TBS Accounting

Fair Hydro Plan Accounting

- When families in the province needed fair and immediate relief on their electricity bills, we delivered the largest rate reduction in Ontario's history.

- While our government respects independent officers of the legislature, and values the important perspectives they bring, we do not agree with the assertions and conclusions expressed in the Auditor Generals FHP report.

- Our province continues to present the provinces finances fairly and accurately and in accordance with the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

- When the PSAS are silent on an issue, such as rate-regulated accounting, our government turns to the USGAAP accounting framework for guidance.

- We consulted with external and government legal and accounting firms, rating agencies, as well as the Provincial Controller, to make sure our plan is sound.

- KPMG, EY and Deloitte our examples of third party experts we consulted to ensure we had done our due diligence

- Through that process, we confirmed that 18 other jurisdictions in North America utilize similar accounting practices in the electricity system.

- While we disagree with the Auditor General on many accounting topics, we're happy to hear that the PC's would embrace our fair hydro plan if elected in June, despite being highly critical of our accounting methods historically.

- In fact, they're now criticising our plan for not going far enough.

Pension Accounting

- The Pension asset expert advisory panel was established following the release of the 2015-2016 public accounts.

- The panel's report concluded that the provinces share of the surplus net pension assets for both the OTPP and the OPSEUPP should be recognized in Ontario's financial statements.

- The government accepted the panel's recommendations which has been reflected in 2016-2017 financial statements.

- The financial statements now reflect the pensions assets for these two plans

- The Ag continues to not accept the application of the Canadian public service accounting board standards in the 2016-2017 public accounts regarding pension accounting for the provinces jointly sponsored pension plans.

- While we disagree with auditor's perspective on many topics, I'm happy to learn that the PCs have changed their minds about the government's pension accounting methods

- Despite prior criticism, their platform demonstrated that they would embrace our accounting methods if elected in June