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Premier Kathleen Wynne is inviting people to join her at an open public forum in Windsor to discuss how to create more fairness and opportunity in Southwestern Ontario in this period of rapid economic change. The Premier's fifth Town Hall will take place today, Thursday, February 15 at the [St. Clair College Centre for the Arts](#) at 201 Riverside Drive West in Windsor and will be moderated by former CAW president Ken Lewenza. Admission to the event is free and open to anyone who wishes to share their thoughts on the issues affecting them and their communities. All questions are welcome. Since kicking off the provincewide town hall forums last November, the Premier has met with over 1,000 people of all ages across Ontario, hearing their stories and discussing a range of issues, from the minimum wage to health care to international trade. General-admission seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and the Premier's Town Hall will start at 7:00 p.m. Those who wish to attend are encouraged to [RSVP](#). Please note, an RSVP does not guarantee admission but helps ensure that adequate seating is available.

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Also Today:

- Ontario is supporting farmers and agri-food businesses to improve their energy efficiency, save money and fight climate change through two new programs from the [Green Ontario Fund](#), a non-profit provincial agency funded by proceeds from the province's cap on pollution and carbon market. Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change announced the launch of the [GreenON Agriculture](#) and [GreenON Food Manufacturing](#) programs today. GreenON Agriculture will provide funding to help improve energy efficiency in climate-controlled production facilities such as swine or poultry barns, greenhouses and grain dryers. Improvements include new or upgraded energy curtains and cover materials in greenhouses and building insulation in walls and ceilings of livestock facilities. GreenON Food Manufacturing will encourage food and beverage processing facilities to adopt innovative, cleaner technologies, with opportunities for low-carbon fuel use, waste heat recovery, improved air balance and upgraded refrigeration systems.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes **historic new investments in health care**, including free **medications for everyone 24 and under through OHIP+**; **Children and Youth Pharmacare**, providing free **tuition to over 210,000 students** and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, making everyday life more affordable by **reducing electricity costs by 25 per cent** on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and taking action to **make housing more affordable** for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.