

Today's News - Tuesday, March 7, 2017

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Premier Kathleen Wynne visited a Hydro One call centre in Markham this morning to continue to listen to people's thoughts on electricity and to spread the word about Ontario's Fair Hydro plan.

Read the Premier's op-ed about reducing hydro bills in the Toronto Star this morning [here](#).

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Also today:

- Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance and Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, announced the details of the Ontario Small Cidery and Small Distillery Support Program. The program will provide eligible businesses with support to grow and scale up their operations. This program builds on previously announced initiatives to help small cider and spirits producers, such as permitting spirits manufacturers to have a bar or restaurant at each of their licensed manufacturing sites and launching the sale of cider in grocery stores. Additionally, small spirits producers will soon be able to deliver directly to bars and restaurants, creating more exposure for their products. Helping cider and spirits producers grow their businesses is part of Ontario's plan to create jobs, grow the economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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- This afternoon, Michael Coteau, Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism and Cabinet colleagues will announce the government's three year strategic plan to combat systemic racism in Ontario.

*Our government's four-part economic plan to build Ontario up invests in people's talents and skills, including helping people get and create the jobs of the future by **expanding access to high-quality college and university education**. It includes making the **largest infrastructure investment in Ontario's history** —\$160 billion over 12 years — part of which is our Moving Ontario Forward plan to build roads, transit and infrastructure. Our plan includes **fostering a dynamic, supportive environment for business to thrive**, including investing in a **low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses**. And it includes creating a **secure retirement pension plan for workers to have the retirement they deserve**.*