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CHINESE COMMUNITY MEDIA

January 1, 2017

SING TAO: JANUARY 1, 2017

- **A number of new regulations will take effect on January 1st (A8)**
Beginning on January 1st, a number of new regulations will take effect in Ontario. First-time homebuyers will get a break on the land transfer tax. Eligible first-time homebuyers will get a maximum refund of \$4,000 on the land transfer tax — double the previous level — meaning there will be no tax on the first \$368,000 of a home's value. The rules for police stopping citizens are also changing as officers will no longer be allowed to arbitrarily ask someone for their identification, a controversial practice known as carding. On the energy front, the 8 per-cent-provincial portion of the HST will be waived on hydro bills to give ratepayers some much-needed relief. It's expected to save the average homeowner about \$11 monthly, or \$130 a year. Premier Kathleen Wynne has acknowledged that she made a "mistake" by letting electricity costs rise rapidly. In addition, restaurant chains with at least 20 locations must post calorie counts on their menus.

MING PAO: JANUARY 1, 2017

- **No relevant news.**

TODAYCOMMERICALNEWS.COM: JANUARY 1, 2017

- **No relevant news.**

OMNI NEWS (CANTONESE EDITION): DECEMBER 31, 2016

- **No news broadcast.**

CHINESE COMMUNITY MEDIA

December 31, 2016

SING TAO: DECEMBER 31, 2016

- No relevant news.

MING PAO: DECEMBER 31, 2016

- No relevant news.

TODAYCOMMERICALNEWS.COM: DECEMBER 31, 2016

- No relevant news.

OMNI NEWS (CANTONESE EDITION): DECEMBER 30, 2016

- No relevant news.

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December 30, 2016

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- **According to Health Ministry documents, six of Ontario's top-billing doctors charged for "services not rendered" (A3)**
The province's 12 top-billing doctors — who received payments of between \$2 million and \$7 million in one year — are overcharging the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, documents obtained by the Star suggest. According to the documents, six allegedly charged for "services not rendered," five "upcoded" or billed OHIP using fee codes for more expensive procedures, and three charged for "medically unnecessary" services, which the plan is not designed to fund, the probe found. The analysis shows the doctors, all specialists, billed an average of \$4 million in fee-for-service claims between April 2014 and March 2015. Dr. Eric Hoskins was not available to comment on the report.
- **On January 1, 2017, the average Toronto Hydro residential customer can expect to see their bills drop by \$13 per month (A6)**
On January 1, 2017, the average Toronto Hydro residential customer can expect to see their bills drop by approximately 8.5%, or \$13.66 per month. The reduction in electricity charges reflects several changes on the bill, including a decrease in the Delivery Charge, an increase in the Regulatory Charge and the introduction of an 8% Provincial Rebate from the Ontario government. The Delivery Charge is going down by 5.2% for the average residential customer. Average residential customers will also see an increase of 12.7% on the Regulatory Charge. The Ontario government's 8% Provincial Rebate on before-tax total electricity charges represents the HST portion of the bill. This is expected to save customers an average of \$130 each year.
- **Ontario's cap-and-trade program, which comes into effect on January 1st, will drive up the price of gasoline by 4.3 cents per litre (A7)**
Ontarians will start paying for the Liberal government's ambitious cap-and-trade program almost immediately after it comes into effect Jan. 1 with higher prices for gasoline and natural gas. The plan will drive the price of gasoline up 4.3 cents per litre and increase the cost of home heating by over \$6 a month. In her 2016 annual report, auditor general Bonnie Lysyk said households will pay an average of \$156 next year in added costs because of cap and trade, rising to \$210 in 2019 plus another \$75 that year in indirect costs on goods and services. The New Democrats said giving big industry "a four-year holiday" creates the perception of unfairness, but Environment and Climate Change Minister Glen Murray defended the exemptions. "The free allocations are to protect Ontario jobs in industries that are competing with jurisdictions without a carbon pricing system, and to recognize industries that have made significant emission reductions already and need time to invest in new technology," said Murray.

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- **Ontario's cap-and-trade program comes into effect on January 1st (A4)**
Ontarians will start paying for the Liberal government's ambitious cap-and-trade program almost immediately after it comes into effect Jan. 1. Gasoline is expected to rise 4.3 cents a litre, which would cost the average driver about \$8 more per month. Monthly natural gas bills will go up by \$6.70 for Enbridge customers, \$6.17 for Union Gas customers; and \$5.68 for NRG customers. The average household is expected to pay \$156 more in 2017 for gasoline and natural gas, which will rise to about \$210 in 2019, plus an additional \$75 in indirect costs on goods and services that year. The government promises to use the expected \$1.9 billion a year from cap and trade on green programs to help business and consumers, such as subsidies for home retrofits and rebates for electric vehicles.
- **Beginning next year, the average Toronto Hydro residential customer will save \$13.66 per month (A4)**
Beginning next year, the average Toronto Hydro residential customer (consuming 750 kilowatt-hours per month) can expect to see their bills drop by approximately 8.5%, or \$13.66 per month. The reduction in electricity charges reflects several changes on the bill, including a decrease in the Delivery Charge, an increase in the Regulatory Charge and the introduction of an 8% Provincial Rebate from the Ontario government. The Delivery Charge is going down by 5.2% for the average residential customer. Average residential customers will also see an increase of 12.7% on the Regulatory Charge. The Ontario government's 8% Provincial Rebate on before-tax total electricity charges represents the HST portion of the bill. This is expected to save customers an average of \$130 each year.
- **Year end review: The Ontario government will remove the eight per cent provincial share of the HST from hydro bills (A6)**
In its throne speech on September 12, the Ontario Liberal government announced it will remove the eight per cent provincial share of the HST from hydro bills; as of Jan. 1. Rural ratepayers could receive additional relief resulting in \$540 a year in savings. "I think it's important for us to recognize that we're doing something for our remote rural and northern customers and consumers as well," Energy Minister Glen Thibeault told reporters.
- **Year end review: The Ontario government will provide free post-secondary tuition for students from low-income families (A6)**
On February 25th, the Ontario government released its 2016 budget and announced that University and college will soon be free for low-income students in Ontario. The Ontario Student Grant would entirely pay for average college or university tuition for students from families with incomes of \$50,000 or less. Under the new program, half of students from families with incomes of up to \$83,000 will qualify for non-repayable grants for tuition. The new grant combines existing programs, and Finance Minister Charles Sousa said he hopes it will come at no additional cost to the government.
- **According to a Manpower report, only 6% of businesses in York Region are planning to hire new employees (A8)**
Manpower has just released a new report on next year's employment outlook for York Region. According to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey, the employment outlook in York Region is cloudy, as only 6% of companies in York Region

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plan on hiring. The number of companies that plan on cutting employees is 13%. One of the companies that will be hiring is Treasure Mills. This company received \$100,000 in funding from the Ontario government this year to buy new equipment. Community and Social Services Minister Helena Jaczek attended the funding announcement earlier this year.

■ **Beginning January 1st, restaurants with 20 or more locations must clearly display the caloric information for any food and drink items (A10)**

Legislation that comes into effect on January 1st under the Healthy Menu Choices Act, 2015 requires that all restaurants with 20 or more locations clearly display the caloric information for any food and drink items. The Heart and Stroke Foundation supports the initiative, believing that providing people with more information helps them make better choices. Ontario is the first province in the country to require nutritional labelling at restaurants.

TODAYCOMMERICALNEWS.COM: DECEMBER 30, 2016

■ **No relevant news.**

OMNI NEWS (CANTONESE EDITION): DECEMBER 29, 2016

■ **No relevant news.**

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CANADIAN PUNJABI POST: DECEMBER 30, 2016

- **No relevant news**

HAMDARD WEEKLY: DECEMBER 30, 2016

- **New police rules in Ontario go into effect January 1 (C-1)**
A new regulation that comes into effect on January 1st will prohibit police from requesting identifying information arbitrarily based on a person's race or presence in a high-crime neighbourhood during police-public interactions.
- **Government will help Peel people lift out of poverty (C-1)**
Ontario is investing in 30 community projects across the province that will support new ways to help people break the cycle of poverty, find good jobs and end homelessness in Ontario. MPP Brampton West Vic Dhillon said the funding will help Peel community through Brampton-Caledon Community Living.

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- **Government of Ontario investing in poverty reduction programs (6)**
MPP Brampton West Vic Dhillon said the government of Ontario is investing in 30 community projects that will help people break the cycle of poverty and end homelessness. The Peel community will also benefit from the funding through the Brampton-Caledon Community Living project.

SUNDAY TIMES: DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 4, 2017

- **No relevant news**

PAKISTAN POST: DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 4, 2017

- **No relevant news**

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- **Why Ontarians are drinking bottled water at all: Wynne (Section B, Page-B)**
Ontario plans to increase its charge for water permits but Premier Kathleen Wynne wants

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a bigger discussion on the future of the bottled water industry. The province charges \$3.71 for every million litre of water taken and there exists a permit fee of \$759 million. Premier Wynne says the culture around bottled water needs to be examined and questions the motive behind drinking bottled water when it is not necessary.

- **Ontario recognizes Agri-Food exporters (Section B, Page B)**

Ontario is recognizing Agri-Food companies that have strengthened the province's economy through increased exports of Ontario manufactured food to new international markets. MPP Brampton-Springdale Harinder Malhi congratulated the finalist Brampton company Agrocrop Exports Ltd for its success.

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- **New policing rules go into effect January 1(10)**

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Ontario increasing transparency for drivers using towing and vehicle storage services ((10)

Ontario is reminding consumers that as of January 1, 2017, new regulations have been implemented for tow truck and vehicle storage services designed to increase transparency and strengthen consumer protection.

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- **Colleague who harassed female prison guard promoted (Page 7)**

An internal investigation found that Camille Pouli, a former prison guard at Toronto South Detention Centre, received “unwelcomed and unwanted” text messages from a fellow jail guard. After reporting her colleague for sexual harassment, Pouli went on sick leave so she would not be forced to work with him, but later found out that he was promoted.

After being off work for more than 15 months, Pouli was given a position at the Vanier Centre for Women and has since filed a grievance for back pay from Toronto South, but said the process has stalled. Pouli has accused the jail of mismanaging her case and of coddling the man who harassed her.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services said in a statement that the ministry does not comment on “internal human resources matters. All correctional officers must contribute to and maintain a workplace that is fair, inclusive and free from all forms of discrimination and harassment.