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MINISTER NEWS

BayToday.ca: [Energy Minister announces big energy savings for Canadore College](#)

Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy and MPP for Sudbury, made the announcement today at the Commerce Court Campus, highlighting the benefits many organizations and companies will see, as a result of recent expansions to the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) under Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

NorthBayNipissing.com: [Minister of Energy highlights benefits of hydro plan for North Bay college](#)

"With the recent expansions to the Industrial Conservation Initiative included in Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, eligible organizations that reduce their peak energy consumption will see their electricity bills lowered," explained [Glenn] Thibeault. "These savings will help ensure Canadore College can continue to offer a high-quality education for local students in North Bay."

BarrieToday.com: [Energy Minister announces new trial electricity pricing plans on front lawn of Barrie home \(6 photos\)](#)

Ontario Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault held a news conference outside an east end Barrie home to announce new test pricing for electricity. "We're turning to the need to give consumers greatly flexibility and choice in their electricity pricing plans," said Thibeault. "The results my husband and I have seen are fantastic. We have saved almost \$400 all within the pricing structure that fits our family's lifestyle and patterns," said homeowner and small business owner Barbara Armstrong.

NewsWire.com: [Half of Ontarians don't believe that putting solar panels on their house is affordable despite it being no cost to the homeowners: Grasshopper Solar](#)

In a recent poll conducted by Leger on renewable energy habits, half of Ontarians (49%) do not believe switching to solar energy is affordable, yet more than three in five (62%) understand that switching to solar energy can be profitable. Further, three-quarters of Ontarians (76%)

admit that they would be more inclined to use solar energy if they had monetary support.

FinancialPost.com: [Coming soon, another costly burden on harried homeowners — mandatory energy audits](#) [Opinion]

Peter Shawn Taylor: Green groups are lobbying for the \$400-\$600 audit to be a requirement for every house on the market — for Ontario residents it is soon to be a harsh reality

MPP NEWS

Sudbury.com: [MPP tears apart a car in tribute to city's emergency service workers](#)

Sudbury MPP Glenn Thibeault donned full bunker gear on Sunday in his annual effort to pay tribute to the city's emergency services.

TheSudburyStar.com: [Liberal policies more popular than premier](#)

The last nine of months of polling that have landed in Kathleen Wynne's lap, and were obtained by The Canadian Press through a Freedom of Information request, suggest improving public opinion fortunes for a now somewhat less unpopular Liberal government.

SUDBURY ISSUES

Education: ['It feels wrong' to put Franco-Ontario university in Toronto, says NDP MPP](#)

But Gélinas says building the university in Toronto — far from Francophone clusters like Hearst, Timmins and Sudbury — means fewer Franco-Ontarians would likely travel for their post-secondary education.

Opioids: [Sudburians join call to fight opioid 'crisis'](#)

Nickel Belt MPP France Gélinas is calling on Premier Kathleen Wynne to declare an emergency amidst what some health-care professionals call the opioid overdose crisis in Ontario.