

Deputy Imbrogno's Town Hall Remarks

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Event time: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Victoria College Chapel, 2nd Floor, Victoria College, 91 Charles Street West

Words:

- Good morning, everyone.
- Thank you very much for being here and welcome to today's town hall.
- I'd like to start by thanking everyone for the work that has been accomplished over the past year.
- I think we can all agree that we've been busy.
- From launching Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan...
- To releasing the 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan...
- Along with many other projects, announcements and initiatives...
- Here are some of the highlights:
 - ADM Steen Hume and his team at ESP successfully led the work overseeing the Darlington Refurbishment, and supported the implementation of the Natural Gas Grant Program and Global Adjustment refinancing.
 - SNAP also had a busy year with ADM Carolyn Calwell and her team securing \$1.6 billion dollars in federal funding for the connection of remote First Nations to the grid. In addition, the Indigenous Community Energy Symposium was a huge success with 300 attendees from First Nation communities across Ontario.
 - And at CRED, ADM Kaili Sermat-Harding and her team made enhancements to Ontario's net metering regulation, and worked with Enbridge and Union Gas to deliver popular audit and retrofit programs to homeowners across the province.
- Everyone in the ministry contributed to these and other accomplishments.
 - Communications did an excellent job with the marketing campaign for the Fair Hydro Plan and improving the ministry's public profile on social media by creating Facebook and LinkedIn accounts that complement the ministry's Twitter handle.
 - CSD delivered the ministry's 2018-19 Program Review, Renewal and Transformation submission, developed and implemented the Social Inclusion Framework, and upgraded the entire digital hardware inventory – moving us from desktops to laptops.

- Legal also played a significant role in a number of initiatives including the net metering enhancements, Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan and the Watay transmission project.
- And of course, I'm grateful to everyone in my office who contributed to making all these important projects a success.
- I'm proud of our team here – the high-profile work that we do touches each and every Ontarian in some way.
- We've grown from a 139 million dollar ministry to an almost 2 billion dollar one – with a corresponding increase in the scope and complexity of our files.
- We've demonstrated that people have confidence in us and our ability to manage a healthy, robust and reliable electricity system.
- Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to public service.
- Over the coming weeks, I know we'll all be busy preparing for transition – creating foundation decks, issues notes and other materials – as we look toward the future and the upcoming election.
- Because no matter who our minister is, the minister's office will continue to look to us for advice.
- I am confident that this professional, experienced team will serve them well and develop a strong, positive working relationship.
- And I want to thank you in advance for the work ahead.
- Now, I'd like to switch focus to the longer term.
- We are very lucky to have the Secretary of Cabinet and Head of the Ontario Public Service, Steve Orsini, with us this morning to speak about the OPS of the Future project.
- We all know Steve as a great champion of ministries embracing transformation
- And today, he's here to tell us more about a project that is creating a shared, unified vision – one that will help drive positive change in the OPS.
- Please join me in welcoming Secretary Orsini.

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