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Good morning,

Please find attached the May 15, 2018 issues of QP Briefing and Queen's Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines:

- (pg. 2) Hydro One has its annual general meeting today, and the CBC reports that its board of directors voted to give themselves \$25,000 annual raises for the work they do, even though the share price has declined.
- (pg. 3) The Canadian Press takes a look at the newly-unveiled Green Party platform, which is heavy on energy conversation, expanding the Greenbelt, and includes implementing toll roads to pay for transit projects.

Feature Articles:

- Liberals accuse NDP of making \$2.7-billion mistake in election platform
 - o (pg. 6) Horwath also pointed out the Liberal government's budget has been

challenged by the province's auditor general and Financial Accountability Office, which have said that the deficit for this fiscal year should be \$5 billion larger because the auditor does not accept the accounting treatment of certain pension assets and debt related to the province's Fair Hydro Plan.

Queen's Park Today

- Ford campaign

- o (pg. 2) On Tuesday, Ford will hold another rally outside of the Hydro One shareholders' annual general meeting in downtown Toronto. Expect the PC leader to use the opportunity to repeat his call for "\$6-million man" CEO Mayo Schmidt to resign.

- Topics of Conversation

- o (pg. 4) Ontario, Quebec and California will hold their second joint carbon auction of 2018 on Tuesday.

- Schreiner unveils platform focused on clean tech, poverty reduction and transit

- o (pg. 6) On the planet, the Greens aim to expand the Greenbelt to protect more prime agricultural land and source water supplies; invest \$35 billion in public transit over four years; and put Ontario on a path towards a green energy future.
- o (pg. 7) Parts of the platform would be paid for by cancelling the Liberals' Fair Hydro Plan, while implementing a 1.5 per cent increase to the corporate tax rate and a one per cent tax increase on Ontario's highest earners. The Greens are also proposing a series of land valuation charges, parking levies and road tolls, including on all 400-series highways in the GTA, to pay for transit plans and poverty reduction initiatives.

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