

Afternoon Media Scan w/ Auditor General Release and Transcript - Thursday February 16, 2017

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Attachments: Auditor General Release - Auditor General to Government Show Me the Letter - February 16, 2017.pdf (152.2 kB); Feb. 16 - Auditor General on Pension Asset Accounting.doc (112.64 kB)

TV NEWS SUMMARY (NOON EDITION)

Stations Surveyed: CFTO, CHCH, CKCO, CJOH, MCTV

GLOBAL (Toronto)

Although the city's budget was approved by city council last night, Mayor John Tory says the city is still a long way from getting the support it needs from other levels of government.

MCTV (Sudbury)

A new report by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce suggests northern businesses will see a small growth this year.

AFTERNOON CLIPS

Auditor General – Pension Panel

Auditor refuses to back down in \$10.7B pension feud

thestar.com - Thu Feb 16 2017

Byline: Robert Benzie(<https://author.thestar.com/»>)

Housing Affordability / Crash

Fitch says Canadian housing prices are unsustainable and sees risk of correction in some markets

Financial Post - Thu Feb 16 2017

Byline: Garry Marr

Fitch: Canada Home Prices to Slow Sharply While US Holds Steady

www.fitchratings.com - Thu Feb 16 2017

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Housing Affordability – Foreign Buyer Tax

[City of Markham says no to asking Ontario to impose foreign buyer tax; Mayor Frank Scarpitti was one of those who voted against the motion, which was rejected eight to four after a debate that lasted through 12 delegations and approximately three hours](#)

theglobeandmail.com - Thu Feb 16 2017, 8:00am ET

Byline:Carolyn Ireland

Economy / Jobs

[Ford still committed to auto manufacturing in Canada: CEO](#)

torontosun.com - Thu Feb 16 2017

Byline:The Canadian Press

[Trade and taxes in focus for Canadian autoparts suppliers](#)

Financial Post - Thu Feb 16 2017

Byline:Jonathan Ratner

TWEETS

Auditor General – Pension Asset



[Mike Crawley @CBCQueensPark](#) 13m13 minutes ago

Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk answers \$10.7B question: govt can't count joint pension surpluses against bottom line



[Sabrina Nanji @sabinananji](#) 47m47 minutes ago

AG says the big player in this drama is the Ontario Teachers Federation, because their plan makes up \$10.1B of the \$10.7B at issue

Auditor General: This isn't about my office and this isn't about me...it's not my pension, it's not my budget.

AG wants to see written permission from joint sponsors that says the province can count the surplus cash on the balance sheet

Auditor General says "show me the letter" [#onpoli](#)

Ooh Auditor General says her office is working on a pre election report

[@sabrinnanaji](#) so this is a regular thing I was not aware of. Good times ahead, anyway



[Robert Benzie @robertbenzie](#) 1h1 hour ago

BREAKING: [@OntarioAuditor](#) refuses to accept expert panel's conclusion \$10.7B in pension surpluses a govt asset.

Govt to [@OntarioAuditor](#): Govt doesn't need letters from unions because joint pension agreements spell out how surplus will be dealt with.



[Global News Toronto @globalnewsto](#) 17m17 minutes ago

Ontario auditor not satisfied after panel's report on \$10.7B pension dispute

Ontario Budget



[Ontario Chamber @OntarioCofC](#) 1h1 hour ago

What does the business community want to see in the 2017 Ontario budget? Read our pre-budget submission to gov: <http://www.occ.ca/portfolio/2017-pre-budget-submission-government-ontario/> ...

Think Tanks / Research



[Conference Board Cda @ConfBoardofCda](#) 14m14 minutes ago

As the trade deal moves forward, how can Cdn businesses best prepare for + leverage the gains from #CETA? <http://ow.ly/b6a530943uz> #cdntrade



[The Fraser Institute @FraserInstitute](#) 5m5 minutes ago

BLOG: Trump's trade 'tweaks' may substantially impact Canadian economy <https://shar.es/19ZIBM> #cdnpoli #justintrudeau

Housing Affordability



[Fitch Ratings @FitchRatings](#) 5m5 minutes ago

Canada Home Prices to Slow Sharply While US Holds Steady [#Fitchwire](https://www.fitchratings.com/site/pr/1019105)
<https://www.fitchratings.com/site/pr/1019105>

Provincial / Local



[CP24 @CP24](#) 6m6 minutes ago

Tory pushing for 'complete rethink of cities and their powers' to raise revenue ahead of 2018 budget
<http://www.cp24.com/news/tory-pushing-for-complete-rethink-of-cities-and-their-powers-to-raise-revenue-ahead-of-2018-budget-1.3288355> ...

Hydro Rates



[Antonella Artuso @suntooz](#) 32s33 seconds ago

"Proposed changes to electricity delivery rates will mean bills will rise another 200% for some low use rural customers:" FOCA

Carbon Tax



[Christine Van Geyn @cvangeyn](#) 49m49 minutes ago

CTF NEWS RELEASE: 6 in 10 Ontarians oppose both the Wynne and Brown models of carbon taxes
<http://www.taxpayer.com/news-releases/nanos-poll-shows-ontarians-oppose-both-wynne-and-brown-on-carbon-taxes> ... [#onpoli](#)

If 6 in 10 Ontarians oppose cap and trade, why is the government plowing ahead with it
[@Kathleen Wynne #onpoli](#) <http://www.taxpayer.com/news-releases/nanos-poll-shows-ontarians-oppose-both-wynne-and-brown-on-carbon-taxes> ...

Miscellaneous



[CNN Breaking News @cnnbrk](#) 5m5 minutes ago

"To be honest, I inherited a mess. It's a mess. At home and abroad. A mess," Trump says during news conference. <http://cnn.it/2kOcb22>



[CityNews Toronto @CityNews](#) 9m9 minutes ago

"This administration is running like a fine-tuned machine," Trump says.

"The press has become so dishonest ... the level of dishonesty is out of control," Trump says.



[Adrian Morrow](#) [@AdrianMorrow](#) [3m3 minutes ago](#)

"The tone is such hatred," from the media, Trump says. "I'm really not a bad person. I get great ratings, you have to say"

"I'm actually having a really good time," he says. "I'm not ranting and raving. I'm just telling you you're dishonest people."

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