

In Brief: Notes for Cabinet, June 27, 2017

Regulations:

- The Ministry has brought forward regulations and amendments to existing regulations for approval.
 - These regulations are essential in order to implement the full Fair Hydro Plan in time for July 1st, as promised by the government.
- There are three regulations:
 1. Creating a new regulation to clarify agency roles in executing the Fair Hydro Plan
 - This regulation is necessary to provide further detail to the IESO, OEB, and OPG (in its role as financial services manager) on their respective roles and responsibilities
 - It also provides further detail on the process for setting the “Fair Allocation Amount” that enables GA refinancing
 2. Amending the regulation governing the OESP to move toward automatic enrolment
 - Expansion of the OESP, as promised under the Fair Hydro Plan, have already been implemented
 - This regulation enables a next step – pursuing automatic enrolment in the program for eligible customers
 - It makes it possible for MCSS processes in determining eligibility for other social assistance programs (including OW and ODSP) to also result in automatic eligibility for OESP
 - MCSS is submitting a separate request to Treasury Board for the resources needed to implement the changes
 3. A technical amendment to the regulation governing the First Nation Delivery Credit
 - This amendment is simply to correct the legal name of the LDC for Cat Lake Reserve, which is one of the LDCs covered under the program

FHP Advertisements:

- Energy has finished the development of a series of ads to inform Ontarians about the Fair Hydro Plan
- We will be reviewing one of the television ads today
- The campaign as a whole includes TV, online video and banners, and radio ads.
- Ads were provided to the AG last Thursday for her review, and we are expecting approval by this Thursday at the latest.
- As you can see, the ads are designed primarily to be informative (in accordance with the need to be non-partisan)
 - But they remind people of the investments that have been made in our system over the past fifteen years
 - And of course of the savings they are now receiving on their bills, and will be receiving for the coming years

JEP Report-In (Revenue Resource Sharing (RRS) in the mining and forestry sectors):

- The committee had a positive discussion and are recommending the item for approval today.
- Members discussed ways that RRS agreements can further enhance economic development and business certainty, and balance this with the objectives of reconciliation.
- The proposed minute has been amended to reflect this direction from the committee.