

## FW: PO Afternoon Issues Scan - April 20, 2018

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**Attachments:** G&M - Interview Requests and IESO Market Accounts - Media Contact Report....docx (29.68 kB); Issues Note - OFHP Accounting Media Request.docx (45.06 kB)

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Hi there - It's possible there will be a globe story tomorrow linking the controller's request to IESO to revisit its accounting processes and the FHP.

Attached is the response we think was sent by TBS MO to the reporter, as well as a house note with KMs.

Thanks and have a good evening,  
Adrienne

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Hi Adrienne – you were my next call on this.

I got this intel from my MO about an hour ago and our team feed it back through CO issues. This is based on my MO's conversations with the reporter. It's not 100% certain it will go tomorrow, but sounding very likely.

I've attached our media contact report which includes the reporter's most recent Qs, and the final response my MO sent to him. Both they and PO edited and added to the response you saw last night – mostly the beginning. It will be attributed to our MO press sec.

I'm also attaching an issue note we prepared for this story, which includes KMs for our Minister should she be asked to comment on it. You'll see there are a couple of small placeholders given the story hasn't actually run yet.

Happy to chat about any of this.

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Hi there could you share your final response to the globe? Also, do you have KMs?

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Update – the following story is expected to be in tomorrow's Globe and Mail.

**Globe And Mail Story On IESO Accounting / Fair Hydro Plan** – (ENERGY/TBS) Reporter Matthew McClearn sought an interview with ADM and Provincial Controller Cindy Veinot. The reporter has replied, "I respect Ms. Veinot's decision to decline the interview request. Please let Ms. Veinot know that the story will explore her instruction to the IESO to consider changing its accounting policies. It's my understanding that at the time, Ms. Veinot was already involved with the team that was designing the Fair Hydro Plan's financial and accounting structure. Ms. Veinot later signed the Statement of Responsibility on the Province's financial statements, notwithstanding the Auditor General's warnings that the IESO was using improper accounting that might result in future misstatements on Ontario's public accounts. We'll be reporting the government's assertions that the IESO's decision to change its accounting policies was unrelated to the Fair Hydro Plan, and noting that those accounting policies were put to immediate use with the Fair Hydro Plan, and that the Auditor General insists those two developments were directly related. We'll be noting that Ms. Veinot declined our interview request. If she changes her mind between now and when the story is finalized, I welcome her to contact me directly." **FYI:** TBS is drafting a statement to share with the reporter.

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## Cabinet Office/Corporate Issues AFTERNOON ISSUES SCAN

Fri Apr 20, 2018 to Mon Apr 23, 2018

*Please note we did not meet with the Premier's Office this afternoon.*

**DSSAB Says Mental Health And Addiction Issues Are So Bad In Nipissing That It Needs A Crisis Task Force To Deal With Exploding Demands** – (HEA) North Bay Nugget and BayToday.ca report that the agency that oversees social services in Nipissing is calling for a third party review of mental health and addiction needs for the district. "Clients have arrived at our door step with health conditions so significant that some have gone unresponsive in the office and have required critical EMS transportation," says Joseph Bradbury, chief administrative officer of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), in a release Friday. The DNSSAB is asking the Ministry of Health and Northeast Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to fund the review and empower it to create a crisis task force to deal with emergency issues in the community. The board says there are numerous people in the district who are not connected to services. And it cites a 20 per cent spike in the most critical types of land ambulance calls over the past four years, noting a significant portion of the increase is related to mental health and addiction calls. The DNSSAB says it believes "the most vulnerable population is not being well served." The agency has made a formal request is awaiting a response from the health ministry and LHIN.

**Crews Working To Contain Spill Of Unknown Material That Turned Burlington Creek White** – (MOECC) The Toronto Star posted a story from the Burlington Post reporting that hazmat crews are working to contain and clean up a mysterious spill that has turned a Burlington creek white. The creek, which runs parallel to Martha Street in downtown Burlington and empties into Lake Ontario, is covered with a white substance. Hazmat crews, along with the City of Burlington, have deployed booms and bales of straw in the creek in an effort to contain the milky-coloured substance. An industrial sized vacuum truck is on scene along the popular Centennial Bikeway trail, just south of New Street attempting to vacuum up the spill. Crews on scene were unable to say what the substance was, but say they expected to be on scene well into the night cleaning up the spill. The Burlington Fire Department, who received several calls about the spill, located the heaviest concentration by the bikeway, but say it extends all the way down to the Lakeshore.

**CP Rail Strike Could Disrupt Passenger Train Service** – (MTO) Passenger train providers in Ontario and B.C. are warning of potential disruptions to service as Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. and two of its unions negotiate ahead of a midnight deadline to settle contract issues. Via Rail Canada is telling passengers it may have to cancel two Saturday morning trains between Sudbury and White River if the labour dispute results in a shutdown of CP Rail services. Metrolinx says there could be delays for customers on its Milton and Barrie lines if CP Rail managers filling in for union workers are unable to address signal or switch issues on CP Rail-owned portions of the corridors. Metrolinx added CP also owns a section of corridor leading into the Hamilton GO Centre and train service to and from this station would not be provided, although regular GO bus service would continue and extra buses would be put into service. On Wednesday, the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference, which represents over 3,000 CP Rail conductors and engineers, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, with about 365 signal and communications workers, gave the railroad 72-hour notice of strike action.

**Expected Monday: Globe And Mail Story On IESO Accounting / Fair Hydro Plan** – (ENERGY/TBS) Reporter Matthew McClearn sought an interview with ADM and Provincial Controller Cindy Veinot. The reporter has replied, "I respect Ms. Veinot's decision to decline the interview request. Please let Ms. Veinot know that the story will explore her instruction to the IESO to consider changing its accounting policies. It's my understanding that at the time, Ms. Veinot was

already involved with the team that was designing the Fair Hydro Plan's financial and accounting structure. Ms. Veinot later signed the Statement of Responsibility on the Province's financial statements, notwithstanding the Auditor General's warnings that the IESO was using improper accounting that might result in future misstatements on Ontario's public accounts. We'll be reporting the government's assertions that the IESO's decision to change its accounting policies was unrelated to the Fair Hydro Plan, and noting that those accounting policies were put to immediate use with the Fair Hydro Plan, and that the Auditor General insists those two developments were directly related. We'll be noting that Ms. Veinot declined our interview request. If she changes her mind between now and when the story is finalized, I welcome her to contact me directly." FYI: TBS is drafting a statement to share with the reporter.

**BNN Story: Winners And Losers From Ontario's Fair Housing Plan, One Year Later** – (MHO) BNN reports that it's been one year since the Ontario Fair Housing Plan changed the rules of the real estate game in the Toronto region, and it's a dramatically different market 12 months later. Some 40 per cent fewer homes are changing hands year-over-year, according to the latest figures from the Toronto Real Estate Board. And the average Greater Toronto Area home price has slumped 15 per cent from frenzied peak of April 2017. The government's 16-point plan ushered in a number of policy changes, including a 15 per cent foreign buyer tax and the expansion of rent controls to all private rental units across the province. On the rent control front, some observers say it will result in fewer rental properties on the market as developers shun purpose-built rental projects for more lucrative returns. BNN asked three housing market observers to weigh in on policy "winners and losers" and whether the province went too far. 'Winners' include single-family-home buyers, GTA residents, and existing renters. 'Losers' include young families (because rental is "less available"), single-family-home owners (especially retirees on fixed incomes), and nearly 1,000 people (or more) who had to back out of transactions, with some being sued by sellers for the decline in sale price of the home. Realosophy's John Pasalis said the "biggest effect the Fair Housing Plan had over the past year was psychological. It caused sellers and buyers to question whether prices can go up forever."

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m.: 'Auto Workers Against Wynne' Rally At Legislature** – (MOL) 1,000 participants are expected at a rally against exemptions in Bill 148 (likely regarding caps on emergency leave for auto workers).

**Monday 11:00 a.m.: LIUNA Rally for Fairness against Schedule 14 Of Bill 31** – (MOL) 2,000 participants are expected at a rally against Schedule 14 of Bill 31, which LIUNA says "threatens the bargaining rights and the futures of thousands of LIUNA Members employed in the Hi-Rise Forming and ICI Sector." The issue involves a dispute between the Labourers' International Union of North America (LIUNA, or Labourers) and the Carpenters' Union (Carpenters) regarding concrete formwork and representation and bargaining rights. Concrete formwork consists of the pouring of concrete walls into prefabricated forms, which are moved by crane to higher floors and reassembled. Concrete formwork is a major part of high-rise construction. Under the Labour Relations Act, an exclusion exists to allow both LIUNA and the International Union of Operating Engineers (OE) to bargain as a council and to organize composite crews to carry out formwork (crews composed of various trades), outside of the province-wide ICI bargaining scheme and their respective ICI provincial collective agreements.

**Monday: Tabling Of The 2018-19 Expenditure Estimates** – (TBS) Each year 12 sessional days after the release of the Budget every ministry is responsible for publishing their Expenditure Estimates that estimate their budgets for the new fiscal year. TBS is responsible for both tabling and web posting the Expenditure Estimates for every other ministry and TBS's own Estimates. Ministries are responsible for handling media calls related to their own Estimates. TBS is responsible for general questions about the Estimates, and TBS-specific issues.

## **MEDIA STUDIO**

**9:15 a.m.: MPP Peter Tabuns to Reintroduce Organic Products Act, 2018.** MPP Tabuns said in an advisory that he will reintroduce his private member's bill, Organic Products Act 2018, "that would bring consumer confidence to organic products across Ontario."

## **MEDIA CALLS**

**Radio Canada On Host Communities For James Bay Evacuations** – (MCSCS) The reporter is interested in learning how some communities are chosen to host and others are not and why Greenstone has not hosted James Bay evacuees in recent years. She also wanted to know associated costs. Greenstone hosted evacuees for a number of years but due to damage done the last time by the evacuees to their temporary housing, the

municipality no longer wishes to host them.

**CBC Windsor On Workplace Discrimination** – (MCSCS) CBC Windsor reporter Dan Taekema asked for ministry comment on allegations by a former staff member of workplace harassment and discrimination. Reporter says he spoke with a woman who worked at the Windsor Jail until 2010, who alleges she was the target of racist remarks and was forced to work while nine months pregnant. She adds her experience at the jail left her suffering from depression and seizures. The woman says she made complaints/filed grievances, but they have not been dealt with since 2010. The reporter said he believes an effort to take on discrimination issues at the Windsor Jail called "Restoration Windsor" was undertaken following this woman's experience. Questions: Can you confirm any of the allegations this woman has made against the jail? Do you have any response to what she claims happened? Do you have any updates on her grievances and whether her complaints were investigated? Please send along any information you have about Restoration Windsor.

**Ottawa Citizen On LTC Home Inspection Database** – (HEA) David McKie of the Ottawa Citizen is working on a story about the new ratings system for long-term care homes. Question: Is it possible to download the entire dataset for the LTC home inspection database?

**Belleville Intelligencer On LTC Beds In Hastings & Prince Edward County** – (HEA) A reporter with the Belleville Intelligencer is writing a story on the recent long term care bed announcement. Questions: How many beds are being allocated to Hastings and Prince Edward Counties? What homes in this area will be receiving new beds and how many will each of them get?

**Hamilton Spectator On Long-Term Care Bed Announcement** – (HEA) Joanna Frketich asked: How many beds are going to Hamilton; and, how many are going to Burlington?

**89.7 Radio On Long Term Care Home Design Manual** – (HEA) Brian Coggins of 89.7 Radio in Northumberland is working on a story re the redevelopment of a LTCH (formerly: Port Hope Villa) in Port Hope. As part of the redevelopment, the owners (Southbridge Care Homes) want to redevelop a 1912 building that has been designated as a historical site. Some people in the community are saying the building is not suitable for redevelopment, with one of the issues being the size & location of windows. The reporter would like to get a copy of the Long Term Care Home Design Manual to see if this historical building fits the proper specifications.

## **FYI**

**PC Leader Doug Ford Says He Is "Dead Against" Safe Injection Sites And Believes The Focus Should Be On Drug Rehabilitation Instead** – (HEA) CP reports PC Leader Doug Ford says if elected premier, he will do everything he can to fight the ongoing opioid crisis and get people struggling with addiction the help they need. When pressed for details, his campaign said Ford would release his plan to address mental health and the opioid crisis in the coming weeks. **PC Long-Term-Care Plan** : Ford made the comments in Sarnia after announcing that a Tory government would create 30,000 long-term care beds over the next 10 years to ease the burden on hospitals and cut wait times. He did not say how much the plan would cost, nor how it would be funded. His campaign said more information on costing would come in the coming weeks.

**Minister Naidoo-Harris And Halton Catholic Board Chair Concerned Whether Focus On Fundraising Policy May Be Interfering With Trustees' Ability To Carry Out Duties** – (EDU) The Toronto Star reports that ongoing outrage over a restrictive fundraising policy has both the education minister and chair of the Halton Catholic board questioning whether trustees there can still properly carry out their duties. The policy — which sparked a number of student walkouts on Thursday — bans schools from donating to charities that violate church values "directly or indirectly" by supporting abortion, euthanasia, contraception or embryonic stem-cell research. It has impacted organizations such as the Canadian Cancer Society and the United Way. On Wednesday, Minister Naidoo-Harris spoke to board chairperson Diane Rabenda by phone, a conversation that followed the board's decision to rebuff a request from the minister to "pause" the policy amid concerns it was implemented without the required consultations. **Social Media** : Students in Milton were rallying against Catholic board, protesting the fundraising policies recently implemented – calling it unfair. They want the board to know that fundraising for all charities is a human rights issue, not a religious one. This did not pull many mentions today, despite the rally going on.

**Sunday 11:00 a.m. In Windsor: Unifor Solidarity Rally For Striking Caesars Windsor Workers** – (FIN) Unifor is holding a community rally to support striking Caesars Windsor hospitality workers calling for respect and demanding a better contract to address workload issues. Since April 6, 2,300 workers represented by Unifor Local 444, have been on strike, with hundreds walking the picket line. The striking workers work in both the casino and the associated hotel employed as dealers, cooks, housekeepers, and janitors. Bargaining initially began on February 12 and the union prioritized key issues including job security, wages, pensions, and workplace harassment. A tentative agreement was reached on April 4, but the majority of union members turned down the offer, with the strike commencing on April 6. Talks with the employer commenced again on April 18 but failed to lead to a new deal and the casino workers remain on strike, holding a consistent picket line in front of the facility. Attending the rally: Jerry Dias, Unifor National President, Bob Orr, Unifor National Secretary-treasurer, striking Caesars Windsor Casino workers, and Unifor Local 444 representatives. Location: Windsor Riverfront Festival Plaza, 375 Riverside Dr. E, Windsor.

**Monday 5:30 p.m.: Peterborough Council To Discuss Staff Report On Selling Local Utility To Hydro One** – (ENERGY) The Peterborough Examiner reports that at a special committee Monday, councillors will review a staff report that says the city incurred about \$1.1 million in expenses as it negotiated to sell Peterborough Distribution Inc. (PDI) to Hydro One over nearly two years. The report – from city CAO Allan Seabrooke – doesn't offer a breakdown of exactly what those expenses are. Nor does it offer any detail about what caused Hydro One to walk away from the prospective deal, although it says councillors will soon hear more soon from the PDI board of directors. The city's deal to sell PDI fell through on March 9, when Hydro One announced it was pulling out of negotiations on the sale. Hydro One had first approached the city about buying PDI in 2014. The idea was to sell the poles, wires, transformers and trucks that distribute electricity to Peterborough, Lakefield and Norwood. In December 2016, city council voted in favour of selling PDI to Hydro One for \$105 million (although the after paying off the utility's debts and taxes on the sale, the city would have likely received somewhere between \$50 million and \$55 million).

**Monday 6:00 p.m.: Justice Michael Tulloch Holds The Final Public Consultation As Part Of His Independent Review Of Police Street Checks, Also Known As Carding.** Location: Radisson Rainbow Centre, Notre Dame Ballroom, 85 Ste. Anne Road, Sudbury.

**Planned For Monday: Executive Compensation Audit Of Three School Boards** – (EDU) Letters are expected to be sent to three boards (Rainbow, Trillium Lakelands and Ottawa-Carleton) indicating they will be audited on their compliance with the executive compensation legislation. The ministry will conduct a compensation audit of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, Rainbow District School Board and Trillium Lakelands District School Board as they may not be in compliance with the applicable compensation restraint legislation.

**Early Next Week: Infrastructure Ontario Annual Track Record Report** – (MOI) Infrastructure Ontario (IO) will be releasing their annual track record report early next week. On an annual basis, IO contracts a third-party firm to examine the budget and scheduling performance on all complete Alternative Financing and Procurement projects. This year's analysis by project and cost management experts Hanscomb concluded that IO continues to exceed industry standards for on-budget and on-time performance.

## **FEDERAL EVENTS IN ONTARIO**

**Monday 9:45 a.m.: Infrastructure announcement in Toronto.** Location: TTC Mount Dennis Bus Garage, 121 Industry St., Toronto.