

Deputy Minister's Remarks**Event: Corporate Services Division Day****Date: Friday, December 8, 2017****Time: 1:30ⁱ PM – 1:35 PM****Word Count: 430 words**

- Thanks for that kind introduction *X person*.
- I'd first like to thank Deputy Minister Zegarac for the remarks he provided earlier.
- George, you did a great job warming up today's audience.
- I also want to thank the Corporate Services Division (CSD) for inviting me to speak at today's event...
- CSD's annual Division Day.
- Now today is a rather special day...
- That's because today – unlike most days – you not only have an opportunity to engage and build relationships with your work colleagues outside the work space...
- You also have an opportunity to reflect on what you've achieved collectively as a division.
- This record of success...
- Coupled with a compelling desire to serve the people of Ontario by helping manage the programs and services they rely on....
- Lies at the heart of the CSD's many accomplishments this past year.
- Accomplishments that include working alongside the IESO to help manage the Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers and the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)
- With respect to the latter, the OESP provides monthly on-bill credits for lower-income customers to help reduce their electricity bills.
- And thanks to your division's hard work, we not only expanded the OESP's eligibility criteria...
- We increased its monthly credits by 50 per cent.ⁱⁱ
- The CSD's list of accomplishments doesn't end there.

- Your division has played – and will continue to play – an important role in the Ontario government’s ongoing Program Review Renewal and Transformation initiative.
- While your controllership team deserves recognition for its top-notch accounting work.
- Added to this: your division played an important role in two big-ticket, ministry-wide initiatives....
- Ontario’s Fair Hydro Plan and the recent launch of the 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan.
- Now, while acknowledging one’s achievements is no doubt important...
- It’s also important to assess how these achievements came into being
- And in the case of the Corporate Services Division....
- Your proven ability to work together – no matter the size of the workload, the pressures involved, or the multiple deadlines that often come into play...
- This division has built a strong reputation for putting out good work each and every day.
- And, in doing so, demonstrates a commitment to public service that is second to none.
- And in my role as Deputy Minister of Energy, I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and commitment to public service.
- I’d now like to introduce Deputy Minister Gherson.
- Thank you.

ⁱ Ontario Passes Legislation to Reduce Electricity Costs for Families and Businesses, Ministry of Energy news release, October 19, 2017: <https://news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2016/10/ontario-passes-legislation-to-reduce-electricity-costs-for-families-and-businesses.html>

ⁱⁱ 2017 LTEP page 21