

FW: TBS Issues Review for Tuesday September 13

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From: Bigley, Jane (TBS)
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Good morning!
Here is the Treasury Board Secretariat Issues Review.
Cabinet Top Issues for today will be sent later.

Minister Sandals is mentioned in Guelph Today to explain throne speech issues like hydro and childcare, and The Guelph Mercury quotes the minister, "It certainly is true that my job will continue to be Doctor No " **Articles attached.**

THRONE SPEECH:

There was extensive media coverage of the Throne Speech. (G&M, TorStar, PostMedia, SunMedia, CKVR, CFTO, MCTV, CFPL) The dominant focus in the articles was on the government giving homeowners, farmers and small businesses some relief from soaring electricity prices, starting in January - noting the provincial portion of the HST is going to be removed from hydro bills and that a typical Ontario household will save about \$130-year.- With Brown and Horwath slamming the rebate plan. OPSEU President Smokey Thomas is quoted " I thought that she should have quit and called an election and actually got a real mandate from the people of Ontario. "
Other highlights include the commitment to create 100,000 additional child care spaces for children who are four and younger starting in 2017; and a new emphasis on math skills after half of all Grade 6 students failed to meet provincial standards this year.
Articles in TBS Media Watch.

The Toronto Star (A1) reports government released a "consumer-friendly" speech, and quotes PC Leader Brown. "We should be calling it the Raymond Cho hydro benefit," charging that the Liberals concocted the plan only after losing their stronghold of Scarborough-Rouge River to the Tories' [Cho](#) in the Sept. 1 byelection. **Article in TBS Media Watch.**

The National Post reports "Kathleen Wynn looks to save her job by saving Ontario voters \$130 a year on their hydro bills". David Reevely asks "How will the election-year budget be balanced with this big hit to government revenue? Not clear. What will it mean in later years? No clearer." **Article attached**

The Agenda: "Ontario Liberals at the Midpoint"(TVO). Guests included Tim Murphy, former Liberal MPP, now with McMillan LLP; Jennifer Mossop, also a former Liberal

MPP, now running her own consulting firm Mossop Media; Peter Shurman, former PC MPP, now running his own consultancy called Peter Shurman Enterprises; Ginny Movat, former executive assistant at Queen's Park, now with Crestview Strategy; and Tom Parkin, former NDP strategist, now Post Media columnist. – Extensive discussion on unions with Peter Shurman summarizing: “The unions have supported the Liberals and will continue to support the Liberals because they knew the New Democratic Party under Andrea Horwath is not going to win an election. And the reason she is not going to win an election..... But they're disparate, for one thing.That being the case, the trust that's there in people who might ordinarily think of the NDP as an alternative isn't there and it's not going to be there. The reason the unions are going to go back to the Liberals is because they believe that that's who they're going to have to negotiate with. They're certainly not going to go to the PCs.” **Article in TBS Media Watch with highlighted union talk.**

COMPENSATION AND HR:

The Canadian Press reports contract negotiations between the country's biggest civil service union and the federal government are at a "make-it-or break-it" stage. The Public Service Alliance of Canada workers currently get 15 days a year of paid sick leave, which they can roll over and bank from year to year. According to PSAC, the proposal would force workers to choose between a pay cheque and going to work sick. **Article in TBS Media Watch.**

The Globe and Mail(A10) reports Canada Post needs 'transformational change' to be financially viable. Options offered to the federal government in a 94-page discussion paper released on Monday include charging for home delivery, reducing the number of delivery days and hiking the price of stamps. **Article in TBS Media Watch.**

TREASURY BOARD :

The National Post (FP Comment) has a commentary piece on 'carbon craziness around the world.' **Article in TBS Media Watch.**

CALENDAR:

Minister Thibeault to deliver remarks at the International Economic Forum of the Americas: Toronto Global Forum

7:30 a.m. / Toronto: The International Economic Forum of the Americas: Toronto Global Forum. Topic: Leading in Uncertain Times.

7:30 a.m., introduction remarks from Ontario Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault;

8:30 a.m., speech by Utah governor Gary Herbert. For the full agenda, go to <http://forum-america.org/sites/default/files/documents/20160901-tor> <http://forum-amer> Through Sept. 14. (Fairmont Royal York, 100 Front St. W.)

Premier Wynne to lead off government debate on the Speech from the Throne

9:00 a.m. / Toronto: Premier Kathleen Wynne leads off government debate on the Speech from the Throne followed by a media availability in Government Caucus Room, Room 247. (Legislative Chamber)

Inquest into the death of Eric Osawe

9:30 a.m. / Toronto: Inquest into the death of Eric Osawe, 26, who died on Sept. 29, 2010, in Toronto of injuries sustained when he was shot by a police officer. Through Sept. 23. (Forensic Sciences and Coroners Complex, 25 Morton Shulman Avenue)

Doug Ford to make an announcement

10:00 a.m. / Toronto: Doug Ford to make an announcement. (15 Weston Wood Road)

Premier Wynne to attend Question Period

10:30 a.m. / Toronto: Premier Kathleen Wynne attends Question Period. (Legislative Chamber)

Premier Wynne to attend a caucus meeting

12:00 p.m. / Toronto: Premier Kathleen Wynne attends a caucus meeting. (Government Caucus Room, Room 247, Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park)

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