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Premier Kathleen Wynne, along with Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Chris Ballard, today shared the first progress report on Ontario's [Climate Change Action Plan \(CCAP\)](#). The action plan is a five-year strategy that is making life more affordable for people across Ontario, giving businesses more choice in reducing pollution and making Ontario a leader in the global fight against climate change. The Premier visited the Fazio family in Toronto to hear about how they are lowering their energy bills and making their home more energy efficient. Thanks to support from CCAP's Green Ontario Fund (GreenON), families across Ontario are now saving money on energy costs while also helping to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. GreenON is making life more affordable for homeowners and their families by providing rebates when they upgrade their homes with:

- Up to \$7,200 in savings on new insulation
- Up to \$5,000 in savings on replacement windows
- Up to \$5,800 in savings on some air source heat pumps
- Up to \$20,000 in savings on installation of some certified ground source heat pumps.

Ontario's CCAP is also helping researchers, entrepreneurs and companies fuel innovations that will reduce greenhouse gas pollution through the [Low Carbon Innovation Fund](#). The action plan is funded through proceeds from Ontario's cap on the pollution businesses can emit and carbon market. The approximately \$2.3 billion generated through five auctions has already enabled significant investments in homes, hospitals, schools, colleges and universities, and municipal buildings across the province, while helping to reduce greenhouse gas pollution. CCAP has helped industry and manufacturers transform operations, move off imported fossil —fuels and peak-period electricity, and helped create more jobs in clean tech and skilled trades.

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Also Today:

- The governments of Canada and Ontario announced the signing of a bilateral agreement that will provide more than \$11.8 billion over the next decade in federal funding dedicated to infrastructure projects. The projects supported through this agreement will have a total value of over \$31 billion, including \$9.7 billion committed by the Ontario government. This new funding will see the Government of Canada and the province of Ontario make unprecedented investments in public transit, green infrastructure, and recreational and cultural infrastructure. These investments will have benefits for people in communities across the province, including:
 - o Faster commute and travel times for more people, and easier movement of goods for businesses
 - o Cleaner air and water
 - o Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
 - o Smarter and more efficient cities
 - o Sustainable water management
 - o Enhanced public parks, recreational facilities and other spaces that make communities great places to live
 - o Better transportation and digital infrastructure for people living in remote communities
 - o Increased energy security and reduced reliance on diesel in the North

This funding builds on Ontario's \$190 billion commitment to infrastructure over 13 years. The province's investments are already supporting priority projects across the province such as schools, hospitals, public transit, roads and bridges.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes historic new investments in health care, including free medications for everyone 24 and under through OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare, providing free tuition to over 210,000 students and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, making everyday life more affordable by reducing electricity costs by 25 per cent on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and taking action to make housing more affordable for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.