

# Today's News - Wednesday, August 30, 2017

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Yesterday, a reporter asked Premier Kathleen Wynne if her policies are more popular than she is. Listen to and share what she had to say [here](#).

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### Also today:

- Ontario is helping people across the province save money and fight climate change through the Green Ontario Fund — a new not-for-profit provincial agency that will deliver programs and rebates to help reduce energy costs in homes and businesses. The agency is part of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan and is funded by proceeds from the province's cap on pollution and carbon market. Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, made the announcement today and encouraged people to visit [GreenON.ca](#) to find out how small changes can help homes and businesses save money while reducing greenhouse gas pollution. More GreenON programs for residents, businesses and industry will be announced in the coming months.

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- Ontario is improving access to care for people with chronic kidney disease in Scarborough, with the addition of more dialysis stations as well as other programs such as diabetes education at Scarborough and Rouge Hospital. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and Soo Wong, MPP for Scarborough—Agincourt, were at the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital's Birchmount Site today to announce that Ontario is providing a grant to help the hospital plan and construct a new dialysis facility. The new, modern facility will provide treatment to patients with chronic kidney disease and respond to the growing needs of the community.

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- Ontario is partnering with Apotex Inc. to invest in new technology and product development at its Etobicoke facility, creating 325 new jobs and retaining 1,265 positions. Shafiq Qadri, MPP for Etobicoke North, and Yvan Baker, MPP for Etobicoke Centre, made the announcement today on behalf of Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development and Growth. Apotex is the largest Canadian-owned pharmaceutical company and also among the country's top pharmaceutical spenders on R&D. The company develops, manufactures and distributes more than 300 generic, affordable pharmaceuticals that are exported to 115 countries worldwide. With support from Ontario's Jobs and Prosperity Fund, the company is investing in new manufacturing technology and processes that will expand the company's product range and enhance productivity.

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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.