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Great work everyone – thank you

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Plan will benefit rural hydro customers, Leal says

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Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal, the province's minister of food, agriculture and rural affairs, held an event Friday to discuss the province's recently announced plan to cut hydro costs for Ontario residents by removing the HST from hydro bills for homes, farms and small businesses as of Jan. 1.

Leal, who spoke at the county offices, said the plan will benefit Peterborough county residents by offering an 8 per cent reduction on residential electricity bills, averaging about \$130 annually or \$11 each month per home.

The plan, announced during a throne speech earlier this week, would also provide eligible rural ratepayers with additional relief programs, thereby decreasing total electricity bills by an average of \$540 a year or \$45 each month.

Leal also mentioned the expansion of a program called the Industrial Conservation Initiative, which could help businesses reduce their electricity costs by up to 34 per cent.

Legislation to start the process for these program must still be passed in the Ontario legislature.

Sandals says hydro billing changes also help big business

New usage thresholds means 1,000 larger hydro customers can benefit from hydro incentives

42 minutes ago by: Tony Saxon



Guelph MP Liz Sandals and Linamar CEO Linda Hasenfratz share a hug Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, at the Linamar plant on Woodlawn Road. Tony Saxon/GuelphToday

<https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/sandals-says-hydro-billing-changes-also-help-big-business-416099/>

NEW Region of Waterloo companies can reduce electricity by 34%, local MPPs say

Cambridge Towel spends \$130,000 a month on electricity bills

By Joe Pavia, [CBC News](#). Posted: Sep 16, 2016 3:29 PM ET Last Updated: Sep 16, 2016 3:29 PM ET



Local Liberal MPPs Daiene Vernile and Kathryn McGarry held a press conference Friday morning in Cambridge to tout the benefits of the provincial government's new hydro rebate. (Chris Seto/CBC)

Companies in the Region of Waterloo who use one megawatt of energy per month qualify for the Ontario government's Industrial Conservation Initiative, two local MPPs say.

- [Ontario throne speech promises electricity bill rebates](#)
- [Hydro rebate a permanent change, Kathleen Wynne tells Metro Morning](#)
- [Liberals' Hydro rebate not enough for Ontario, say critics](#)

MPP Kathryn McGarry of Cambridge and Daiene Vernile of Kitchener Centre used Cambridge Towel as a backdrop to promote the Liberal government's electricity cost reduction plan announced in

this week's throne speech – a plan that [has been called a "Band-Aid solution"](#) by Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown said.

Through the ICI, industries could save 34 per cent on their electricity bills, the two MPPs said.

Homeowners in the region will see their electricity bills drop eight per cent with an average yearly saving of about \$130, they said.

Hydro third largest expense

Hugh Thompson, president of Cambridge Towel, said hydro is his company's third highest expense behind labour and materials.

"Currently we're using about \$130,000 of energy a month," Thompson said.

"It has become this huge issue in terms of trying to be competitive and stay competitive in terms of cost reduction. We constantly do everything we can in terms of conservation."

But Jonathon Azzopardi, president of the Windsor-based tool and dye maker Laval International, said Ontario's eight per cent hydro rebate is useless for large manufacturers.

He said hydro has quickly become his third highest expense – behind labour and materials. One of his infrared ovens uses as much energy in eight hours as two homes do in a year.

"It's a very valuable process, but very expensive to run. And we're not unique. There's a lot of other industries that have those same types of consumers of electricity," Azzopardi said.

"You have to think twice when you turn it on, really. You're trying to figure out reasons not to turn it on when you should be thinking of reasons why to turn it on, and that's not a good thing."

Lower hydro bill could lead to hiring

Thompson said manufacturing industries in Ontario are suffering because of the cost of electricity, but he believes the 34 per cent reduction could lead to hiring new employees.

"If we reduce our cost we are able to become more efficient," Thompson said.

"If we become more efficient we can offer more goods to the market at a lower cost, and if we do that we'll grow our volume, and if we grow our volume we'll hire more people."

David Reevely – Ottawa Citizen

- * [@davidreevely](#) - CEO Bryce Conrad boasts about the control room and the repair teams it dispatches.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - By next year, HO will produce enough green energy to power 1/3 of Ottawa's homes, he says.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Chiarelli takes the mic. "We're both in exciting and a challenging time in Ontario." Recovering from bad recession.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Wynne tells a short history of hydro in Ontario. Power dams began in Ottawa. We built a great power system, let it crumble.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - We've now invested. Stabilized. Closed coal plants. We're positioned for the low-carbon economy.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Now people need price relief. Removed debt retirement charge. Renegotiated Samsung agreement.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - "People need more help with the cost of living." Government's job to provide that help.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Overall growth "is a pretty abstract concept when it comes to making ends meet this month."
- * [@davidreevely](#) - So: the HST rebate on hydro bills for families, farms, small businesses.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Rural customers need more help. So more money for the support program there. And "massively expand"ing the Industrial Conserv. Initiative.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Going from 300 to up to 1,300 eligible businesses. Cutting consumption threshold from 3MW to 1.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Q: What of building more wind power when we sell at a loss? A: We're revisiting the long-term energy plan. Will make sure it makes sense.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Q: What of criticisms the HST is a pittance? A: We had to invest to make the system reliable. Some people are still in diesel today.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - A functioning system cost money. We spent that money. We've been prudent in that spending. But now people need help with the bills.
- * [@davidreevely](#) - Under cap and trade, there will opportunities to support green retrofits.



Geoff Zochodne @GeoZochodne · 5h

California raised just \$8 million with its last cap-and-trade auction (a market Ontario will join in 2018).
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Total California Auction Proceeds To Date	
The total amount of auction proceeds to date that have been deposited into the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) pursuant to California Government Code section 16428.8 are shown in the table below. Proceeds are shown by quarter for the most recent auction, and by fiscal year for previous fiscal years.	
Auction Quarter or Fiscal Year	Total Proceeds for Current and Advance Auctions in GGRF (USD)
Q3 2016 (August)	\$8,387,909.54
FY 2015-2016	\$1,829,134,502.71
FY 2014-2015	\$1,490,776,416.79
FY 2013-2014	\$477,140,441.20
FY 2012-2013	\$257,264,031.64
TOTAL	\$4,062,703,301.88



Glenn Thibeault @GlennThibeault · 5h

Thanks **#billmurdoch** for having me on **#560CFOS** today! **@NewsBayshore**



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David Reevy @davidreevy · 4h

Hello from **Hydro** Ottawa on Merivale Road. The premier is doing a thing with **one** of her cooler backdrops.

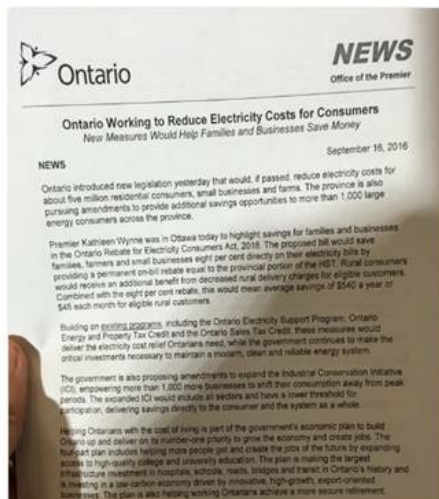


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David Reevy @davidreevy · 4h

Now admire this news release.



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U. Way of Bruce Grey @weRpossibility · 6h
Grateful for @GlennThibault taking the time to talk to us re: utility issues in rural Ontario. We have 14 ideas!



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Annie Bergeron-Oliver @AnnieOliverBO · 3h
Wynne is now at Hydro Ottawa where she is expected to deliver a statement soon. Do you like the new hydro rebate?



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Bryan Mullan @MuJT · 4h
Premier Wynne gets a tour of Hydro Ottawa's control room #cdnpoli



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Andrew Foote @amkfoote · 4h
@Kathleen_Wynne shown around the Hydro Ottawa control room.



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Bob Chiarelli @Bob_Chiarelli · 3h

At @hydroottawa, spreading the word about reduced electricity rates to save families and businesses money. #onpoli



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