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"We are continuing to have a meaningful and respectful engagement with Saugeen Ojibway Nation," Lise Morton, vice president, nuclear waste management for **OPG**, told Bruce County council.

The **OPG** project, currently estimated to cost \$2.4 billion, would involve the construction of an underground storage site at the Bruce nuclear **power** plant, close to the Lake **Huron** shoreline. Hundreds of thousands of cubic metres of low and intermediate radioactive waste now stored above ground at the site would be buried 680 metres below ground.

OPG has long touted the waste storage **plan** as safe but the **plan** faces opposition from politicians in Canada and the United States. It won tentative approval after an environmental **review** in May 2015. Since then both the former Conservative and current Liberal governments have repeatedly delayed making a final decision.

Last August, federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna asked **OPG** to come back with more information, this time on how the project might affect First Nations.

"We believe that engagement is going very well and we remain committed to Saugeen Ojibway Nation as we committed in a 2013 letter from our president that we will not build the DGR without their support. We continue working with them and respecting the community's timeline and their process and working with them through that process," Morton said.

In the meantime **OPG** is going ahead with expansion plans at the above-ground storage facility following renewal of the site's licence for another 10 years.

They include new buildings either under construction or in the design phase in 2018 - two low-level storage buildings, three multipurpose storage buildings, two used fuel storage buildings as well as a waste processing building.

Morton said additional surface storage is needed.

"Expansion and work on the Western Waste Management Facility needs to occur regardless of the DGR project or not," she said. "There are ongoing wastes that we need to manage and to deal with; so they are not related specifically to the delays of the DGR project."

Among the buildings being planned is a waste facility in which low-level waste is sorted so some material can be decontaminated and diverted, Morton said.

"Ultimately we are trying to reduce our environmental footprint and sorting waste and further processing some of that waste certainly goes a long way to reducing our environmental footprint," she said.

Morton also brought council up to date on the \$12.8 billion, 10-year **plan** to extend the life of the Darlington nuclear station by 30 years, which she said is on time and on budget.

She noted **OPG** has a role in Bruce **Power's** \$13 billion major component replacement set to begin in January 2020.

She announced that **OPG** has recently completed construction of the Peter Sutherland hydroelectric generating station - a 28 megawatt facility **north** of Timmins - completed in 2017. It generates enough **electricity** to supply 28,000 homes.

Morton said the new facility includes an equity partnership between **OPG** and the local First Nation community.

Meanwhile a decision on an **OPG rate** hike **application** to the **Ontario Energy Board** in 2017 is expected by early this year.

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The answer to the first question is eight. The answer to the second is just one, and she and her re-elected minority government lasted barely one month before losing a non-confidence vote and being tossed out of **power**.

All of the former female premiers were well-liked and respected when they first took office. But all were hugely unpopular when they were forced out as premier a few years - and in some cases just months - later.

Is there a pattern here? Is it sexism?

These are serious questions facing **Ontario** Premier Kathleen Wynne as she tries to buck the trend and win re-election in the province's June 7 election. In Wynne's case, she is one of the most disliked premiers in history, with her popularity rating below 20 per cent for the better part of three years.

Wynne's election in 2014 as **Ontario's** first female premier, and as the first openly gay premier, was hailed as a major breakthrough for women in politics.

Now, though, Wynne and her Liberals seem doomed to lose the coming election by a wide margin to the Conservatives.

Clearly, voters have lots of reasons to be unhappy with Wynne's performance, such as her decision to sell off a big chunk of **Ontario Hydro**, high **electricity rates** and special deals with teacher unions.

At the same time, though, Wynne has launched some of the most popular and progressive programs in the country, such as free tuition for thousands of post-secondary **students**, a higher minimum wage and free pharmacare for anyone under 25.

Still, she has been criticized and treated in ways unimaginable to male premiers. The abuse is sexist, vulgar and steady, a pattern encountered by many other female politicians.

Given such abuse, it's easy to argue that misogyny is a large reason for Wynne's low popularity ratings.

Indeed, Wynne has been disrespected like no other **Ontario** premier in recent history. It's similar to the attacks Hillary Clinton faced in her 2016 run for the U.S. presidency against Donald Trump, with rants of "Hang the Bitch."

For many voters, when things are going well they don't care if the premier is a woman. But if times get tough, the criticism and dislike for a female leader grows tremendously, with some of the attacks focused on her gender, and in Wynne's case her sexual orientation.

"If Kathleen Wynne were a man, she wouldn't be facing any of this stuff," former **Ontario** cabinet minister Glen Murray told Steve Paikin, host of The Agenda on TVO, last year. "It's sexism, plain and simple."

All seven other women who have sat in a premier's office have faced similar issues as Wynne is now confronting.

The first provincial woman premier was Rita Johnson, who was named interim B.C. Social Credit leader and thus premier in 1991 after Bill Vander Zalm resigned, but the party lost **power** in a general election 217 days later.

Catherine Callbeck led the P.E.I. Liberals to victory in 1993, but she resigned before the next election after falling sharply in polls.

Kathy Dunderdale led the Newfoundland Liberals to victory in 2011, but quit after a steep drop in the polls before the next election.

Alison Redford led the Alberta Tories to victory in 2012, but quit two years later after scandals resulted in a major drop in her popularity.

Pauline Marois led the Parti Québécois to **power** in 2012 but was trounced in the 2014 election.

Christy Clark led the B.C. Liberals to victory in 2013, but in 2017 she managed to win only a minority government and almost immediately lost a confidence vote. She resigned and quit politics.

Rachel Notley led the Alberta NDP to a stunning victory in 2015, but now trails the new United Conservatives, led by Jason Kenney, by a huge margin and likely will be defeated in 2019.

And don't forget Kim Campbell, who spent 132 days as Canada's only female prime minister. Under her leadership, the Progressive Conservatives won just two seats in the 1993 election.

If Wynne can defy this disturbing trend and win the June election, then she will have managed a breakthrough for women in politics as significant, if not more, than she did in 2014 when she was first elected premier.

Bob Hepburn's column appears Thursday. bhepburn@thestar.ca

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The Salvation Army in Simcoe set a fundraising goal of \$200,000 for its Christmas campaign. The charitable group came within \$3,500 of reaching that goal and would have exceeded it had Christmas Eve not fallen on a Sunday.

"The community was very generous," says Terri Simmons, the Salvation Army's community and family services co-ordinator in Simcoe.

"We just barely missed our goal. But we did very well. We're thrilled."

A big part of the year-end push is the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle Campaign. From Nov. 17 to Dec. 23, dozens of volunteers rang the bell at 14 kettles in Simcoe, Delhi, Port Dover and Waterford.

The kettle campaign goal was \$95,000. The Salvation Army came up \$1,270 short.

Christmas Eve is traditionally the biggest fundraising day of the campaign. Had the kettles been out on Dec. 24, Simmons doesn't doubt the objective would have been met.

Donations helped fund the Salvation Army's Christmas Basket program. The Simcoe chapter undertakes this initiative in partnership with 30 **service** clubs, congregations, businesses and community-minded individuals. Together, they ensured that 550 needy families in the local area had a decent Christmas.

The Salvation Army and other outreach organizations hope the community doesn't forget about them now that the holiday season is over. There are at least three hard months of winter ahead and the need for emergency support never disappears.

This is the busiest time of the year for calls from individuals and families who can't cover all their **utilities** due to pressing needs elsewhere. The Salvation Army does what it can to ensure households don't lose their **hydro** or **natural gas** due to unpaid bills.

"It's something we see every year," Simmons says.

The Simcoe chapter was keeping an eye on a woman in the local area whose furnace conked out several days ago.

The woman was alone in a home with a space heater trying to keep her pipes from freezing while she waited for a repair crew to restore her heat. The soonest she could expect **service** was last Friday - the day another wave of frigid Arctic air washed over southern **Ontario**.

The Salvation Army also maintains an emergency pantry on Colborne Street **North** for individuals and families that have run out of food at a time when food

banks aren't available to help.

These ongoing, post-Christmas programs are maintained, in large part, by walk-in donations of cash, non-perishable food items and the like.

Donations that are especially appreciated include toiletries and everyday household items such as laundry detergent, paper towel and disposable diapers.

"Every time I ask if they need toilet paper, no one ever says 'No,'" says Eileen Ryerse, a family **service** worker at the Simcoe office.
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While most Ontarians rang in 2018 with hope and optimism, small businesses are scrambling to keep the lights on. **Ontario** restaurants have to pay the highest rents in the country; skyrocketing **hydro rates**; relentless liquor mark-ups; and the costs of inter-provincial trade barriers that make no sense. We believe it's time to have an honest conversation.

In this election year, the Wynne government has delivered a clear message to Main Streets across **Ontario** with Bill 148, which has now dramatically raised the minimum wage while imposing a myriad of costly new regulations on **Ontario's** employers. That message: Small businesses will pay for the Wynne government's social agenda. Now the government is vilifying business owners by announcing that it's adding 175 new enforcement officers to police small businesses throughout the province. There's also a new "hotline" to report on employers. This comes on top of tough talk from the minister of labour, who issued a stern warning that business owners should not contravene the "spirit of the legislation."

Ontario business owners are hurting. Each day we are contacted by restaurateurs wondering how they will survive with these new increased costs. While the Wynne government promotes its **public** narrative that pits owners against employees, the real debate should focus on why the Wynne government has so wilfully enacted legislation that will cost tens of thousands of jobs and hurt the same people they so desperately want to help. The increase in minimum wage will be meaningless to an employee if his or her employer ends up having to close its doors after facing a mountain of new costs. This is simply too much pain, inflicted too fast.

Sorry, Ontarians. Wynne's wage hike is going to penalize you all
(business.financialpost.com)

Ontario's minimum wage hike will cost the average Tim Hortons franchisee \$243,889 this year (business.financialpost.com)

Ontario's minimum wage hike off to rocky start as employers slash hours, benefits to compensate (business.financialpost.com)

Restaurants Canada communicated these challenges countless times to the government over the past seven months. We shared our insights and member research data; that included a survey showing that 95 per cent of our members indicated they would have to make serious choices for their operation by finding

ways to control costs, and a further 26 per cent suggested that they will be forced to close their doors altogether.

We also shared key insights from numerous other sources including the TD Bank, Fraser Institute, C.D. Howe Institute and the **Canadian Centre** for Economic Analysis, with each one forecasting that the government's new raft of labour costs would bring job losses in the tens of thousands. Bank of Canada researchers recently released a study that not only outlined potential job losses, but the overall inflationary impact and reductions in GDP

The Wynne government stubbornly ignored business owners, including the foodservice sector on this critical issue. **Ontario** restaurateurs operate with razor-thin margins, on average just 3.4 per cent, which is the lowest in Canada. These cost increases will push many restaurateurs to the brink. The 21-per-cent increase in the minimum wage (with another hike due next year) is just a portion of the costs related to Bill 148. Wage-related adjustments are roughly 58 per cent of the total costs, but another 42 per cent come from the various other regulatory changes.

All totalled, this equates to \$1.8 billion in new costs for **Ontario's** foodservice industry. And it's not just restaurants: The entire value chain of growers, wholesalers, **transportation** and logistics firms, and everyone within the supply chain is being hammered with the same increased costs. All of those added expenses end up in the lap of the restaurateur, who is then left with few choices: cut services or raise prices, or a combination of both.

With a provincial budget coming soon, there is a small window for the government to show some of the fairness that the premier speaks so frequently and passionately about - the fairness of helping small businesses across **Ontario** survive and help their employees keep their jobs.

Shanna Munro is president and CEO of Restaurants Canada.

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Ontario having high **hydro rates**, costly environmental **cap and trade** policies, and a minimum wage of \$15 per hour might find itself in a very precarious financial situation.

Ontario has already lost over 318,000 manufacturing jobs in the past 10 years, with a meager 3.8 per cent growth, compared to Canada's national average of 10.8 per cent.

Kathleen Wynne's Liberal government has wasted billions and their **Green Energy Act** has forced consumers to overpay \$37 billion for **electricity** between 2006 and 2014, while **Ontario**'s debt has grown to \$312 billion -\$22,000 for every Ontarian.

The **Ontario Electricity** Support Program, offers to those who qualify a 25 per cent **hydro rate** reduction, that is estimated will cost \$21 billion, the temporary **hydro rate**, has required \$39.4 billion in borrowing, while a leaked government document, expects that **hydro** prices will soar in four years.

Ontarians are feeling the effects of 10 years of Liberal leadership, their cost of living rising 37 per cent while **Ontario** is the most indebted sub-national borrower in the world, having twice the debt per citizen as the State of California.

The Liberal Party seems to have little concern related to **Ontario**'s precarious financial situation, with the possible changes in NAFTA, or the potential effect of the U.S. corporate tax cuts, that potentially will affect jobs, but also **Ontario**'s fragile economy.

Sadly, no matter what opposition party gains a majority in 2018, they will face the reality of **Ontario**'s staggering debt that will require responsible, and politically difficult government program adjustments, to avoid **Ontario**'s demise.

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