

Facts Still Matter

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He claimed: *"I am committed to our value for money audit"*

Fact: He's committed to making over \$12 Billion worth of cuts to the services that people rely on like healthcare and education

Great Lakes Clean-Up Fund	13	13	13	13
Liberal Cap-and-Trade Slush Fund Obligations (4)	1,500	-	-	-
Savings from Cancelling Liberal Cap-and-Trade Slush Fund	(475)	(1,900)	(1,900)	(1,900)
Savings from Value for Money Audit (5)	-	(1,100)	(2,200)	(2,800)
\$12.275	=			

(Source: <https://www.ontariopc.ca/peoplesguarantee>.)

He claimed: *"We're going to pledge to the people of Ontario, a 22.5% tax cut to the middle class"*

Fact: This is Patrick Brown's signature promise, and it is patently false. There isn't a single person in Ontario who will actually see a 22.5% reduction in their personal income tax. That's because Patrick Brown is not factoring in the fact that we have a progressive income tax system, which has multiple income brackets. All Patrick Brown is talking about is a 22.5% cut in the rate of one bracket. And he's also not factoring in the increased costs because of his new, more expensive carbon tax. So when you look at what he's putting forward, it's only about half of the equation, and it's deceptive.

(Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/frequently-asked-questions-individuals/canadian-income-tax-rates-individuals-current-previous-years.html>.)

He claimed: *"You haven't had a raise – you haven't had a raise in – in your disposable income in 15 years"*

Fact: Average weekly earnings in Ontario are higher than the rest of Canada and up 34% since 2003.

Selected items [Add/Remove data]														
Type of employees = All employees ¹²														
Overtime = Including overtime														
North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) ¹⁸ = Industrial aggregate excluding unclassified businesses [11-91N] ^{2, 5}														
Geography	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Canada	691.14	709.28	737.02	755.11	787.61	810.26	822.58 ^A	852.46 ^A	873.66 ^A	895.58 ^A	911.45 ^A	935.58 ^A	952.24 ^A	956.50 ^A
Ontario	728.71	748.99	776.33	788.80	819.19	838.34	848.91 ^A	881.44 ^A	893.44 ^A	906.17 ^A	920.03 ^A	938.30 ^A	962.94 ^A	973.56 ^A

(Source: <http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/a47>)

He claimed: *"Right now our credit rating is worse than Quebec's for the first time in my lifetime"*

Fact: Moody's and Fitch have the same rating and while S&P's rating is higher for Quebec, DBRS's rating is higher for Ontario.

Credit Ratings	Ontario	Quebec
Moody's	Aa2	Aa2
Fitch	AA-	AA-
S&P	A+	AA-
DBRS	AA-	A (high)

(Source: <http://www.ofina.on.ca/ir/rating.htm>, http://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/en/Financement_Quebec61.asp.)

He claimed: *"We give [surplus electricity] to Michigan, we give it to Pennsylvania, we give it to Ohio"*

Fact: We've seen this one from Patrick Brown before. The last time the provincial Conservatives were in power, they spent \$900 million importing electricity over two years just to keep the lights on. Given our position of strength, Ontario is a net exporter now, benefitting ratepayers to the tune of \$236 million in 2016.

(Source: Independent Electricity System Operator)

He claimed: *"the Liberal [Fair Hydro] plan was a temporary ploy"*

Fact: Despite claiming he's against it, Patrick Brown is now sneakily including our Fair Hydro Platform in his own platform. That's probably because he knows our plan is lowering bills by 25% on average and holding rates to inflation for the next four years. Following this period, our Long-Term Energy Plan lays out a path for predictable, affordable electricity prices as well.

(Source: PC Platform; <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-long-term-energy-plan>)

He claimed: *"We've been a have-not province for 8 years"*

Fact: In 2017-18, it is estimated that Ontarians will contribute approximately \$7.1 billion to the Equalization program while Ontario will only receive roughly \$1.4 billion in return — representing a net contribution of \$5.7 billion — the highest of all provinces.

(Source: <https://mowatcentre.ca/mind-the-gap/>)

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Subject: [NOTES] Patrick Brown Speech to Macdonald-Cartier Club of Hamilton - December 6, 2017

MPP: Brown

Candidates in attendance: Donna Skelly, Ben Levitt, Will Bouma, Esther Pauls

Observing: Oosterhoff

Brown:

- Great to be in Hamilton
- I used to work for one of the former MPPS when I was at U of T
- Want to acknowledge Sam Oosterhoff
- Will Bouma candidate for Brantford-Brant, same town as Wayne Gretzky, Wayne joined our party during leadership
- Our candidates want to get Ontario back on track, we've been a have-not province for 8 years
- Right now our credit rating is worse than Quebec's for the first time in my lifetime
- We have a candidate in Pickering who worked at DBRS who reviewed our rating who has decided to run for us
- We owe more than any province or state in the world
- We spend more on interest payments than on hospitals
- We listened around the province and went everywhere
- And now have a roadmap on how were going to get the province back on track with the People's Guarantee
- You know you're doing well when Liberals are sending staff here, they're welcome to buy tickets and support PLAS, they can take out a membership too
- We are seeing record number of members
- We have won in byelections that we had no business winning like in SRR and SSM
- In the People's Guarantee we offer a 22.5% tax cut
- Middle class incomes are stagnant, you haven't had a raise in years
- Everyone is going to get more in taxes, but it disproportionately helps the middle class
- The other issue is hydro, we are offering structural changes
- The Liberal plan involves borrowing
- Our plan is about lasting changes, it makes sure they get lasting relief
- We have massive overgeneration and the Liberals have ignored this, we have to give it away
- She is the best economic development minister Pennsylvania has ever had
- We waste water energy
- Sign bad contracts where they overpay
- They do this intentionally they give contracts to companies that donated \$1.3 million to OLP
- 3rd part of our plan is on child care, it comes up all the time
- People can't find a space of afford it
- We're going to create 100 000 spaces
- In Hamilton the average cost is \$10 000
- Our 75% refund will be a game changer
- Money in your pocket
- 4th part is mental health, it's a dirty little secret
- The govt is telling people to get treatment but there isn't any
- We spend less on mental health than in the past
- I hear horrifying stories about wait times for counseling
- Some have taken their life while waiting
- We have dropped the ball
- Yesterday, I was talking to Leafs coach Mike Babcock about mental health yesterday
- We should treat it more seriously
- We have emergency rooms flooded with mental health patients
- Our \$1.9 billion investment in mental health will be the largest in Canadian provincial history
- 5th aspect is accountability, I assumed there was one at Queens Park like in Ottawa
- We see fundraising loopholes, ministers can call stakeholders for donations
- We saw the lobbying loophole in play with the Tesla grant, the chief of staff at ENV went to go to work for Tesla
- Our Act will close all of these loophole
- I get the cynicism in politics with broken promises

- That's why I signed a pledge that if we don't get this done I won't run again
- I wish the Liberals had signed something like this 13 years ago
- There's lots more in our platform like the physical fitness tax credit to take on obesity
- We have a phenomenal team of candidates, June 7th can't come soon enough
- Thank you being part of our team here in Hamilton

Q & A

Question: if you run a business you either need to make some cuts or increase revenue. Do you have any other sources of revenue in your plan?

Brown:

We had economists look at our numbers

We are canceling cap and trade and saving two cents on the dollar

Kathleen Wynne claims there's no waste ie. eHealth, AG report on waste

I am committed to our value for money audit

We've accepted the economic climate as it is

But we will sell air rights on subways but that's a hypothetical, I don't want hypothetical in our plan

Our tax changes will spur job creation but we are not banking on that, we have conservative estimates

Question: Ontario hydro, why not privatize it all?

Brown:

We opposed the firesale

The manner in which it was done was short-sighted

They took away transparency, Hydro One is no longer on Sunshine list

How do you justify these salaries?

I want to add transparency

Hydro One has now asked for a rate hike and is now borrowing money to buy a coal company

Ernie Eves started the phase out of coal

That's why we voted against it, a previous PC govt did an assessment and backed away

Wynne claimed the money from the sale went to infrastructure but not a nickel has gone to it

Question: thoughts on college of trade?

Brown:

I know some improvements can be made

I give the govt credit for acknowledging this

A report came out and has reviewed it

It's an issue Garfield Dunlop was engaged in

I'm in Hamilton all day today

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.