPEX304fBYC>

## Auto Insurance



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[Ministry of Finance @OntMinFinance 26m26 minutes ago](#)

Updating [@InsuranceBureau](#) on the govt's progress on reforming auto insurance & improving consumer & investor protection. [@SousaCharles](#)

[#Ontario](#) committed to protecting the interest of ON drivers while supporting a stronger insurance industry.  
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[FAIR Association @FAIRAssociation 40m40 minutes ago](#)

[@OntMinFinance @InsuranceBureau @SousaCharles](#) where's consumer protection? where's the coverage gone? why are 50% of victims denied? nds fix