Fw: Energy Rates for Hospitals

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Thanks for this Andrew. I just wanted to be 100% sure as I know we ended up adding LTC's and Retirement homes (which I get are residences so makes sense). Copying Josh/Katie who are already working on the below. An example they worked on is:

Windsor's Hospital Budget it $312M and they received a $9.9M increase last year.

Windsor's hydro bill is approximately $5M (or 1.6% of total budget)

OHA is stating hospital hydro rates increased by 15.7% last year

Windsor's hydro bill has increased by approx. $750,000 but we gave them an additional $9.9M in hospital funding last year.

I think this is easier to show for some than others, but our team will do a deep dive and share.

Thanks,

Derrick

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Agree w/ Atel. And while this story is largely negative, it's the comms person from the Sault area hospital taking exception to horwaths comments:

http://www.saultstar.com/2017/03/14/sah-says-electricity-bills-havent-caused-layoffs

Need to engage 3rd parties too.

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Good Evening:

Correct - the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan doesn't make special provision for any within he MUSH sector for electricity rates. That was a discussion at Cabinet twice over the course of the past few months and the relief was targeted primarily at residential / small business sector.

They will see a modest reduction (as will large industrial) with the removal of the "social programs" from their regulatory line of the bills. 2-4%, depending on the size of the facility (by consumption).

However, we had a conversation about this early this morning with PO Issues management and if I could take a moment to paraphrase somewhat, I would argue that we don't fall into this trap.

Your Ministry, over the course of the last decade has dramatically increased operating budgets for hospitals across the Province. It is absolute nonsense to suggest that our Government doesn't support hospitals. So the trap I suggest we avoid is to accept the premise of the present attack that somehow this sector is worse off post- Fair Hydro Plan. Or that we even need to defend this action. To that end, on our morning Issues call, we asked all social service ministries (health, education, etc.) to prepare for these 2nd order stories. Schools are next. Then community centres. Municipalities as well. Universities. Colleges. All are ineligible for the 25% reduction.

But we need to know - based on your data from your officials - what % of a hospital budget is their electricity bill. 1%, 4%, ? I'm speculating here. What percentage of a municipalities' overall budget is tied to electricity rate they pay? And then put next to that the % that our Government has increased O&M funding to those BPS entities. The trap is to look at their hydro bill from 2005 and compare it to 2015, as media and opposition is doing.

Matt (cc'd) as Director of Policy might be able to work with your crew on more targeted programs, to the extent that specific facilities wish to participate in any conservation programs, but dare say, I've never heard of a health care facility participating, given their load profile and "critical" nature of their service delivery.

Forgione and Campbell (cc'd) as Issues Guru's can help work with your team to identify reactive messaging, which I think is already underway, and my reply is simply late in the game.

Take care & chat soon -

Atel/

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On Mar 14, 2017, at 3:47 PM, Araneda, Derrick (MOHLTC) <Derrick.Araneda@ontario.ca> wrote:

> Hi Andrew,
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> I wanted to get in touch to see if there is any relief for hospitals in the recently proposed energy cut. My understanding is that there isn't from the conversation at Chiefs. Here are just a few articles from today linking hospital cuts or concerns about rising energy costs. Are there any programs that we could direct them to that they may be overlooking? Any guidance is appreciated.
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> http://barrie.ctvnews.ca/wynne-defends-government-s-plan-to-lower-hydro-rates-during-barrie-stop-1.3324408
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> http://www.nugget.ca/2017/03/14/hydro-crisis-costing-hospital-jobs--fedeli
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> https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/hospital-to-cut-another-30-40-jobs-560905
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