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Tuesday, March 7, 2017

In the News

Following a meeting with Ottawa's Mayor, Premier **Kathleen Wynne** pledged to work with Ontario's mayors on a strategy to deal with the ongoing opioid crisis. The Premier also promised \$2.5 million to the City of Ottawa to support the City's efforts. Earlier this year, Health Minister **Eric Hoskins** announced funding for supervised injection sites in Toronto where users will be able to inject their own illegal drugs with medical supervision.

Meanwhile, Premier **Kathleen Wynne** dismissed speculation that there would be a change in leadership should her hydro relief plan not resonate with Ontarians. The Premier insisted that it was "extremely important... that there are people who have the capacity to be the next leader".

Today, PC Leader **Patrick Brown** introduced a motion urging the government to impose a moratorium on school closures. **Brown** was accompanied at Queen's Park by parents and children all across the province whose schools are threatened with closure, where he called school closures a "crisis in rural Ontario, that has now grown to the cities". Education Minister **Mitzi Hunter** urged school boards across the four English and French public and Catholic school systems to examine ways to share facilities before closing schools. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** ruled out a moratorium on school closures.

This evening, PC MPP for Niagara West—Glanbrook **Sam Oosterhoff** will face a nomination contest for the new riding of Niagara West. PC Party executive **Tony Quirk** is mounting a challenge to **Oosterhoff**, the youngest Member of Provincial Parliament in Ontario history, questioning the latter's qualifications for the challenge of government.

Opinion Highlights

- When people accused of serious crimes go free, Ontario finds another culprit. (Martin Regg Cohn, *Toronto Star*)
 - Reducing hydro bills the fairer way forward. (Kathleen Wynne, *Toronto Star*)
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Question Period Highlights (March 7)

School Closure Moratorium

- PC Leader **Patrick Brown** asked if the government will support the PC motion to halt school closures.
- Premier **Kathleen Wynne** re-iterated her belief in school boards and local decision-making. The Premier then blamed the previous government for neglecting the school system.

Hydro costs

- NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** challenged the cost of the government's Fair Hydro Plan. **Horwath** asserted that the plan was not fair as long as Ontarians were paying sky-high electricity prices.
- Premier **Kathleen Wynne** disputed **Horwath's** account and said that her Fair Hydro Plan would take 25 per cent off the bills of Ontario's residents, including in rural areas.
- **Horwath** added that small business in Ontario will not get long term protection from skyrocketing hydro rates and that Liberal hydro plan does not address bad contracts with foreign multinationals. **Horwath** accused the Liberals of acting in their political interests and the interests of their banker friends.
- Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** responded that the 25 per cent reduction will affect 500,000 small business and farms and was very well received. Minister **Thibeault** then accused the NDP of having no plan to help small business with hydro costs.

Today in the Legislature

Government Business

Bill 84 - Bill 84, An Act to amend various Acts with respect to medical assistance in dying, second reading.

Private Members' Business

Special Debate: Opposition Day 1

PC Leader **Patrick Brown**

— **Whereas**, school closures have a devastating impact on local communities; and
Whereas, children deserve to be educated in their communities and offered the best opportunity to succeed; and

Whereas, rural schools often represent the heart of small towns across Ontario;
Therefore, the Legislative Assembly calls for an immediate moratorium on rural school closures and an immediate review of the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline.

Addressed to the Premier.

Committee Meetings

9:00 a.m. - Standing Committee on Government Agencies will meet to consider appointments

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Events at a Glance

Thursday, March 9, 2017

The challenges preventing Ontario from recapturing its heft as the country's economic powerhouse: Leader of the Opposition Patrick Brown

Time: 11:30 a.m. registration; lunch and speech 12:00 p.m.

Location: Toronto Region Board of Trade, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto ON - 4th Floor Ballroom

RSVP: <https://www.bot.com/EventDetails.aspx?meetingid={68D9D4E4-549C-E611-BDD2-005056914667}>

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Ontario's Energy Future: The Hon. Glenn Thibeault will lay out priorities for the road ahead as the government prepares for the launch of a renewed Long Term Energy Plan

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Location: Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, Toronto

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/oea-speaker-series-the-hon-glenn-thibeault-ontarios-energy-future-tickets-31891969740>

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan and the First Cap and Trade Auction: The Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Location: One King West Hotel and Residence, 1 King West, Toronto

RSVP: <http://economicclub.ca/events/display/the-hon-glen-murray-minister-of-environment-and-climate-change-to-address-the-ec>

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Dismantling racism in Ontario is key to Canada's success: The Hon. Michael Coteau, Minister of Children & Youth Services and Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: InterContinental Hotel, 225 Front Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <http://economicclub.ca/events/display/dismantling-racism-in-ontario-is-key-to-canadas-success>

Queen's Park Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Question Period	Question Period Caucus Meeting	Question Period Cabinet Meeting	Question Period Private Members' Business	No Business

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