

Premier's Tour

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Hi Deputy,

Attached is a note for the Premier's trip to Thunder Bay. Attached are our corresponding issues notes/messaging in response to the issues flagged (see below).

OK to share with CO?

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THUNDER BAY ISSUES SCAN

1. **Issue: Time of Use billing (Energy) March 7**
NDP Pledge Ridding Time-Of-Use Billing - When he factors in his hydro bill, Gerry Muller feels like he is making two mortgage payments on his Thunder Bay-area home. Muller, who owns AJ's Trading Post on Highway 61 south of Thunder Bay, is deeply concerned about the cost of hydro. "It's actually equal to my \$200,000 mortgage, my bills every month . . . it takes away from your bottom line," said Muller. "I was looking at the plan from the NDP and they actually have a plan that sounds like to pay for it (lower hydro rates), without sending it down the road for my kids to pay for it. Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath agreed with Muller's frustration. "We know there is an unfair system in place right now for delivery charges for rural customers and it is something that New Democrats, I guess when we form government in 2018, our plan takes that into consideration," she said. Horwath said that the NDP hydro plan will make the rate even for both urban and rural customers.
2. **Issue: Energy Costs** – what is Ontario doing to help local businesses and households reduce electricity cost in TB and in the north?