

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queens Park Today - March 29

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Good Morning,

Please find attached the March 29, 2017 issues of QP Briefing and Queens Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines:

- (P.3) Wind power remains an unwelcome idea in Eastern Ontario (people remain wary in southwestern Ontario as well). A Kingston man, meanwhile, says Ontario's electricity prices have

forced him to "live like a bat at nighttime," [the Whig-Standard reports.](#)

In the opinion pages:

- **(P.3) The *Toronto Sun* [says](#) the decision to keep the cost of cap and trade hidden on heating bills is hypocritical**

Article:

- **(P.4) Liberals defend Hydro One privatization as executive pay hits 'astronomical new highs'**

Queens Park Today

Topics of conversation:

- **(P.2) Hydro One released its 2016 executive compensation figures. CEO Mayo Schmidt earned an impressive \$4.5 million in 2016, up from \$1.36 million in 2015. PC Energy critic Todd Smith said the \$11 million in executive compensation that Hydro One paid in 2016 is a "slap in the face" to Ontarians who can't afford their hydro bills.**

Question period

PC lead off

Hydro reform:

(P.4) PC leader Patrick Brown asked why the Liberals spent years ignoring research that found Ontarians were against the sell-off of Hydro One. He called on the premier to halt the sale of anymore shares of Hydro One.

(P.4) Brown asked which "aspiring Liberal Party leader" leaked the internal Liberal polls to the media. Canadian Press reporter Allison Jones said the polling was not leaked to her. It was tabled with the Legislature).

(P.4) Premier Kathleen Wynne said her government does not govern only according to the polls. She said Brown's suggestion

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NDP lead off

Hydro One sale:

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(P.5) NDP leader Andrea Horwath called on the premier to stop her “wrong-headed sale of Hydro One” and to support the NDP hydro plan, which, she said, “is the only plan on the table!”

(P.5) Premier Wynne asked Horwath to “explain how one cent would come off of even one electricity bill” if the province made the changes in her proposal. NDP MPPs also asked about Ring of Fire development and long-term care waiting lists.