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Subject: NOTE to ELT: OLP Platform summary

Here's what I propose to send to ELT. Nothing new.

As you've heard, the Ontario Liberal Party released their election platform on Saturday May 26 (<https://platform.ontarioliberal.ca/full-platform-text/>). Overall, it reflects the latest budget, including planned deficit spending through 2023-24, and there are no new electricity or energy policy items.

Summary areas of interest:

Opportunity Theme: Supporting Innovation in the New Economy

- *Create a data strategy* to ensure Ontario people and businesses benefit from publicly funded economy and protects the public interest
- Continue to support the competitiveness of Cleantech sector

Affordability Theme: Reducing Hydro Costs

- Fair Hydro Plan (FHP is also mentioned as part of other themes in the platform - i.e. eligibility for remote and rural communities, farmers)
- Market Renewal: "We have launched an electricity market renewal process to build more flexibility into the electricity system and ensure it operates as efficiently as possible ... we expect to save up to \$5.2 billion in cost savings over a 10-year period."

Green Ontario Theme: Climate Change Action Plan

- GreenON Rebates
- \$20 million over three years to launch Ontario's Climate Change Resiliency Organization
- Ontario's first ever province-wide risk assessment to inform a comprehensive climate adaptation strategy

Northern Ontario Theme: Northern Economic Development, Infrastructure Investments

- Increase NOHFC funding to a total of \$150 million in the next three years and expand its programs to better support infrastructure projects and large-scale investment opportunities
- Year-round access road to the Ring of Fire, construction is set to begin in 2019
- Northern Industrial Electricity Rate Program continued
- Wataynikaneyap Power Grid Connection Project completed
- Expand access to natural gas to communities that are not currently served

Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples Theme: Economic Development

- Mentioned Wataynikaneyap Power Grid Connection Project

Better Government Theme: Protecting Your Data and Privacy

- Create new rules and policies to give people control over their data
- Create an Open Data Market to increase transparency and support social and economic innovation
- For areas under Provincial jurisdiction, introduce a Citizens' Digital Privacy and Consent Charter to give protections for ownership and control of their data

