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Headlines

This weekend, nearly all of the headlines belonged to **Patrick Brown**. The PC leader introduced his platform, which includes a mix of tax cuts, new spending — including a big investment in mental health care — and a switch from the Liberal government's cap-and-trade system to a carbon tax.

By the party's own calculations, a Tory provincial government would spend more than it takes in in revenue over the next four years, promising a \$2.8 billion deficit next year, followed by slim surpluses.

You can read our breakdown of the platform here:

The Tories got a glowing profile on Brown in the *Star* on Saturday followed by a story on the criminal investigation into his party's nomination in Hamilton West - Ancaster - Dundas on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Brown was defending the deficit spending in the platform to *The Canadian Press*.

Other takes on the PC platform:

- **Chris Selley** says you can call it 'Liberal lite,' but it offers a path to victory
- **Martin Regg Cohn** sees the mirror image of Bill Davis
- **Geoffery Stevens** also writes that the platform looks like it's modelled after **Bill Davis**
- **James Wallace** writes that it hits the Liberals where they're soft
- **Campbell Clark** says the guarantee is merely a marketing gimmick

Meanwhile, the Toronto Region Board of Trade wants the provincial government to take over all of the region's transit, going further than the PCs' plan to upload subways.

The province is allowing bottled water companies with expired permits to take up to 7.6 million litres of groundwater a day, as they take time to adapt to new rules, *The Canadian Press* reports.

The law society is questioning whether or not there's truth in advertising when a lawyer named Goldfinger says he has the golden touch, among other claims, the *Star* reports.

Saugeen Ojibway Nation leaders say the community will take time to decide on whether or not to give their approval for nuclear waste storage in the Deep Geologic Repository on their land, CP reports.

The Minister of Education Minister **Mitzie Hunter** is asking school boards to inform parents of failed tests for lead in drinking water in a timely manner, the *Star* reports.

In other news, congratulations are due to **Prince Harry** and **Meghan Markle**.

And it looks like **Jason Kenney** will be sending Patrick Brown a case of Red Bull to pay up on their CFL bet.

Minister of Economic Development and Growth **Brad Duguid** joined this weekend's episode of the QP Briefing Podcast. He talks with us about the ins and outs of job hunting when you've spent most of your life in politics, **Rob Ford**, **Mel Lastman** and Amazon. Plus, not to be outdone by one young Sam Oosterhoff, Duguid sang a little ode to Luckenbach, Texas.

And don't forget to follow along with our Question Period live blog later this morning. And in case you missed our other recent stories:

- PCs kick off election campaign with platform promise to run a deficit in their first year
- PC party turns over ballots, emails to police in criminal probe, court docs show
- PCs' new 'star' candidate rejects that label, takes aim at Wynne's 'ambition'
- Hutton: Why free is so very expensive
- Liberals go full partisan ahead of PC convention, handing out stuffed ballot boxes to the press gallery
- Who's lobbying for whom
- Poll: PC support softens in Toronto, as Tories and Grits remain statistically tied

Bills

Resuming the debate adjourned on November 23, 2017 on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 177, An Act to implement Budget measures and to enact and amend various statutes.

Resuming the debate adjourned on November 16, 2017 on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 175, An Act to implement measures with respect to policing, coroners and forensic laboratories and to enact, amend or repeal certain other statutes and revoke a regulation.

Committees

2 p.m.

The Standing Committee on General Government will meet for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 160, An Act to amend, repeal and enact various Acts in the interest of strengthening quality and accountability for patients. Room 2.

2 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Social Policy will meet for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 166, An Act to amend or repeal various Acts and to enact three new Acts with respect to the construction of new homes and ticket sales for events. Room 151.

Events

8:30 a.m.

John Fraser, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, will make an announcement.

He will be joined by **Chris Ballard**, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and **Han Dong**, MPP for Trinity-Spadina. The Hospital for Sick Children, 170 Elizabeth Street, 2nd floor - balcony above the Atrium.

9:15 a.m.

MPP **Sam Oosterhoff** discusses his private members' bill to address hospice palliative care needs. Media studio, Queen's Park, Toronto.

10 a.m.

Ontario Council of Hospital Unions (OCHU) speaks about study, "Assaulted and Unheard, Violence Against Healthcare Staff." Media Studio, Queen's Park, Toronto.

10 a.m.

Patrick Brown will make an announcement. 44 Majestic Drive, Nepean.

7 p.m.

Patrick Brown will deliver a speech to supporters. Port Hope High School, 130 Highland Drive, Port Hope.

9:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m. CST)

Premier Wynne to visit Nanjing Huiwen School. Nanjing Huiwen School, 19 Qingjiang Road, Gulou District Nanjing, China.

12:30 a.m. (1:30 p.m. CST)

Premier Wynne to deliver remarks and witness an MOU signing ceremony between Ontario business delegates and their Chinese counterparts. Jinling Hotel, Kunlun Room A/B, 2nd Floor, No. 2 Han Zhong Road, Xin Jie Kou Square, Nanjing, China.

2:35 a.m. (3:35 p.m. CST)

Premier Wynne to meet with Geneseeq. Geneseeq HQ, Building B, Sino-Danish Life Science Park, 3-1 Xinjinhu Road, New and Hi-Tech Development Zone, Pukou District, Nanjing, China.

4:30 a.m. (5:30 CST)

Premier Wynne to meet with Lou Qinjian, Party Secretary of Jiangsu and Wu Zhenglong, Governor of Jiangsu. Office of the Party Secretary of Jiangsu. No. 70 West Beijing Road. Nanjing, China.

6 a.m. (CST)

Premier Wynne to deliver remarks at an Ontario-Jiangsu Partnership Dinner. Jinling Hotel, No. 2 Han Zhong Road, Xin Jie Kou Square, Nanjing, China.