

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queens Park Today - April 24

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Good Morning,

Please find attached the April 24, 2017 issues of QP Briefing and Queens Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines:

- **(P.3)** Canada's greenhouse gas emissions are dropping, but not quickly enough to meet the country's 2030 climate targets, [reports Postmedia](#).

Queens Park Today

NDP Convention

- **(P.2)** In her speech, Horwath laid out many of the other policy items a “bold and progressive” NDP government would implement if elected, including a \$15 minimum wage, buying back shares of Hydro One and making it easier for workers to join a union.

Topics of conversation

- **(P.2)** The Ontario Energy Board **announced** beginning May 1, average households and small businesses will see their electricity bills drop by 17 per cent. The OEB’s new off-peak rates will be 1.4 cents/KWh lower than if the Fair Hydro Plan had not been introduced; on-peak rates will be 2.8 cents/KWh.
 - o Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** called this “an important first step.”
 - o The projected 17 per cent decrease includes January’s eight per cent provincial HST removal from bills).

Appointments and employments

Independent Electricity System Operator

- **(P.5)** **Peter Gregg** was appointed president and CEO of the IESO, effective early this summer. Gregg was previously employed as president of Alectra Energy Solutions.