

Deputy Imbrogno Star Awards Remarks

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- Thanks for that kind introduction, Michael (*Perkins, Correspondence Writer, Communications Branch*).
- You're a natural as emcee...
- Today is our chance to come together and celebrate the best of the Ministry.
- And, as we all know...
- Working for the Ministry of Energy – in today's ever-evolving energy sector – is by no means easy.
- But, what we've accomplished, together, over the past 12 months – is nothing short of remarkable.

- And today, I'd like to reflect upon some of the many achievements we've accomplished, as a ministry – across multiple divisions and multiple units.
- In March, we announced Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, and over the following months we've worked to implement it, effectively delivering the government's commitment to substantially reduce electricity rates in Ontario.
- Then in October, our ministry launched its 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan.
- A broad road map that outlines Ontario's energy sector over the next 20 years.
- But that's not all our ministry has accomplished in 2017.
- From countless Cabinet and Treasury submissions...

- To our many trips to LRC...
- Every division, every branch and every unit in this ministry, along with our friends in the Minister's Office, contributed to these and other accomplishments made this year.
- And for that, I want to personally thank each and every one of you.
- I would also like to take a moment to give particular thanks to the team in my office for all their hard work over the past year.
- They give so much to making the ministry work as well as it does, and make my life so much easier each and every day.
- So Martin, Hillary, Sasha, Jeet, Denna, Lauren, Michael, Xochitl and Francesca – thank you.

- I'd also like to highlight one more thing, something that makes me so proud...
- And that is, on top of all that hard work, the outstanding generosity of you all in our ministry's charitable campaigns.
- This ministry punches above its weight on so many levels. So thank you to everyone involved in making this year's United Way and Federated Health campaigns such successes.
- And as we look towards next year...
- I am confident that together, we will make 2018 an even better year to remember.
- One of the things I'd like to mention is that we're planning a "town hall" style meeting in February to talk about ways we can make the Ministry of Energy a better place for you to work. This will include ideas about more flexible work arrangements, better technology, and more access to social media

- In closing, I want to say best wishes to all of you and your families this holiday season
- And I hope to see everyone later today at our post-Star Awards festive gathering at Upper Deck by Fran's from 5 to 8 pm tonight.
- Thank you.