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■ **A new institute for artificial intelligence research has opened (A4)**

A new institute for artificial intelligence research opened Thursday in Toronto with funding from the federal and Ontario governments and the private sector. The Vector Institute will specialize in the fields of machine learning and deep learning, which uses software and algorithms to simulate the neural circuits of the human brain. Ottawa is putting up to \$50 million into the institute, Ontario is investing \$50 million and more than 30 private-sector companies are set to invest \$80 million. Premier Kathleen Wynne said: "But we can't deny that as machines get smarter, they will do some of the work that we do now. So as premier it is my job to make sure we're managing these changes in a way that creates more opportunity, more security in people's lives, not less."

■ **The federal and Ontario governments will each provide funding for Ford Motor Company of Canada (A6)**

Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Windsor yesterday with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to announce a \$1 billion partnership with Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd. The investment will create 300 new jobs at Ford operations in Ontario and protect hundreds more. Ontario and Canada are each providing Ford of Canada with a conditional grant of up to \$102.4 million. Premier Wynne said: "The auto industry drives Ontario's economy — and provides thousands of good jobs for people in communities right across the province. Its growth is good for everyone. I am so pleased to work with our partners, Ford of Canada and the Canadian government, to support innovation and ensure the continued success of Ontario's auto industry — now and into the future."

■ **The Ontario government has released a new initiative that will lower hydro costs for small-medium sized businesses (A9)**

Yesterday, Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault visited auto parts company Dynaplas to announce a new initiative that will help small-medium sized businesses lower their hydro costs. For example, Dynaplas, which already saves \$200,000 annually under the Industrial Conservation Initiative, can save up to another \$70,000 under the new initiative, which is a new program under the Industrial Conservation Initiative. MPP Mitzie Hunter accompanied Minister Thibeault on his visit.

■ **Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault promotes Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (A9)**

Ontario is lowering electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential customers. The Ontario government is slashing electricity rates by 17 per cent in an effort to provide immediate relief to ratepayers. Ontario's Fair 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. In addition, a number of important programs, such as the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), will now be funded by the government instead of by ratepayers. The province will also launch a new Affordability Fund, enhance the existing OESP and Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) program and provide on-reserve First Nations households with a

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delivery credit. These new measures will cost the government up to \$2.5 billion over the next three years.

- **Treasury Board President Liz Sandals says the high salary of Hydro One's CEO won't affect the government's plan to cut electricity costs for consumers (A9)**
The \$4.5 million in pay received by Hydro One's CEO is not a factor in the government's plan to cut electricity costs for consumers, an Ontario cabinet minister said Thursday amid opposition concerns about the executive's compensation. Treasury Board President Liz Sandals made her comments on the eve of the release of the province's so-called sunshine list. The annual disclosure of public-sector salaries over \$100,000 will be released Friday, but Hydro One salaries such as that of company boss Mayo Schmidt won't be on it. New filings show that Schmidt was paid \$4.5 million in 2016; an \$850,000 salary plus bonuses; and its top five executives were paid a total of about \$11.7 million. Sandals wouldn't say whether or not she thought the pay was appropriate at a time when the government is trying to reduce system costs and cut people's hydro bills. But she suggested the CEO's salary was not a factor in efforts to bring down hydro prices.

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- **The Ontario government will set up a stand-alone regulator to oversee the province's home builders (A2)**
The Ontario government will be setting up a stand-alone regulator to oversee the province's home builders. Tarion has been responsible both for regulating builders and administering the province's new home warranties, but the system lends itself to the perception of a conflict of interest. Minister of Government and Consumer Services Tracy MacCharles says the change is designed to improve accountability and transparency for home buyers.
- **A new study from the Fraser Institute says Ontario's debt is expected to continue to grow (A5)**
Ontario's debt is expected to continue to grow -- increasing by approximately \$9 billion next year -- despite the government's promise to finally balance its budget this spring, finds a new study released by the Fraser Institute. The study finds that the Ontario government -- even with a balanced operating budget this coming fiscal year after nine consecutive deficits -- plans to add \$9 billion to the debt in 2017/18 and \$9.1 billion the following year. And there's no end to the borrowing in sight. The province's own Financial Accountability Office estimates Ontario's debt will keep growing, hitting \$370 billion in 2020/21.
- **The Ontario government provides funding to help small-medium sized businesses lower their hydro costs (A6)**
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■ **The federal and Ontario governments will provide \$200 million in funding to Ford (A10)**

The federal and Ontario governments are each spending more than \$100 million to help Canada's auto sector. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne announced conditional grants of up to \$102.4 million each during an event Thursday at a Ford Canada engine plant in Windsor, Ont. The money is meant to support a \$1.2-billion partnership with Ford Canada to create 300 jobs and maintain 500 more in Ontario, and help create an advanced manufacturing program in Windsor and a research and engineering centre in Ottawa.

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■ **The federal and Ontario governments will combine to provide funding to Ford that will create 300 new jobs (7)**

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■ **The Ontario and federal governments will provide funding to Ford Motor Company of Canada (3)**

Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Windsor today with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to announce a more than \$1 billion partnership with Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd. The Ontario and federal governments will combine to provide Ford of Canada with funding of more than \$200 million.

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- **No relevant news**

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- **Ontario budget to include housing affordability measures: Sousa (A-9)**
Finance Minister Charles Sousa says Ontario's upcoming budget will have measures on affordable housing in the province, especially in the GTA and Hamilton area where housing prices continue to skyrocket.
 - **Minimum wage in Ontario to go up (B-1)**
Ontario is increasing the minimum wage for the fourth consecutive year, which will bring the wage up to \$11.60 this fall.
 - **Kathleen Wynne's rating hits record-low (B-8)**
According to a new Angus Reid report, Premier Kathleen Wynne's approval rating has dropped to 12 per cent. It marks a 4 per cent decrease since the agency conducted its last survey in December.
- A faired way forward to reduce hydro bills (C-7)**
Vic Dhillon, MPP Brampton West, says that since the Ontario government announced its plan to lower hydro rates, he has spoken with people in Brampton West. His conversations with people made it clear to him that everybody wants them to take action. For some families it has gotten to the point where they must choose between groceries and electricity. By delivering the biggest hydro cut in Ontario's history, the plan provides an overdue solution.

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- **Ontario govt. to take measures to cool housing market (5)**
Finance Minister Charles Sousa says the Ontario government is taking measures to cool the housing market in the province, especially in the GTA and Hamilton area.
- **Ontario providing improved access to legal services (10)**
Ontario is providing more people with affordable access to legal services by increasing the financial eligibility threshold for legal aid by six per cent. Effective on April 1, 2017, about 140,000 more people will be eligible to receive the legal services.

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- **Will Kathleen Wynne resign? (1)**
According to a new report by Angus Reid, Premier Kathleen Wynne's approval rating is only 12 per cent. Some media reports say there is talk of replacing Premier Wynne so that Liberal Party could go into the 2018 election under a new leadership.

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- **Changes In The Works For Ontario's Power Of Attorney Laws! (Page 12)**
As reported in a recent Toronto Star article, changes are in the works for Ontario's Power of Attorney Laws. The article follows in its entirety. The creation of a specialized tribunal and more education and transparency around power of attorney are among the 58 recommendations in a report going to government on strengthening the laws around substitute decision-making for people who are incapacitated. An individual appointed by another person to be their power of attorney can potentially make a wide array of decisions on their behalf when called upon, including on living arrangements, health care, property and finances. But the Law Commission of Ontario, an independent body that recommends law reform, found the system around substitute decision-making is complex and lacks co-ordination.

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