

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queens Park Today - June 2

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Good Morning,

Please find attached the June 2, 2017 issues of QP Briefing and Queens Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines:

- * **(P.3) Grits and Tories in a dead heat in Toronto, new poll suggests:** After months of lagging behind in public-opinion polls, the Grits are clawing their way back into contention.
- * **(P.3) OPG called out for proposing 'excessive' employee pay and 'expensive' rate proposal:** *"The chief driver of this is OPG's extremely generous pensions and benefits programs," OEB staffers say.*

Queens Park Today

Upcoming Events

- *** (P.4) June 6 – 8 — Washington, D.C.:** Premier Kathleen Wynne and the premiers of Yukon, New Brunswick, Manitoba, PEI, Newfoundland and Northwest Territories will participate in a joint, mission to Washington to “build and enhance relations with key American political leaders.” The premiers will push Canada’s agenda on trade, energy, softwood *lumber, agriculture and border issues.*

Topics of conversation

- *** (P.4) A new Ontario Power Generation report determined the deep geological repository site near Lake Huron is still the ideal location to bury nuclear waste. The report analyzed the pros and cons of three sites and found the Huron site to be the safest and the location that could be utilized the soonest.**

News briefs — Non-governmental

- *** (P.5) Ontario’s Financial Accountability Officer Stephen LeClair released his spring 2017 [Economic and Fiscal Outlook](#) . The FAO predicts the budget will remain balanced in 2017-18 because of a \$3 billion boost to non-tax revenues (from the Hydro One sale, federal transfers and cap-and-trade revenues) but predicts the deficit will steadily deteriorate beginning in 2018-19.**

PC lead off

Wind Turbines

PC MPP Lisa Thompson asked why the Minister of the Environment is ignoring the public’s complaints about industrial wind turbines. PC MPPs cited documents obtained by Wind Concerns Ontario showing 3,200 reports of noise complaints related to wind turbines were made in 2006 – 2014 and the government only took action on half. Environment Minister Glen Murray said he was not the minister at that time, but there is extensive tonal testing going on around wind turbines. Murray asked why the PCs never ask questions about coal pollution

NDP lead off

Fair Hydro Plan

On the subject of hydro rates, NDP MPP Peter Tabuns said, instead of helping Ontario families that are at their tipping point, the premier is putting the Liberal

Party's agenda first by ramming through a plan she knows will increase hydro prices.

- **Tabuns said the premier is just focused on bringing up her dismal polling numbers.**

- **Premier Kathleen Wynne accused Tabuns of a personal attack by bringing up her polling numbers.**

- **"Here's a news flash: I know what the polls say," said Wynne.**

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