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CHINESE COMMUNITY MEDIA

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SING TAO: MARCH 3, 2017

- **The Ontario government will slash electricity rates by 25 per cent this summer (A6)**

The Ontario government is slashing electricity rates by an additional 17 per cent in an effort to provide relief to ratepayers. Ontario's hydro plan would see electricity rates reduced for ratepayers across the province, amounting to 25 per cent when compounded with Ontario's eight per cent HST hydro rebate that took effect Jan. 1, and will hold with the rate of inflation for four years. However, critics say the rate cut comes with an estimated \$1.4 billion per year in added interest costs. The rate reduction will be achieved by "refinancing" long-term power generation contracts to even longer terms.

MING PAO: MARCH 3, 2017

- **Hydro bills in Ontario will be reduced by 25% on May 1st (A2)**

Hydro bills in Ontario will drop by 17 per cent on average this summer under a new plan released Thursday by Premier Kathleen Wynne. The Liberals say the plan will cut 25 per cent off the average residential and small business bill on May 1st. That figure includes an eight per cent reduction that kicked in Jan. 1, when the government exempted residential electricity costs from the provincial portion of the HST. Low-income households will also see a 50 per cent increase in a rebate program designed to make their hydro costs more affordable. The changes mean the credits will save low-income households about \$35 to \$60 a month.

- **The problem of fentanyl overdoses is getting worse (A11)**

Ontario cities struggling to gauge how often fentanyl is killing people are working with data as much as a year old, an overdose expert says. Determining what killed a suspected opioid overdose victim remains a time-consuming business for coroners. Ontario Health Minister Eric Hoskins said the ministry is working with the chief coroner "to accelerate that process and to make sure he's got the resources he requires to do that work as quickly but, of course, as completely and responsibly as possible." The chief coroner's preliminary 2015 estimate is 707 opioid-related deaths, with 203 or 29 per cent involving fentanyl.

- **The Canada-China Realty Professional Association holds its 10th anniversary gala (B4)**

On February 26th, the Canada-China Realty Professional Association held its 10th anniversary gala. Close to 1,000 people attended the gala, including Ontario International Trade Minister Michael Chan.

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■ **This summer, Ontario is lowering electricity bills by 25 per cent (2)**

Ontario is lowering electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential customers as part of a significant system restructuring that will address long-standing policy challenges and ensure greater fairness. Starting this summer, Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan would provide households with this 25 per cent break. Many small businesses and farms would also benefit from the initiative. People with low incomes and those living in eligible rural communities would receive even greater reductions to their electricity bills. As part of this plan, rate increases over the next four years would be held to the rate of inflation for everyone. Premier Kathleen Wynne said: "I have heard from people around the province who are worried about the price they are asked to pay for electricity and the impact it has on their household budget. Electricity is a necessity. By fixing problems in the system, we will be able to provide every residential customer in Ontario with an average 25 per cent off their bills now and make rates fairer in the future."

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SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY MEDIA

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CANADIAN PUNJABI POST: MARCH 3, 2017

- **Ontario's hydro politics: a dangerous game (6)**

An editorial in the Canadian Punjabi Post makes satirical comments about Ontario's hydro politics. The newspaper writes, Premier Kathleen Wynne seems to have a "special place for Ontario's hydro consumers in her heart." The electricity was made costly in the province because the Premier wanted to provide 25 per cent relief to the consumers before the elections. The Liberal government had to work very hard to bring a 100 per cent increase in electricity prices over the last 10 years, and now it is time for them reap to reap the benefits. The newspaper continues that Premier Wynne also seems to be "extremely honest," noting that she took responsibility for rising hydro costs. Meanwhile, PC Leader Patrick Brown appears to have no problems with the issues of the sex-ed curriculum, economy, health sector, and carbon tax. He cannot look beyond hydro bills and see other burning issues affecting the province. He would prefer not to comment on the privatization of Hydro One by the Wynne government. As for NDP Leader Andrea Horwath's position on the hydro issue, the newspaper says, "It is better not to say anything on the NDP's position." She has promised to bring a 30 per cent cut to hydro prices but where will the money come from?

JANG CANADA: MARCH 2 TO MARCH 8, 2017

- **Wynne government considering changes to workplace laws (Section B, Page C)**

Premier Kathleen Wynne's government is considering changes to Ontario's labour laws. According to reports, the changes being considered will bring significant reforms in the Employment Standards Act and Labour Relations Act.

PAKISTAN POST: MARCH 2 TO MARCH 8, 2017

- **No relevant news**

URDU POST: MARCH 2, 2017

- **Liberal MPPs motion against Islamophobia passes in the Ontario legislature (10)**

The Ontario Legislative Assembly has unanimously voted in favour of Liberal MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers' motion to reaffirm the Ontario's commitment to fight against Islamophobia.

SUNDAY TIMES: MARCH 2 TO MARCH 8, 2017

- **No relevant news**

HAMDARD WEEKLY: MARCH 3, 2017

- **Ontario government proposing anti-human trafficking law (A-5)**
The Ontario government is proposing a new law to stop human trafficking. If passed, the law would allow survivors to sue their traffickers. Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Women Affairs, said trafficking exploits the most vulnerable people in our society.
- **Ontario will stop winter hydro disconnections (C-1)**
Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault announced that Ontario will ban winter disconnections for hydro customers if local utilities do not agree to discontinue the practice. The government has promised another relief package for the hydro users in addition to the waiver of the 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST.

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EQUALITY NEWS: MARCH 2, 2017

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