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MINISTER NEWS

TBSNewsWatch.com: [Thibeault not deterred by bribery trial or critics](#)

Glenn Thibeault, ONTARIO MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR SUDBURY, WRAPPED UP A TOUR OF REGIONAL POWER GENERATING STATIONS IN THE NORTHWEST WITH A VISIT TO THE KAKABEKA FALLS GENERATION STATION. "I'VE BEEN TOURING MANY OF THE GENERATING STATIONS THAT WE HAVE AND SEEING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION HAS HERE IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE IT PLAYS IN OUR OVERALL ENERGY SYSTEM," **Thibeault** said.

CKDR.net: [Energy Minister Admits Gaps Remain In Hydro Plan](#)

ONTARIO'S ENERGY MINISTER ADMITS THEY HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB PROMOTING THEIR NEW HYDRO savings programs. **Glenn Thibeault** WAS IN KENORA FRIDAY MORNING TO TALK ABOUT THEIR FAIR HYDRO PLAN. HE SAYS UNFORTUNATELY NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THINGS LIKE THE AFFORDABILITY FUND. **Thibeault** ADDS THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL WORKING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE GAPS IN THE STRATEGY, ENSURING THAT SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ENERGY COST-SAVINGS programs.

LOCAL NEWS

TheBarrieExaminer.com: [Barrie company key to Darlington Nuclear Generating Station refurbishment](#)

The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries held an event at Brotech Precision CNC to recognize its success and expansion. Brotech began as a two-person operation in Bradford in 1995 and this year, the Bayview Drive company made a \$1-million building and equipment investment to meet the needs of Ontario Power Generation's Darlington Nuclear Generating Station refurbishment project.

Recorder.ca: [Hydro on the hot seat](#)

Ferio Pugliese, the utility's executive vice-president of customer care and corporate affairs, said Hydro One has taken steps to reduce the cost burden on its customers – but acknowledged there is more to be done. “I would say we’ve made significant progress, but there’s a lot more to do,” said Pugliese, echoing a refrain he repeated often during a sparsely-attended meeting Thursday morning at the Brockville Country Club, organized by the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce... “You’re going to see some reduction on your household side,” Pugliese told Parmar, pointing to changes included in the new “Fair Hydro Plan.” ... In 2015, the company fielded 550,000 calls related to affordability or understanding bills, a number that swelled to 650,000 last year, he said. Those difficulties prompted the company to advocate at the provincial level for the Fair Hydro Plan, he added.

Sudbury issues

Labour: [College faculty vote to give union strike mandate](#)

FACULTY AT ONTARIO'S 24 COLLEGES – INCLUDING CAMBRIAN COLLEGE – HAVE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF GIVING NEGOTIATORS A MANDATE TO STRIKE, HEADING INTO BARGAINING SESSIONS NEXT WEEK. “SIXTY-EIGHT PER CENT OF COLLEGE FACULTY REPRESENTED BY THE ONTARIO PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION (OPSEU) ENTRUSTED THEIR ELECTED TEAM WITH THE ABILITY TO CALL A STRIKE IF THE COLLEGE EMPLOYER COUNCIL refuses to budge on key issues,” OPSEU said in a news release.

Research: [LU prof honoured for research on homelessness](#)

Laurentian University researcher Dr. Carol Kauppi was in Ottawa on Friday to receive an award FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN WORKING TO UNDERSTAND HOMELESSNESS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO. THE RESEARCH PROGRAM LINKED TO THE AWARD WILL FOCUS ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS IN PARTICULAR AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT 15 CALLS TO ACTION ISSUED BY CANADA’S TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION Commission.

Health: ['Fired up' to keep searching for justice](#)

A WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INSURANCE BOARD (WSIB)-COMMISSIONED REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INTO THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ALUMINUM POWDER EXPOSURE IN THE WORKPLACE AND ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS IN MINERS HAS FAILED TO FIND A LINK BETWEEN THE TWO. ON AUG. 17, THE WSIB ISSUED A RELEASE WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW — TITLED SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL ALUMINUM Exposure and Adverse Health Conditions — which Intrinsic Corp. launched earlier this year.