

FW: Transcript: CFRB 8AM - Reaction to PC Leader Brown's Comments on Hydro Plan (March 3, 2017)

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Hi Andrew,

Below is a transcript of a news segment that aired at 8:05am on CFRB. Please let me know if you would like me to share with the broader group.

Thanks,
Rob

CFRB: REACTION TO PC LEADER BROWN'S COMMENTS ON HYDRO PLAN

Date: March 3, 2017
Station: CFRB Radio (Toronto)
Time: 8:05 am
Length: 1:40 minutes
Speaker(s): Patrick Brown, PC Leader
Amanda Gailbraith, CFRB
Steve, Listener

CFRB: One of the big stories of this week has been your hydro bill and the Liberal plan to give you a break now, But make you pay more in the long run. The plan criticized by many yesterday, including on this station. And a year and a half from the next election, it looks like this will be a major issue on voters' minds. The Progressive Conservatives leading in the polls. Moore in the Morning had on Party leader Patrick Brown to ask: if you are premier, what's your plan?

MOORE IN THE MORNING: What is the alternative? Kathleen Wynne says she looked at all the alternatives; there were none.

PATRICK BROWN, PC LEADER: Well, I believe that's incorrect. So what I was saying before is rather than, rather than borrow to pay for these bad contracts, to pay for...right now, it costs us more than we get in revenue from ratepayers.

CFRB: For some NewsTalk 1010 listeners, his answers were confusing and disappointing. Steve joined the conversation late.

STEVE, LISTENER: And I was saying to myself, oh gosh, please don't let this be Patrick Brown, please don't let this be Patrick Brown. Like, at some point in time, someone in Opposition has to get their act together. This is getting actually scary for me as a voter.

CFRB: Political analysis from a new member of the NewsTalk 1010 team.

AMANDA GALBRAITH: I will say people have underestimated Patrick Brown consistently. When he ran for leader, nobody thought he could win. And he fundamentally worked hard, worked across the province and won. So I wouldn't underestimate his ability in the upcoming election. I would say today probably wasn't his greatest moment at the end of that interview.

CFRB: Amanda Galbraith has worked in the office of former Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Toronto Mayor John Tory. She was reacting on Moore in the Morning.