

Afternoon Media Summary - July 28, 2017

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Good Afternoon,

Here is a roundup of the day's news:

ELECTRICITY REDUCTION PROGRAM BENEFITS LOCAL COMPANY – Quinte News

COST HURTS BUT SOMEONE HAS TO PAY – Quinte News

Letter – MPP Mantha responds to local hydro concerns – Wawa News

Please see below Today in Twitter for news articles.

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Today in Twitter**

[@rabbleca](#) - Billions wasted and jobs lost as Ontario's Green Energy Strategy continues to fail | [@NoLore](#)
buff.ly/2tJpoxQ #canlab #onpoli

[@PtboSuzanneM](#) - Joining [@ptbochamber](#) for their Power Lunch with Minister of Energy Glenn Thibeault.

[@VeridianTweets](#) - [@BellevilleON](#) Mayor Taso Christopher welcomes Energy Minister [@GlennThibeault](#) to [@ProcterGamble](#).

[@JBotari](#) - Ontario Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault defends Hydro One's purchase of U.S. utility | hamiltonnews.com/news-story/747... #Electricity #Privatization

[@WatNDP](#) - The CEO of Hydro One makes 10x what his provincial counterparts make. Tell Wynne to stop the hydro hike: act.ontariondp.ca/stop-hydro-hike #onpoli

[ELECTRICITY REDUCTION PROGRAM BENEFITS LOCAL COMPANY](#)

Brock Ormond
Quinte News
July 28, 2017

Procter & Gamble has been in business in Belleville for 42 years and is attempting to reduce electricity bills by reducing peak energy consumption. (Photo: Brock Ormond/Quinte News)

A local manufacturing plant, in partnership with the Government of Ontario, is taking part in an initiative that is helping to reduce electricity costs.

Minister of Energy Glenn Thibeault was on hand at Procter & Gamble in Belleville to make the announcement that P&G will be taking part in the Industrial Conservation Initiative, under Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

The ICI allows large electricity users to lower their costs by up to one-third when they reduce their energy use during peak hours.

In addition, Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan is helping to reduce electricity costs for households in the province by 25 percent on average.

The program expanded earlier this month to provide electricity bill reductions to more businesses and organizations across the province.

Thibeault says this is a win for all involved.

[COST HURTS BUT SOMEONE HAS TO PAY](#)

John Spitters
Quinte News
July 28, 2017

Ontario's Minister of Energy heard a familiar message today (Friday) at a local Chamber of Commerce roundtable event on energy, and that was that the cost of electricity is a major concern for business.

Minister of Energy Glenn Thibeault visited Belleville today and took part in a roundtable involving small business and larger manufacturing operations from throughout the Quinte region.

Belleville Chamber CEO Jill Raycroft said many stressed the fact that increasing costs of hydro were a worry, while also admitting that delivering hydro costs money.

There was frustration that if businesses used less hydro, their bills would increase on the "global adjustment" side of the bill, so there weren't any real savings.

Minister Thibeault said the electricity system needed and needs upgrading and it costs money, but that his government has listened and spread the costs of infrastructure improvements over more years to lower users bills, both for homeowners and businesses.

[Letter – MPP Mantha responds to local hydro concerns](#)

Michael Mantha
Wawa News
July 28, 2017

Dear Mr. Moyer;

Thank you for your letter, and your efforts to raise awareness about this situation. As a lifelong Northerner, an Ontarian, and an MPP, I am just as frustrated as you to see the mess the Wynne Liberals and the Conservatives have made of the province's hydro system. I know my constituents, neighbours, friends and family are all struggling with climbing hydro bills, and a government that just doesn't get it.

When you look to other provinces east and west, you really ask yourself as an Ontarian, what the heck happened here at home? How did we end up paying so much more?

The Conservatives started the privatization that has gotten us into this mess, and the Liberal governments have been happy to continue the sell-off of our public assets. Kathleen Wynne's move to sell off most of Hydro One is a broken promise — and one that we, Ontario families, are paying for.

Instead of a hydro system that puts the needs of Ontarians first, we now have a hydro system that cares only about private profit and corporate shareholders. The fact that Kathleen Wynne is getting Ontario back into the coal business in America shows just how profit hungry our hydro system has become, and how hypocritical the premier is when it comes to doing the right thing.

The reality is, to fix this mess, Ontario needs to get back to a hydro system that puts the people of Ontario first. And that means public ownership. A New Democratic government would reverse the sell-off of Hydro One, get rid of the unfair delivery costs, end time of use premiums and stop selling our electricity at a loss. We'd put hydro back in public hands so that we have more control over the prices, once again. You can read the details here: goo.gl/xVj16d

But that can't happen until the next election.

Until then, all Ontarians – including MPPs who know the sell-off of Hydro One is a mistake – need to make our voices heard, by writing to Hydro One, the Ontario Energy Board, and Kathleen Wynne to let them know that the people of Ontario need to come first – and that we simply can't take any more of Wynne's

rate hikes. More people need to take the time to write letters, make phone calls, and make their voices heard like you do, Mr. Moyer. If we can all work together, we can stop the damage Kathleen Wynne and the Conservatives have done to this province, and we can start building a better future, for us, and for the generations to come.

Sincerely,
[signed]
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