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**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

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## In the News

This morning, Municipal Affairs Minister **Bill Mauro** and Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi** announced that the government will overhaul the land use planning appeals system by replacing the Ontario Municipal Board with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. Government legislation would exempt a broader range of major land use planning decisions from appeal, including Official Plans, and establish a mandatory case conference for complex hearings. The legislation will also create the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre to support citizens who want to participate in the appeal process.

Yesterday, PC Leader **Patrick Brown** and NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** announced that their parties will vote against the *Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017*, saying the plan is too expensive. Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** criticized the opposition parties for opposing the proposal and defended the re-amortizing of costs in the energy system as fairer, since future generations will benefit from the infrastructure. **Brown** and **Horwath** cited leaked government documents that allege increasing hydro costs in the long term, which **Thibeault** said were outdated projections.

Meanwhile, Education Minister **Mitzie Hunter** announced internet upgrades for Ontario's schools. The \$50-million provincial investment will bring school internet speeds to one megabit per second per student, which Hunter noted would bring schools up to "industry standard". The move comes amidst some school boards restricting network access to Snapchat, Netflix and Instagram.

Meanwhile, NDP MPP for Bramlea—Gore—Malton **Jagmeet Singh** resigned his critic roles and deputy leader position in Ontario's NDP to pursue the leadership of the federal New Democratic Party. However, **Singh** will remain as the MPP for Bramlea—Gore—Malton for the duration of the leadership contest.

Ontario PC Leader **Patrick Brown** said that local nomination races have become "energized" since PC MPP for Scarborough—Rouge River **Raymond Cho** won that long-time Liberal-held riding. **Brown** told *Toronto Star* that a high number of memberships and contested nomination battles necessitated the party's hiring of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to oversee the nominations. Party members have filed complaints about irregularities for nomination contests in Newmarket—Aurora and Ottawa West—Nepean.

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## Opinion Highlights

- The elephant in the classroom amid school closings. (Martin Regg Cohn, *Toronto Star*)
  - I think someone needs to ask Patrick Brown if he REALLY wants the job of running this disaster. (Kelly McParland, *National Post*)
  - Patriotism is a disastrous way to make trade policy. (Kevin Carmichael, *Maclean's*)
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## Question Period Highlights (May 16)

### Electricity Costs

- PC Leader **Patrick Brown** asked about leaked cabinet documents which suggested hydro rates will increase dramatically after an initial drop due to the government's proposed Fair Hydro Plan. Brown asked the government to release the document that the Fair Hydro Plan was actually built on, since the government claims the projections were out of date.
- Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** praised the Fair Hydro Plan and noted that rural residents will save up to 50 per cent on their hydro bills.
- PC Leader **Patrick Brown** argued that the government should have no trouble releasing the new projections if the Fair Hydro Plan does lead to permanent hydro price reductions.
- Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** defended the Fair Hydro Plan and criticized the official opposition for having no hydro plan. **Thibeault** said the official opposition only plans to release one after a "magic weekend" in November, alluding to the Ontario PC Party's scheduled policy convention.
- PC Leader **Patrick Brown** criticized the Fair Hydro Plan as "an election gimmick" and accused the government of not dealing with the "structural problems" in the energy system, including high executive salaries.

- Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** said that the government was "two steps ahead" of the official opposition and will "pull costs out of the system" with the 2017 Long-term Energy Plan under development.
- NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** noted that businesses in Sault Ste. Marie are struggling with their hydro bills. **Horwath** accused the government's hydro plan of hurting families in Sault Ste. Marie, where business owners have to choose between keeping staff or paying hydro bills.
- Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** said that the Fair Hydro Plan promises immediate relief for the residents of Sault Ste. Marie. **Thibeault** then accused the official opposition of having no plan to deal with hydro costs and accused the NDP of having a "pie-in-the-sky" plan that will not alleviate rates.

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## Today in the Legislature

### Government Business

**Bill 132** - An Act to enact the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017 and to make amendments to the Electricity Act, 1998 and the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, second reading.

### Private Members' Business

**No Private Member's Business.**

### Committee Meetings

**8:30 a.m. - Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs** will meet for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 127, An Act to implement Budget measures and to enact, amend and repeal various statutes.

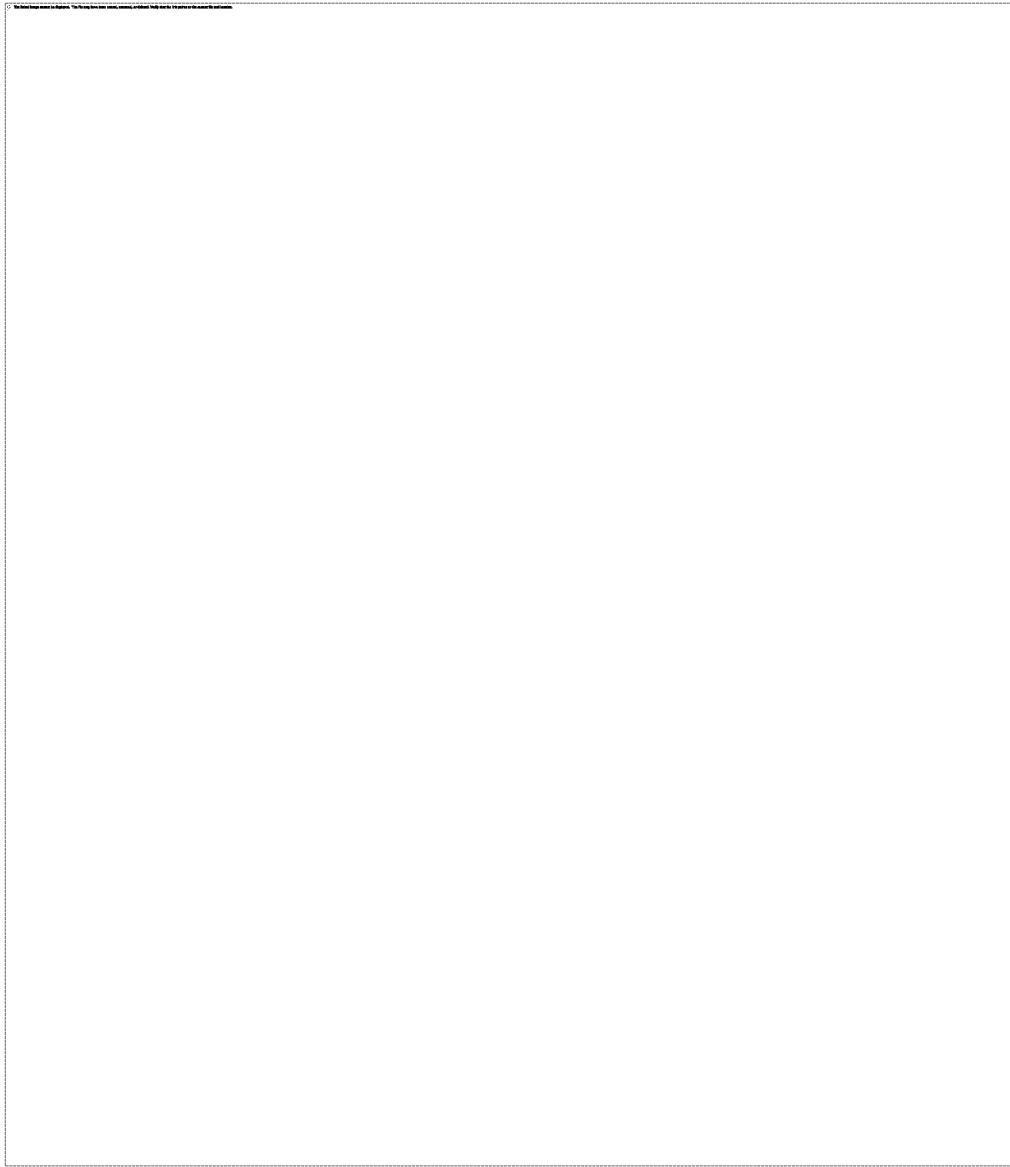
**9:00 a.m. - Standing Committee on Government Agencies** will

meet to consider intended appointments.

**3:30 p.m. - Standing Committee on General Government** will meet for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 124, An Act to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006.

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Social Media Snapshot



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## Events at a Glance

### Wednesday, May 17, 2017

PC Leader Patrick Brown will discuss Ontario's affordability crisis that businesses and families alike are facing in Ontario

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Location: Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <https://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?id=3379>

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

Queen's Park Press Gallery Spring Fling

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hart House, University of Toronto

**Friday, May 26, 2017**

Infrastructure Minister Bob Chiarelli will speak on Ontario's historic infrastructure investment

Time: 7:45 am

Location: Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa

RSVP: <http://www.economicclub.ca/events/display/Ontario%E2%80%99s-Historic-Infrastructure-Investment>

**Monday, May 29, 2017**

Health Minister Eric Hoskins will outline the government's vision for transforming health care.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <https://www.empireclub.org/events/honourable-eric-hoskins/>

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**Queen's Park Schedule**

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

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