

MULTILINGUAL MEDIA SCAN: HYDRO RATE REDUCTION PLAN

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THAMILAR SENTHAMARAI: NDP PROPOSES PLAN TO CUT HYDRO RATES BY UP TO 30% - TAMIL (2017.03.06)

Description: Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath is proposing a host of changes to the energy system that the party says could save ratepayers up to 30% on their hydro bills. The party wants to see mandatory time-of-use pricing eliminated, saying it has not reduced peak demand by as much as the government intended and constitutes an added stressor for Ontarians.

PRINT - Thamilar Senthamarai (Weekly) - Toronto, 06/03/2017 - News, 1/8 page , p. 18, Tamil

CORRIERE CANADESE: TORY: 'TORONTO HYDRO IS NOT FOR SALE' - ITALIAN (2017.03.06)

Description: Toronto Mayor John Tory has denied any plans to sell Toronto Hydro. He was responding to a recent news report from Reuters that Hydro One was about to acquire Toronto Hydro for \$3 billion. Tory's words were confirmed by Toronto Hydro spokesperson Brian Buchan, who said there was 'no truth' to Reuters' statement.

PRINT - Corriere Canadese (100000 - Daily5) - Toronto, 06/03/2017 - NEWS, 3/10 page, p. 4, Italian

ONLINE

NONE

TV

NONE

RADIO

CHIN FM 100.7 ITALIAN: TORY DENIES REPORT THAT TALKS ARE UNDERWAY TO SELL TORONTO HYDRO - ITALIAN (2017.03.06)

Description: Patrizio Serafini - Mayor John Tory is denying reports that talks are underway on a proposed deal that would see Toronto Hydro sold to Hydro One. The media reported that Hydro One was in talks to buy the city-owned utility for \$3 billion.

RADIO - CHIN FM 100.7 Italian (80000 - Daily5) - Toronto, 06/03/2017 - NEWS, 1 min, 02/08, Italian

EAST FM 102.7: TORY DISMISSES REPORT THAT HYDRO ONE IN DISCUSSIONS TO BUY TORONTO HYDRO FOR \$3 BILLION - TAMIL (2017.03.06)

Description: Toronto Mayor John Tory is disputing a news report that says Hydro One is in talks to buy Toronto Hydro for \$3 billion. 'I can confirm that no discussions are taking place with respect to the sale of Toronto Hydro to anyone,' Tory said. The mayor was referring to a report that stated that the talks involved Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Tory himself.

RADIO - East FM 102.7 (Daily7) - Toronto, 06/03/2017 - News, 1/2 min, 2/2, Tamil

CMR FM 101.3 VOICE RADIO HINDI: HYDRO BILL CUT PLANNED - HINDI (2017.03.06)

Description: Tamrin and Jatin - Electricity bills in Ontario will see an average 17% to 20% cut this summer, a year before the provincial Liberals bid for re-election. Ratepayers will get relief of between \$75 and \$120 or even more on hydro bills. Ratepayers happy with hydro relief this year will support the Liberals in the upcoming provincial elections. However, they will have to pay longer for this relief. They will pay the cost of this reduction for up to the next 30 to 40 years. Perhaps consumers will see reductions in mortgages and taxes in the coming days in order for the Liberals to win the election. The program says, 'Let's see whether this ploy works for her [Premier Kathleen Wynne] to win the election next year.'

RADIO - CMR FM 101.3 Voice Radio Hindi (200000 - Daily5) - Toronto, 06/03/2017 - TALK SHOW, 4 mins, 03/08, Hindi

EAST FM 102.7: ONTARIO PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES ASK WATCHDOG TO DO FULL COSTING OF LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HYDRO RELIEF PLAN - TAMIL (2017.03.06)

Description: The Progressive Conservatives are asking Ontario's budget watchdog to conduct a full costing of the Liberal government's plan to lower hydro bills. The recently announced 17% reduction in hydro bills comes this summer thanks to a move akin to refinancing a mortgage over a longer period of time. Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne has acknowledged it will cost ratepayers more in the long run, but she says savings are needed now because people are struggling.

RADIO - East FM 102.7 (Daily7) - Toronto, 06/03/2017 - News, 1/2 min, 1/2, Tamil

CMR FM 101.3 TAMIL: BUDGET WATCHDOG TO EXAMINE COST OF LIBERALS' HYDRO BILL CUT - TAMIL (2017.03.06)

Description: Ontario's budget watchdog is planning a report examining the Liberal government's plan to lower hydro bills. Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown has written to the Financial Accountability Office asking them to investigate the plan with a full costing analysis. A spokesperson for the office says they will take Brown's letter under consideration but

had already been intending to examine the hydro plan. The recently announced 17% reduction in hydro bills comes this summer thanks to a move the Liberals say is like refinancing a mortgage over a longer period of time.

RADIO - CMR FM 101.3 Tamil (200000 - Daily5) - Toronto, 06/03/2017 - News, 1/2 min, 3/3, Tamil