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Ontario is providing new funding for repairs and retrofits to social housing across the province in order to improve living conditions and fight climate change. This investment is part of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan and is funded by proceeds from the province's carbon market. Peter Milczyn, Minister of Housing, was in Toronto today to make the announcement. The province will invest up to \$657 million for repairs and retrofits to social housing apartment buildings over five years, with the City of Toronto receiving approximately half of this total investment. The investment will help improve the lives of low-income and vulnerable tenants with upgrades to social housing buildings such as new energy efficient heating, improved insulation and window replacements.

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Also today:

- Ontario is partnering with [Kuntz Electroplating Inc. \(KEI\)](#) to help the company innovate and expand its business, creating 25 new jobs and retaining 408 positions in Kitchener. Daiene Vernile, MPP for Kitchener-Centre, made the announcement today on behalf of Jeff Leal, Minister Responsible for Small Business, at KEI's Kitchener facility. KEI is a leading supplier of polished, painted and electroplated components to the global automotive, motorcycle, heavy truck and recreational vehicle industries. With support from the [Southwestern Ontario Development Fund](#), the company is expanding and modernizing its equipment, including one of its four computer-automated electroplating lines. KEI will also build an automated material handling system, which will increase precision and improve productivity – helping to save costs.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes historic new **investments in health care, including free medications for everyone 24 and under** who has OHIP coverage through the OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare Program, **providing free average tuition** to over 210,000 students starting fall 2017 and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 more kids aged 0–4 access quality, licensed child care, **making everyday life more affordable by reducing electricity costs** by 25 per cent on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and **taking action to make housing more affordable** for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.