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Clippings Summary

News - 38 Results



New hydro billing programs on the way – The Oshawa Express

oshawaexpress.ca - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

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Paul Crawford noted on Wednesday, April 11, 2018

OEB is mentioned.

Oshawa residents interested in a change to hydro plans should check the next bit of mail they receive from the Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation as the notifications of a new pilot program are on their way.



Pickering council hears Veridian, Whitby Hydro merger plans

Pickering News Advertiser - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Positive**

Ad Value:\$448

Reach: 51400 Page: 1

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Email scandal linked to Liberals'string of excesses; Added billions to taxpayers'electricity bills

National Post - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Negative**

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Ex-top Ontario political aide released on bail pending appeal | CTV Toronto News

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A rare accounting of the cost of curtailed...

coldairings.luftonline.net - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**
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Reading through an awful report by Dianne Saxe, unfortunately the current

Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, I stumbled across a rare accounting of the cost of curtailed electricity supply in Ontario from 2013-2017



Province announces close to \$28 million for natural gas project

Kincardine News - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Positive**

Byline: Rob Gowan

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Two projects in Bruce County will receive millions of dollars in funding to bring **natural gas** to homes and businesses in the region. The provincial government announced April 3, 2018 that funding of up to \$27,733,000 will go ...



Greenhouse expansion possible under Union Gas plan

Chatham This Week - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Positive**

Byline: Tom Morrison

Page: A8

A new pipeline expansion project in Chatham-Kent, which could support up to 330 additional acres of greenhouse property, has been approved for an \$8-million grant from the province. The proposed Chatham-Kent Rural Pipeline Expansion Project from ...



Alternative to cap-and-trade ?

Kingston Whig-Standard - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Negative**

Byline: Jane Derby

Ad Value: \$306

Reach: 21850 Page: A4

So Doug Ford fiddles while **Ontario** and much of the rest of the world actively fights to stave off the looming crisis of **climate change**. He and his leadership rivals quickly denounced the Liberal government's ...



Net-Zero Energy Homes In Ontario That Produce As Much Power As They Consume

www.huffingtonpost.ca - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Permalink

Imagine never needing to pay a hydro bill because your house could generate all the power you need on its own.



Oilsands research could be 'game changer' for renewable energy | CBC News

www.cbc.ca - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

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Originally from South Africa, JT Steenkamp doesn't usually enjoy brisk Canadian winter weather, but this year is different for the engineer who is testing out a new type of battery at Shell Canada's research centre in Calgary.



CPP purchase of solar farms is a 'wise' move: Arnold

Wallaceburg Courier Press - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Paul Morden

Ad Value: \$288

Reach: 8941 Page: A9

St. Clair Township's mayor is welcoming news that two large **solar** projects in his community are being sold to the **Canadian Pension Plan**. The pension plan's board says it's buying six southwestern **Ontario** ...



Bruce Power partnering with Great Lakes climate change study

Kincardine News - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Positive**

Byline: James Scongack

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Bruce **Power** will partner with the Council of the Great Lakes Region (CGLR) to conduct a **climate change** study over the next three years, providing leadership in this emerging area of importance. The study will ...



Ontario businessman who saved millions by going green reveals his secret | National Observer

www.nationalobserver.com - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Permalink

Paul Rak is a businessman, not an environmental activist.



Can Trudeau keep himself, and the country, together?; Whatever decision the Prime Minister makes on the Kinder Morgan project will have deep repercussions in Quebec

The Globe and Mail - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Negative**

Byline: KONRAD YAKABUSKI

Ad Value: \$17,843

Reach: 309154 Page: A13

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Trudeau's grand plan falling apart; Provincial battle over Kinder Morgan pipeline threatens his green credentials

The Hamilton Spectator - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Tim Harper

Ad Value: \$4,082

Reach: 103267 Page: A14

Sometimes leadership means recognizing that a train in the distance is headed straight at you and doing something about it before you are forced to jump out of the way. For Justin Trudeau, the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion train has been ...



Forget the activists, regular Canadians support Trans Mountain

Toronto Sun - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Candice Malcolm

Ad Value: \$2,971

Reach: 171076 Page: A15

The silent majority of Canadians were represented on Tuesday, in a large rally in support of Canada's natural resource sector. Thousands gathered in Calgary to show their support for Western **Canadian** industry, and to urge the continuation ...



Fed-up Albertans unite in bid to 'build that pipe'; Protesters pump upfight for fairness, economic future, Claudia Cattaneo writes

London Free Press - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Negative**

Byline: Claudia Cattaneo

Ad Value: \$5,581

Reach: 70995 Page: NP6

With almost no pipelines left to lose, Albertans of all backgrounds and political persuasions are uniting and rising against years of what they perceive as unfair treatment by the federal Liberal government and its eco-activist partners. They are ...



Strategy Session

CTV NEWS CHANNEL - POWER PLAY WITH DON MARTIN - Fri Apr 6 2018, 5:00pm ET

Tone: **Positive**

Byline: OMAR SACHEDINA

OMAR SACHEDINA: And let's pick up the topic now with our week-ending strategy session with political commentator Gerry Nicholls coming to us from downtown **Toronto**. In Regina we have Sally Housser, a senior consult with Navigator. I want ...



Ramsey Hart named Ontario NDP candidate for Lanark-Frontenac and Kingston

Kemptville Advance - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Robin Nieto

Ad Value: \$239

Reach: 9121 Page: A2

The NDP riding association in Lanark-Frontenac and **Kingston** named community organizer Ramsey Hart as their candidate in June's provincial election at a nomination meeting held at Maberly's community hall on Saturday, April 7. "I'm ...



Trudeau on Trans Mountain

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Byline: OMAR SACHEDINA

JUSTIN TRUDEAU (**Canadian** Prime Minister): Our government has been

unequivocal. This pipeline is in the national interest and will get built. OMAR SACHEDINA: That was the prime minister speaking in Canada's oil heartland today in ...



Trudeau stuck in a pipeline box he built

Waterloo Region Record - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Byline: Tim Harper

Ad Value: \$3,092

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The Fuse | Canada's Oil Industry Faces Long-Term Challenges Without Key Pipelines - The Fuse

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theglobeandmail.com - Wed Apr 11 2018, 5:19pm ET

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Byline: Konrad Yakabuski

Reach: 1188000

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With almost nothing left to lose, Albertans rise up against Ottawa's empty pipeline promises | Financial Post

business.financialpost.com - Wed Apr 11 2018

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Trans Mountain Expansion now in serious jeopardy

www.estevanmercury.ca - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**
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He's not even in power, but Jason Kenney, leader of the Alberta United Conservative Party and that province's leader of the opposition, probably said it best. "We've seen this movie before." He then referred to how, in September 2017, ...



Obstructing pipelines costing Canada billions | Troy Media

troymedia.com - Wed Apr 11 2018

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In recent months, Canadian crude oil prices have dropped relative to other international benchmark prices, costing the economy billions in foregone revenues.



April 11: A country divided. Plus other letters to the editor - The Globe and Mail

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Re Ottawa, Alberta Look To Finance Trans Mountain (April 10): Alberta's growth rate was 4.5 per cent last year, with another 2.7 per cent projected this year. It has some of the best job-creation numbers in Canada.



North Kent Wind fully operational

Chatham This Week - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Neutral** Page: A4

Construction of **North** Kent Wind's 100-megawatt **wind power** facility is fully operational in the **North** Kent area. Samsung **Renewable Energy** Inc. and Pattern **Energy** Group LP ...



Horwath calls water well problems 'outrageous'

Chatham This Week - Thu Apr 12 2018

Tone: **Negative** Page: A26

NDP leader Andrea Horwath has joined the call for the province to order a health

hazard investigation into water wells that have filled with sediments after a **wind** farm was constructed in the area. Horwath visited the Dresden area farm of ...

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Full Articles



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Tone: **Positive**

Ad Value: \$448

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PICKERING - Pickering council learned more about **Veridian Corporation's** proposal to merge with **Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation** on April 10.

Michael Angemeer, **Veridian** president and CEO, explained the merger will improve **customer rates**, improve shareholder returns and prepare for a rapid industry change.

The boards of directors of the municipal **electricity utilities** have recommended that shareholders approve the proposed merger to create a new yet-unnamed **energy corporation**. **Veridian** and **Whitby Hydro** entered into a memorandum of understanding related to the merger last July. The current **Veridian** shareholders are Ajax, Clarington, Pickering and Belleville.

Ward 3 **regional** Coun. David Pickles confirmed in the question-and answer-portion of the presentation that the new company will continue to be 100 per cent municipally owned.

The company would serve 162,000 residential and business customers and be the fourth largest municipally-owned **electric utility** in **Ontario**.

When Ward 3 city Coun. Shaheen Butt asked about job loss as a result of the merger, Angemeer explained roughly 35 identified positions would mostly be removed through natural attrition.

Pickering chief administrative officer Tony Prevedel said the city plans to hold a **public** meeting regarding the plans on May 7, and a report will be brought to the next council meeting on May 14.

More information on the proposed merger is available online at learnmore. **veridian**.on.ca.

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Email scandal linked to Liberals' string of excesses; Added billions to taxpayers' electricity bills

National Post - Thu Apr 12 2018

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The news Wednesday that the top aide to a former **Ontario** premier was going to jail for trying to hide evidence of a scandalous policy was shocking enough.

But the case highlights an arguably more remarkable sequence of events around Liberal **electricity** policy, one expected to put a drain on Ontarians' wallets for years to come.

Time and again, successive Liberal governments have needlessly added billions of dollars in costs with **hydro** policies designed partly to enhance their political fortunes, the province's financial watchdogs have documented.

At \$1 billion, the politically motivated **gas**-plant cancellations under former premier Dalton McGuinty - leading to chief of staff David Livingston's fourmonth jail term Wednesday - were actually one of the less expensive decisions.

A **plan** to reduce high **electricity rates**, the sale of **Ontario's power** distributor and assorted mismanagement of the system have cost billions more, say the auditor and the province's Financial Accountability Office.

"**Hydro** policy under the Liberals has been run to benefit the Liberals," Peter Tabuns, the opposition NDP **energy** critic, charged Wednesday. "This is all about making sure they hold on to their seats, all about making sure their friends are doing well. And in the end you're going to have really bad **hydro** policy, and great expense when that's what you're doing."

The costly, often-political decisions will undoubtedly play a major role in the campaign for the June 7 election.

Doug Ford, the Progressive Conservative leader, is expected to announce the first plank in his long-awaited election platform later this week, and it will deal with **hydro** policy, said a source in the Ford campaign team.

Vic Fedeli, the Tories' finance critic, alleged that many of the policies have benefited donors to the Liberal party.

"This government has been using **Hydro One** as their play thing to raise money for the Liberal party," he said Wednesday. "This has been a cash machine for the Liberals for far too long."

The government, though, has repeatedly taken exception to critiques offered by the financial watchdogs.

When the auditor general picked apart the **rate**-cut scheme last October, the Liberals said it was merely an "accounting dispute."

In fact, the initiative will keep **rates** down for the medium term, and the government has further plans to control costs over the long term, said James Berry, a spokesman for **energy** minister **Glenn Thibeault**.

"On the other hand, the Conservatives have absolutely no **plan** to lower **electricity** bills for **Ontario** families and businesses," he said.

The **gas** plants in Mississauga and **Oakville** were to be built as part of the Liberals' commitment to end coal generation of **electricity**. But as local opposition to the projects grew, both were cancelled, one just a week before the

2011 election.

The Liberals played down the cost of the reversal, but the provincial auditor general later estimated the price tag at around \$1 billion.

Livingston was chief of staff to McGuinty, and was convicted of ordering the wiping of computer servers in the premier's office - allegedly to remove traces of emails related to the **gasplant** affair before Kathleen Wynne took over.

In 2015, a year after the new premier won her first election, auditor general Bonnie Lysyk issued a scathing report that suggested Ontarians had paid \$37 billion more for **power** than they should have between 2006 and 2014, partly because the province had allowed exorbitant prices for **wind**, **solar** and other **alternative energy** sources.

As rising **hydro rates** put political pressure on the Liberals, they introduced a **plan** last year to reduce prices by 25 per cent, borrowing money that will have to be paid back by consumers starting in 2028.

The loans were made through **Ontario Power Generation**, a Crown **corporation**, meaning the money would not affect provincial ledgers as Wynne strived to bring in a balanced budget. The result will be \$4 billion more in interest than if the government - which can command lower **rates** - had borrowed the money instead, Lysyk estimated.

Just last month, she raised the alarm about more red ink linked to the **plan**. Improper accounting by the **Independent Electricity** System Operator, a government agency, means the province's deficit is understated by \$1.3 billion, the auditor general told a legislative committee.

The government said in its budget last month that it had a \$600-million surplus this fiscal year, to be replaced by \$31.9 billion in deficit spending over the next six years.

The controversial selloff of the majority of **Hydro** One, which distributes **power**, has spawned similar criticism. Considering the loss of revenue from the now-privatized company, the government could have raised a similar sum of money through traditional borrowing - at \$1.8 billion less cost, said the Financial Accountability Office.

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Doug Ford plans to put money back in the taxpayers' pocket instead of the government's pocket.

It was a line the PC leader delivered twice during an address at Cambrian College on Wednesday evening, drawing a big round of cheers each time from the largely partisan **crowd**.

"We're going to turn this province around and start respecting the taxpayer," he promised.

That, too, was a phrase uttered more than once, or reiterated in different ways. Another line popular with the **crowd**: "The party is over with the taxpayers' money."

The event - dubbed the Rally For A Better **Ontario** - had a party-like atmosphere of its own, with supporters waving blue Ford signs and shouting out agreement and encouragement.

There was also some classic rock to bookend the populist candidate's appearance - Eye of the Tiger (sample lyric: "Risin' up to the challenge of our rival") to usher in the speech, Don't Stop Believin' to close it out.

Not everyone present was a member of Ford Nation, however, or in a festive spirit.

Matt Charron stood quietly amid the PC faithful, sporting an orange tuque that suggested a different political affiliation (or possibly just a passion for hunting) and a sign that read: "Doug Ford is against **fair** wage, environmental protection, proper sex-ed."

The back of the sign bore a blunter message: "Doug Ford is a social conservative dumb-ass."

Charron said it's the PC leader's stance on such social issues as abortion and sexual education that particularly offend him, but he also questions his position on the carbon tax (which Ford has pledged to scrap) and "his stance against taxes in general."

Ford argued, however, that Ontarians are taxed at an exorbitant **rate** and deserve a break. "You have Kathleen Wynne's hand in one pocket, and Justin Trudeau's hand in the other pocket," he said.

He called the price on carbon in **Ontario** "the worst tax for all of Canada," arguing it is merely "a tax grab."

The candidate said he could eliminate that and still keep taxes low for citizens and businesses simply by running a smarter, leaner government.

"We will go line item by line item in every single ministry and drive efficiencies," he said.

Ford pointed out taxpayers in the City of **Toronto**, where he served as a councillor, were spared \$1 billion through a cost-cutting **plan** initiated under the leadership of his late brother Rob Ford. "We had a zero per cent tax increase, and the best out of anything, is not one single person got laid off," he said.

The PC leader also evoked his sibling in promising that, "as my brother would say, the gravy train is over at Queen's Park."

Ford contended **Ontario's hydro rates** have tripled under the Wynne government, while **Hydro One** executives have rewarded themselves with massive raises.

"I will do everything in my powers to make sure we're getting rid of the complete board and we'll be getting rid of the CEO of **Hydro One**," he said. "There's going to be accountability when it comes to your hard-earned tax money."

Calling the **Green Energy Act** "a big scam," he vowed to correct an absurd situation in which "we're actually selling **power** south of the border less expensive than they're selling it to us."

Ford's stop in **Sudbury** came on the heels of visits to such other **Northern** communities as **Kenora** and **Sioux Lookout**, and he said he was enjoying being among "as I say, the real folks of **Ontario**."

He said he'd spoken with numerous workers and professionals in his travels through the region and plans to govern (presuming he is elected) by listening to the people who know how to fix things, rather than cater to elites and investment bankers.

"The best ideas come from the front-line workers," he said. "They are frustrated like I've never seen before. They'll go to their supervisors and tell them great ideas on how to improve things, to drive efficiencies, and they get totally ignored. They get ignored just like our doctors have been ignored, our nurses have been ignored."

Many people in the mining sector also have smart ideas, he said, which would be implemented if they weren't falling on deaf ears.

"The most frustrating thing for them is the politician sitting at Queen's Park that doesn't have a clue about mining dictating to people who are experts in mining on how to do their job," he said.

Ford said the Wynne government is "on life support" and voters will have understood the spending announcements and promises of recent weeks as desperation.

He said the latest budget "promised everything under the sun" - coming just short, he quipped, of a series of car giveaways on the Oprah show - "but people are too smart for that."

Ford also promised to debate Wynne, although he suggested a unique location for that to occur.

Alluding to a recent sentence handed out to a Liberal operative involved in the **gas** plant scandal, Ford said: "I'll debate her in front of the jail that one of her political insiders is going to be in." jmoodie@postmedia.com

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It's time for change in **Ontario**.

And **Toronto** needs change that will make this great city more liveable and more affordable for everyone.

This vibrant and dynamic city is on the cusp of becoming a great global metropolis. And it offers an incredible promise to people from around the world: The promise of building a better life.

But it's not hard to see why 80% of Ontarians have decided that it's time for change in this June's election.

After 15 years, Kathleen Wynne hasn't made life better. She's ignored our crumbling schools, sold off **Hydro** One, left seniors waiting for care, and left thousands of people waiting in hospital hallways.

The cost of living is unaffordable for many folks. Home ownership is out of reach for a lot of families. And working families are finding it harder to build a better life for their kids.

Congestion on the roads is stealing too much time from people's lives.

It's time for a new government - and a new premier.

The question is what comes next.

As Ontarians choose change in this election, do we want more cynicism, more anger, more division and more cuts? Or do we want a leader who can bring people together by offering hope and change for the better? The choice has never been so clear.

Doug Ford has been rejected by the people of **Toronto** before. And for good reason.

His sales pitch offers nothing to help people. Because angry soundbites are not good solutions.

Billions of dollars in cuts will hurt hard-working families.

More than \$6.1 billion in cuts to transit, to health care, and to our children's schools will drag **Ontario** backwards.

We can do so much better. We can move **Ontario** forward - and that's what this election is about.

I am running to be the next premier. And I am offering something completely different from Doug Ford.

Not just change that bounces between bad and worse in **Ontario** - but

something completely different. Change for the better.

We need better transit to get **Toronto** moving and relieve congestion. I'm committed to restoring \$330 million dollars in vital operating funds for the TTC that will improve **service**.

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We need to do a better job of making life more affordable. My **plan** lowers **Hydro** bills by 30%, and keeps them down by returning **Hydro** One to the people it belongs to - the people of **Ontario**. And it delivers universal pharmacare to make sure people get the prescriptions they need, while lowering their expenses. And I will extend dental coverage to everyone - with workplace benefits for every worker and **public** dental coverage for seniors and the most vulnerable Ontarians.

We need to help young families by making child care affordable for everyone - not just for parents with preschoolers, but for those with infants and toddlers, too.

Toronto needs a better partner. This city needs a premier who will make this great city more liveable and more affordable for everyone.

And that change is possible. And that's why I'm running for premier.

At a time when people want change, let's make it change for the better.

Horwath is the leader of **Ontario's** NDP

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A rare accounting of the cost of curtailed...

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Reading through an awful report by Dianne Saxe, unfortunately the current Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, I stumbled across a rare accounting of the cost of curtailed electricity supply in Ontario from 2013-2017

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Province announces close to \$28 million for natural gas project

Kincardine News - Thu Apr 12 2018

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Byline: Rob Gowan

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Two projects in Bruce County will receive millions of dollars in funding to bring **natural gas** to homes and businesses in the region.

The provincial government announced April 3, 2018 that funding of up to \$27,733,000 will go toward a project to construct a **natural gas** pipeline to connect homes and businesses in Arran-Elderslie, Kincardine and **Huron-Kinloss**. Another \$1,802,000 will go toward construction of a **natural gas** pipeline to connect homes at Chippewa Hill at Saugeen First Nation.

"That is fantastic because we have been working on it for seven years," said Bruce County Warden and Arran-Elderslie Mayor Paul Eagleson. "I think the three municipalities (Arran-Elderslie, **Huron-Kinloss** and Kincardine) need to

take some of the credit for that \$100 million being made available for **natural gas** projects across the province."

The government announced funding of approximately \$100 million for a total of 11 projects on Tuesday. The projects are expected to result in over 11,300 homes and businesses being connected.

Both local projects are awaiting **Ontario Energy Board** approval.

Eagleson said that originally the government funding program was to include \$30 million in grants and \$70 million in loans, and the municipalities had been lobbying for the money for a long time. He heard that there was \$500 million in funding requests for projects, so Bruce County was fortunate to receive such a large portion of the designated funds. Kincardine itself is the largest municipality in **Ontario** that does not have **natural gas**,¹ said Eagleson.

"When you put Paisley, Chesley, Tiverton, Lucknow and Ripley into the mix, it is plain to see why it is such an expensive project."

The approximately \$100 million **natural gas** project has been in the works for southern Bruce County for about seven years and Eagleson said a certain amount of government funding was going to be necessary for the project, the remainder of which is to be paid for by the company that does the work.

In 2015, Arran-Elderslie, Kincardine and **Huron-Kinloss** signed a tentative franchise agreement with Edmonton-based **EPCOR** to bring the **service** to the area. **Union Gas** has also expressed an interest in bringing **natural gas** to the communities.

But Eagleson said the **OEB** has told the municipalities that it will decide which company will undertake the project.

Eagleson said while **EPCOR** had been identified as the preferred company, he now would just like to see the government approve the project so that the residents and businesses can get **natural gas** as soon as possible.

"**EPCOR** was my preferred and can remain my preferred, but at the same time I am to the point where it does not matter to me now," Eagleson said.

"I just want the decision made and one of those companies awarded the **contract** and I will be very satisfied with whichever company gets the business."

Eagleson said that he has been telling residents of the unserved areas in Arran-Elderslie for a long time that **natural gas** was on its way, and wouldn't blame them if they started to doubt him.

"I know the homeowners in Chesley and Paisley are getting tired of hearing me say it," said Eagleson. "The fact we are getting \$27 million means the project is on its way."

Saugeen First Nation Chief Lester Anoquot said the First Nation has been working with **Union Gas** for quite some time to bring **gas** to the community.

"Finally we have got our grant approval so it is another positive step for our infrastructure development," said Anoquot. "It will **service** the majority of the community. At least 80 per cent of the community is going to be serviced."

Anoquot is hopeful that the project will proceed sometime this year.

Eagleson said the Saugeen First Nation project should also benefit some residents of Arran-Elderslie.

He said the **Union Gas application** would see a line extended from Bruce County Road 17 across the B Line to Highway 21.

"The people along the B Line should be pretty excited now that they are getting **gas**," said Eagleson. "That is a plus-plus for Saugeen First Nation and for everyone in Arran Township along the B Line, which is another bonus."

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Greenhouse expansion possible under Union Gas plan

Chatham This Week - Thu Apr 12 2018

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Byline: Tom Morrison

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A new pipeline expansion project in Chatham-Kent, which could support up to 330 additional acres of greenhouse property, has been approved for an \$8-million grant from the province.

The proposed Chatham-Kent Rural Pipeline Expansion Project from **Union Gas** was one of 11 projects announced for **Ontario's Natural Gas** Grant Program on April 3.

The expansion project requires the completion of an environmental assessment and approval from the **Ontario Energy Board** before construction can begin.

Andrea Stass, manager of external communications and media relations, said the expansion will cost about \$23 million so the grant "helps to move it forward."

"It's two new pipelines that are going to be built, two sections of pipeline that are going to serve the agricultural, commercial and industrial market in Chatham-Kent, but it will also reinforce the existing redistribution systems so other potential customers could have access to that capacity," she said.

Union Gas is currently proposing an eight-inch diameter pipeline running 13 kilometres from the panhandle system in the Tupperville area along Base Line to the east of Dresden to Kent Bridge Road.

The second pipeline is a 500-metre 12-inch diameter pipe near Dover **Centre** near Dover **Centre**.

Stass said the project is expected to help deliver \$250 million of economic development for Chatham-Kent and create around 1,600 agricultural jobs.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has had to turn away 300 acres of greenhouse development in the past due to supply issues, Stuart McFadden, acting director of economic development services, said in a news release.

"This (expansion) means we are more open for business than ever," he said.

Stass said the project isn't specifically for greenhouse expansion, but "most of the capacity will go towards that market." It will help support "growing needs" of the greenhouse sector, she said.

"It will provide sufficient capacity for about 330 acres of new high-technology greenhouse in Chatham-Kent," she said.

In the release, Mayor Randy Hope said the announcement of the grant is the result of two years of work.

"Our greenhouse industry is bursting at its seams," said Hope. "Each acre of greenhouses costs more than \$1 million to build and this project can supply enough **natural gas** for hundreds of acres of greenhouses."

"This kind of development brings jobs in construction and in long-term operation."

Union Gas would also pay an additional \$50,000 in property taxes if the project moves forward, said Stass. This does not include additional property taxes for new greenhouse properties which may result from the project.

The environmental assessment is currently being worked on and various interested parties are being consulted.

Stass said the company is also planning on submitting an **application** with the **Ontario Energy Board**, the provincial **regulator** for **natural gas** expansion projects, in May.

If approved, construction would start spring 2019 and last four to six months, she said.

Union Gas also received a \$113,000 grant towards a **natural gas distribution** pipeline in Moraviantown First Nation. The project is meant to supply homes and businesses along Norton Line, Knoll Road, School House Road, Lunaapeew Road and Littlejohn Road/Corn Plant Road.

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Alternative to cap-and-trade ?

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Byline: Jane Derby

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So Doug Ford fiddles while **Ontario** and much of the rest of the world actively fights to stave off the looming crisis of **climate** change.

He and his leadership rivals quickly denounced the Liberal government's **cap-and-trade** program. Now as elected Progressive Conservative leader, Ford has been unable to offer any details on what he would do instead.

So, Ford would roll back a Liberal government program that has generated cap-and-trade auction proceeds of close to \$2.5 billion to date, including the \$471 million **Ontario** pocketed after its joint auction with Quebec and California earlier this year. By law, all **Ontario's** auction funds will go toward programs that help industry emitters, families and businesses reduce greenhouse **gas** (GHG) pollution. Would Ford also just shrug off the lost revenues and momentum gained in fighting **climate** change while **Ontario** disengages from **cap-and-trade** and pays significant compensation to participating businesses? Recently in **Toronto**, global **climate** guru Al Gore applauded **Ontario's** innovative approach to **climate** change and decried those who would "go backwards and undo the progress that has created jobs and made **Ontario** a model for the entire world."

If Ford follows through on his stated plans to ditch **cap-and-trade** in **Ontario** without offering a credible replacement and to legally challenge a federal government carbon tax on foot-dragging provinces, Ontarians will lose their hard-fought-for traction on becoming a global market leader in clean technology and on making a difference in quality of life for the generations to come.

Jane Derby

Kingston

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Net-Zero Energy Homes In Ontario That Produce As Much Power As They Consume

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Oilsands research could be 'game changer' for renewable energy | CBC News

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Originally from South Africa, JT Steenkamp doesn't usually enjoy brisk Canadian winter weather, but this year is different for the engineer who is testing out a new type of battery at Shell Canada's research centre in Calgary.

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CPP purchase of solar farms is a 'wise' move: Arnold

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Byline: Paul Morden

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St. Clair Township's mayor is welcoming news that two large **solar** projects in his community are being sold to the **Canadian Pension Plan**.

The pension **plan**'s board says it's buying six southwestern **Ontario wind** and **solar** projects from Florida-based NextEra **Energy** Partners, including the 92-turbine Jericho **wind** project in Lambton Shores and Warwick Township, and the Moore and Sombra **solar** facilities in St. Clair Township.

"Even the **Canadian** government knows a great place to invest," said Mayor Steve Arnold.

The \$741-million deal between the pension **plan** and NextEra is expected to close later this year. It also includes the **Bluewater wind** project in **Huron** County, Conestogo **wind** project in **Wellington** County and Summerhaven **wind** facility in Haldimand County.

Each of the St. Clair Township **solar** projects is 20-MW. The Sombra project sits on 140 hectares (347 acres) on Bentpath Line and the Moore project is on 120 hectares (297 acres) on Rokeby Line, near Highway 40.

Both were built in 2012 by First **Solar** and then sold that year to NextEra.

Neighbours raised some concerns when construction began on the **solar** projects but those were solved early on, Arnold said.

"Ever since then, they're just there," he added.

"That's the beauty of **solar** compared to any other type of **energy** because it's very passive."

Solar projects don't come with issues that can be experienced at **wind** projects, "like things falling over and the noise," or issues common with other forms of **electricity** generation, Arnold said.

The township was home to the coal-fired Lambton Generating Station, until it closed, and is currently home to several **natural gas**-fired **electricity** plants.

"The township has always been very supportive of **solar**, because it is such a nice clean **energy** and it's a good way to diversify the **energy** mix," Arnold said.

He called buying the two projects "a wise investment" for the pension **plan**.

"It's those types of positive investments that will help sustain the **Canadian Pension Plan** over the long term."

The **plan**'s board said the southwestern **Ontario** projects join **wind** and **solar** investments it has made recently in Brazil and India.

An affiliate of NextEra is expected to continue to operate the projects under a 10-year agreement with pension **plan**.

NextEra said the six projects have an average **renewable energy contract** life of approximately 16 years.

NextEra said the sale will allow it to "recycle capital" back into the U.S. to take advantage of recent tax cuts there.

Jane Wilson, president of **Wind Concerns Ontario**, said her group believes there are reasons to be concerned about the **public** pension **plan** investing in **wind** projects.

"There are still tons of complaints and problems that have not been resolved, and you just wonder what they're getting us all into," she said.

As well as complaints from neighbours about noise from **wind** turbines, there are concerns in Chatham-Kent about the impact turbines are having on ground water, she said.

"You just wonder if the pension **plan** investment board had really looked at everything."

Because of concerns about the cost of **renewable energy** in **Ontario**, it's possible a future provincial government may look at renegotiating those contracts, Wilson said.

"What would happen to the value then?"

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Bruce Power partnering with Great Lakes climate change study

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Byline: James Scongack

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Bruce **Power** will partner with the Council of the Great Lakes Region (CGLR) to conduct a **climate** change study over the next three years, providing leadership in this emerging area of importance.

The study will provide insight into the following issues: The state of **climate** change science in the Great Lakes Region.

The impact of a changing **climate** on various ecosystems and sectors in the Great Lakes, including the region's aquatic environment, fisheries and Bruce **Power**'s operations.

The knowledge and decisionmaking systems companies and communities need to better manage changing risks as a result of **climate** change.

The role that Bruce **Power** and other sectors might play in tackling **climate** change on a local and **regional** level, and how companies can adjust their corporate sustainability strategies to limit their impact.

The Great Lakes region is both an economic powerhouse and a globally significant bioregion and freshwater resource. As the region continues to grow and prosper, it's crucial that business, government, academia and the non-profit sector work jointly to understand and limit the impact of **climate** change in the Great Lakes, while seeking new ideas and technologies that will help accelerate our transition to a sustainable, low-carbon economy.

Bruce **Power** continues to play a role as a provider of clean **electricity**, contributing to Canada's action **plan** on **climate** change. The field of study on **climate** change is still relatively new, and Bruce **Power** continues to be engaged in understanding the impacts from **climate** change predictions and considering how it may affect future operations.

Bruce **Power** will continue to keep abreast of the science and **application** of knowledge to understand **climate** change. We have commissioned the CGLR to conduct this study in order to provide important information and data that will assist Bruce **Power** and its partners in planning for its future, and also place continued focus on our role as a clean provider of **electricity** to tackle **climate** change itself.

Bruce **Power** continues to **review** ongoing and future operations, to ensure that adaptive mitigation to changes in **climate** will be **incorporated** into the site operations. Though **nuclear energy** generates no carbon emissions and fights **climate** change simply by making carbonintensive **energy** supplies such as coal unnecessary, there are still things we can do on our site, in our community, and regionally to reduce the impacts of **climate** change and meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own economic, social and environmental needs.

The Great Lakes Region consists of **Ontario** and Quebec in Canada, and Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota in the U.S.

Bruce **Power** and the CGLR have previously collaborated on a study titled 'Driving Economic Growth & Keeping the Air Clean: The role of nuclear **power** in the Great Lakes Region,' which can be downloaded at brucepower.com. Bruce **Power** and CGLR are looking for partners to join the conversation and the study. Those interested in learning more can contact info@brucepower.com or mark@councilgreatlakesregion.org.

As always, you can email me at james.scongack@brucepower.com or on Twitter [@jscongack](https://twitter.com/jscongack).

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Ontario businessman who saved millions by going green reveals his secret | National Observer

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Paul Rak is a businessman, not an environmental activist.

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Can Trudeau keep himself, and the country, together?; Whatever decision the Prime Minister makes on the Kinder Morgan project will have deep repercussions in Quebec

The Globe and Mail - Thu Apr 12 2018

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Byline: KONRAD YAKABUSKI

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ou needed only watch Quebec Y Premier Philippe Couillard's face as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau vowed to push through the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion to understand that, however this crisis ends, the nature of federal **power** will never be the same.

The two leaders were on the same stage Monday to announce an extension to Montreal's Metro. But all the national reporters who attended their news conference wanted to know was what the Prime Minister is going to do about the Kinder Morgan ultimatum on Trans Mountain that is throwing a wrench into his sunny ways.

The Quebec Premier, who is often accused by his provincial adversaries of not standing up to **Ottawa** enough, stood stone-faced behind the Prime Minister as Mr. Trudeau said, in French: "I can reassure all Canadians from one end of the country to the other that this project in the national interest will be accomplished."

The crisis that has pitted British Columbia's New Democratic government against its Alberta NDP counterpart is unfolding in the two provinces farthest from Quebec. But make no mistake: Quebec has as much at stake in this dispute as Kinder Morgan, Alberta's oil industry, the environmental movement and the federal government. Sovereignists would love to see **Ottawa** play hard ball on Trans Mountain.

Indeed, if **Ottawa**, the courts or a bout of intellectual honesty force the B.C. government to stand down in its opposition to the pipeline's construction, the consequences for the federation will be just as far-reaching as if the federal government refuses to invoke its prerogatives despite B.C.'s direct challenge to its authority. The Prime Minister needs to think long and hard on this one.

TransCanada did Mr. Trudeau a tremendous favour by abandoning its proposed **Energy** East pipeline before the Prime Minister had to make a decision on its fate. The Alberta-to-New Brunswick pipeline, which would have had to pass through Quebec, was doomed by the National **Energy** Board's move to impose an upstream emissions test on the project.

TransCanada saw where that was heading and cut its losses.

Western politicians and commentators accused Mr. Trudeau of sabotaging **Energy** East by failing to confront the Quebec politicians and environmentalists who were on a mission to kill the project. With the fate of the federal Liberals so closely tied to their ability to hang on to, if not gain, seats in Quebec in 2019, Mr. Trudeau indeed faced a political Hobson's choice on **Energy** East.

Luckily for him, he never had to make it.

Beyond the politics, however, the underlying constitutional dilemma he risked facing on **Energy** East was identical to the one he now faces on Trans Mountain. Whatever the Prime Minister does on the Kinder Morgan project will have deep repercussions in Quebec.

If preserving the federal-provincial peace is Mr. Trudeau's goal, the best outcome on Trans Mountain would involve the B.C. government withdrawing its threats to block the project. If that does not happen, the federation is headed into risky territory.

If **Ottawa** is forced to exercise its authority, before or after the Supreme Court weighs in its favour, it will introduce an entirely new dynamic into federal-provincial relations. The spectre of future federal governments overriding provincial environmental legislation to impose interprovincial projects deemed in the national interest would energize Quebec sovereigntists. If anything risks reviving their moribund movement, this would be it.

Yes, you can call Quebec hypocritical for raking in equalization payments from **Ottawa** - \$11.7-billion this year and set to rise by 13 per cent next year - all while proclaiming its environmental superiority to oil-dependent Alberta, the province whose taxpayers foot a disproportionate share of the federal equalization tab. But the Trump-worthy attempts of some western politicians to feed resentment toward Quebec for short-term political gain could take us down a dangerous path even they would regret. Jason Kenney, a former federal cabinet minister, should know better.

It's true that former Montreal mayor Denis Coderre, who also previously served in the federal cabinet, stirred the pot by calling **Energy** East's cancellation "an enormous victory" while Albertans and New Brunswickers mourned its death. But that was just cheap politics, too.

Mr. Trudeau is facing the kind of leadership test that could not only doom his own political career but could feed the kind of **regional** resentment that once brought the country close to the brink of disintegration. Is he up to the task?

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Trudeau's grand plan falling apart; Provincial battle over Kinder Morgan pipeline threatens his green credentials

The Hamilton Spectator - Thu Apr 12 2018

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Byline: Tim Harper

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Sometimes leadership means recognizing that a train in the distance is headed straight at you and doing something about it before you are forced to jump out of the way.

For Justin Trudeau, the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion train has been bearing down on him and his government for close to a year, yet it has been allowed to become a crisis worthy of an extraordinary cabinet meeting and an interprovincial fight that should concern all Canadians.

For all the prime minister's talk about how the economy and the environment go hand-in-hand, sometimes they become detached and action is needed, not a continuation of a Goldilocks not-too-hot, not-too-cold mantra that works as a sound bite, but not always as policy.

Trudeau has allowed himself to be held hostage by a Texas-based **energy corporation** so tone deaf it issued an ultimatum on the project as this nation was mourning the Humboldt Broncos tragedy in Saskatchewan, and a rookie premier who signalled a year ago he would do exactly what he is doing today.

John Horgan is defending the British Columbia **coast** against increased tanker traffic, and whether or not one believes he has the right to hold up a project Trudeau has declared to be in the "national interest," he is doing precisely what

he promised he would do if elected.

Immediately after his election, there was rampant speculation that he would try to run out the clock to make the entire pipeline twinning project unpalatable to Kinder Morgan.

So here we are, a defining moment for the Trudeau government, with the clock ticking; a defining moment which Trudeau has largely brought upon himself.

Trudeau watched as Horgan and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley ratcheted up a trade war, and Kinder Morgan should not have shocked anyone when it finally decided it couldn't continue to pour money into a project that has been continually stalled.

The Liberals, having already killed the **Northern** Gateway pipeline, watched **Energy** East die and their grand bargain with Notley rested with the Trans Mountain project.

Trudeau needed Notley and her environmental initiative to sell his national **climate** change **plan**. Notley needed a pipeline win as her quid pro quo, a lifeline which could win her re-election.

That grand **plan** is falling apart. With Jason Kenney waiting in the wings in Alberta, and Doug Ford looking covetously at Queen's Park, that national **plan** faces further peril.

It is important to remember how a campaigning Trudeau promised to deal with pipelines and other resource development compared to where he stood Tuesday.

On "social licence," the Liberal platform read: "While governments grant permits for resource development, only communities can grant permission."

That was modified a year into the mandate with a more broad definition that dealt with consultation and dropped any reference to permission.

Also, from the 2015 platform was a promise to Indigenous Canadians that they would be full partners on resource projects: "This will ensure on project reviews and assessments, the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation and consent obligations, in accordance with its constitutional and international human rights obligations, including Aboriginal and treaty rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

The Conservative opposition does itself no favours as it takes aim at Trudeau. Conservative MPs have been hit by a collective amnesia that makes them forget 10 years of Stephen Harper championing various pipelines accomplished nothing more than irritating official Washington and an infamous Harper declaration that Obama's approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, was a "no-brainer."

When Harper OK'd the **Northern** Gateway pipeline, no one from his government would stand in front of a camera to back the decision. It was left to wither until Trudeau mercifully killed it.

With two NDP governments at war, federal leader Jagmeet Singh has effectively gone to ground, refusing to stand up to Notley or Horgan.

Trudeau's tool box remains more formidable than Horgan's and federal action should win the day. This is a federal project that can't be held up by a province.

But to get there, Trudeau is going to have to force an unpopular pipeline expansion by bulldozing it past a provincial government, Indigenous leaders and protesters.

Trudeau will expend much more than political capital. He will have his green bona fides shattered.

And he still might end up having to deal with Kenney and Ford in 2019.

A **plan** that looked so sound on paper has fallen apart on the ground.

Tim Harper is a former Star reporter who is a current freelance columnist based in **Toronto**. Follow him on Twitter: @nutgraf1

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Forget the activists, regular Canadians support Trans Mountain

Toronto Sun - Thu Apr 12 2018

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The silent majority of Canadians were represented on Tuesday, in a large rally in support of Canada's natural resource sector. Thousands gathered in Calgary to show their support for Western **Canadian** industry, and to urge the continuation of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline.

It was a strong showing, a moral victory for working Canadians, and a firm response to far-left activists and radical environmentalists who hold our system hostage to push their narrow ideological dogma.

Unlike the foreign-funded sitins on Burnaby Mountain near Vancouver, where protesters break the law and local authorities don't always have the stomach to stop them, the Alberta rally was both peaceful and lawful. Private property was respected, there was no violence and no arrests were made.

It was an energetic rally with a simple yet powerful message: build the pipeline, and let Canadians get back to work.

Kinder Morgan announced on Sunday it would stop non-essential funding of the \$7.4 billion project to upgrade the existing pipeline and triple its capacity. The **Canadian** Taxpayers Federation says this project, if completed, will contribute a whopping \$46.7 billion in tax revenues across Canada over the next two decades.

The federal government gave the project the green light back in 2016, but the approval is being challenged in court by a group of activists supported by the provincial NDP government in British Columbia. B.C. Premier John Horgan is also musing about banning ships carrying Alberta's oil from BC's **coast**.

This is a major blow to **Canadian** unity, and undermines the core tenet of our confederation.

Kinder Morgan says the project will be scrapped entirely unless the feds can resolve the legal and jurisdictional issues by May 31. This puts the pressure on Trudeau to come up with a **plan**.

But instead, Trudeau is nowhere to be found.

He didn't meet with Premier Horgan while in B.C. last week, and he didn't show up to the rally in Calgary on Tuesday. He took a "personal day" on Wednesday - skipping work for reasons unknown - and now, he's leaving on a 10-day round-the-world trip to attend more international summits and conferences.

Trudeau's record as Prime Minister has been focused on promoting his own image as a **climate** change champion on the global stage.

His government spent millions of dollars to showcase their environmental efforts in Paris and Davos, agreeing to impossible commitments and coming up with new schemes, like the job-killing carbon tax, to **tie** our hands behind our back.

Far from championing jobs and economic growth, Trudeau goes out of his way to wink and nod at those who work to demonize **Canadian** oil. His policies killed both the **Northern** Gateway and **Energy** East pipelines, and Trudeau himself has said he wants to "phase out" oil sands projects.

Trudeau's latest **plan** calls for natural resource projects to undergo a "sex and gender" evaluation before being approved. Imagine a **review** to decide whether oil is gender neutral.

Contrast Trudeau's weaseling with the vibrant **crowd** in Calgary.

Unlike Trudeau, Canadians understand that we already have the world's strongest environmental regime and that our industry sets the standard on safety and trust. Canadians are realistic about the need to develop our natural resources and get our product to market.

Everyday Canadians are standing up and fighting for our economy and our way of life. Trudeau, meanwhile, is off enjoying another international junket - flying around the world on his own personal jet. Must be nice to be a liberal hypocrite.

@CandiceMalcolm

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Fed-up Albertans unite in bid to 'build that pipe'; Protesters pump upfight for fairness, economic future, Claudia Cattaneo writes

London Free Press - Thu Apr 12 2018

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Byline: Claudia Cattaneo

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With almost no pipelines left to lose, Albertans of all backgrounds and political persuasions are uniting and rising against years of what they perceive as unfair treatment by the federal Liberal government and its eco-activist partners.

They are showing the tide is turning against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's strategy of transitioning Canada away from oil and **gas** - which has killed oil and **gas** investment, jobs, economic growth, and is now threatening the last oilpatch lifeline, the proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion - while he prioritizes **climate** change policy and carbon taxes. The next chapter is uncharted political territory.

That pent-up anger spilled over at a Calgary rally in support of the Trans Mountain pipeline Tuesday and is expected to continue at a rally in Edmonton Thursday at the Alberta legislature. Rally 4 Resources and Canada Action organized both events in response to Kinder Morgan Canada Ltd putting the project on hold on the weekend in response to the British Columbia government's continued opposition.

At least 1,000 oil workers, executives, unemployed, children, Indigenous leaders poured in front of the provincial government building on Tuesday to chant: "Build that pipe. Build that pipe. Build that pipe." This is no Vancouver, where

demonstrators are on speed dial. This is the heart of the tightlipped oil industry, where many never showed up at a rally before, and those who still have jobs keep their heads low.

Yet they came in suits, wheelchairs, strollers and waved signs like: Trans Mountain Keeps Vancouver airport Flying, The World Needs More Canada, Alberta Oil Most Ethical In the World.

For Trudeau, that political uncertainty already has many names. They include Jason Kenney, the leader of the United Conservative Party, who is running to be Alberta's next premier and drew big applause when he said: "Are you folks ready to fight for Alberta? Are you ready to fight for our country's economic future? "Friends, this is not just about a pipeline. This is about what country we live in. If we can't get this project done, it tells us that we are no longer a country based on the rule of law. It tells us we are no longer a country that believes in internal free trade. It tells us that we are no longer that, we are turning our back on the future of prosperity. This isn't just a fight for one project. This is not just a fight for the **energy** industry. It is a fight for Canada." Kenney blamed foreign-funded eco-activists for pressuring Trudeau to kill the **Northern** Gateway pipeline and the **Energy** East pipeline, as well as to surrender when former U.S. President Barack Obama vetoed the Keystone XL pipeline, and for doing nothing to get the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion built.

If the obstructionism is allowed to continue, Canada will lose hundreds of billions of dollars of value from its **energy** deposits, the ability to pay off debts, future pensions and education, while dictatorships like Saudi Arabia and Iran gain market share, Kenney told the **crowd**.

"If enemies of our economic progress succeed, we will simply hand a monopoly over the growing global **energy** market to some of the world's worst regimes," he said. "This isn't just about our economy. This is about human rights, and the world is counting on Canada to win this fight." But it's not just Kenney who poses a political threat. Alberta Premier Rachel Notley is so exasperated she's putting on the table tougher measures that will deepen the divide with British Columbia, which has gotten away with years of oilpatch sabotage amid federal complacency.

Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister and NDP MLA Shaye Anderson drew cheers when he said his NDP government brought in legislation to "cause economic pain to B.C."

That pain involves cutting off Alberta oil shipments to B.C.'s lower mainland in retribution for Premier John Horgan's stalling tactics. A bill is expected to be introduced in the Alberta legislature as soon as next week.

Trudeau's Conservative opposition is also re-energized.

Conservative Calgary MP Michelle Rempel took off the gloves against Trudeau for promoting fairness for so many - except for Albertans.

"It's not **fair** to say that the jobs that we do are dirty. It's not **fair** to denigrate an industry that provides **energy** products in one of the most ethical and sustainable ways in the world. It's not **fair** to let vocal minority groups that don't run on fact to control the fate and prosperity of an entire country," she said.

Rempel said it's also not **fair** to use taxpayers' money to purchase a piece of Trans Mountain, an option that is on the table both in Alberta and in **Ottawa**, to solve a problem of Trudeau's own creation.

She ridiculed Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr for claiming that "all options are on the table. What is that code for, **energy** sector? No options are on the table," Rempel said.

And what about Canada's Indigenous communities, which Trudeau has leaned

on to legitimize his environmental agenda? They're breaking ranks with him too, and becoming yet another powerful face of that political uncertainty.

"Stop using First Nations as pawns," Metis Robbie Picard, founder of Oil-Sands Strong, said at the rally.

First Nations leaders in the **Fort** McMurray region caught up with Trudeau when he visited last week to tell him that as far as supporting the oilsands and the Trans Mountain expansion, "we are more united than ever," Picard said.
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Ramsey Hart named Ontario NDP candidate for Lanark-Frontenac and Kingston

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The NDP riding association in Lanark-Frontenac and **Kingston** named community organizer Ramsey Hart as their candidate in June's provincial election at a nomination meeting held at Maberly's community hall on Saturday, April 7.

"I'm thrilled to be officially joining Andrea Horwath's NDP team today," said Hart.

"Our area has beautiful communities, but families have been working harder, but not getting ahead - thanks to skyrocketing **hydro** bills, underfunded health care and rural schools threatened with closure under Kathleen Wynne's watch.

"Andrea and the NDP are the only ones who will deliver change for the better in Lanark-Frontenac and **Kingston**. Andrea has a **plan** to bring **Hydro** One back into **public** hands and get our bills down by about 30 per cent. She will take on hospital underfunding on day one. Andrea will finally invest in our schools, communities and the people of Lanark-Frontenac and **Kingston**." Hart is the executive director of The Table Community Food **Centre** in Perth. He also served as a community representative on the Mayor's Task Force on Local **Climate** Change in Perth.

Hart is also working on Indigenous justice and reconciliation with the Lanark County Neighbours for Truth and Reconciliation.

"For decades we as a province have chosen Liberals or Conservatives - but where has that gotten us?" asked Hart.

"Too many people have been left behind, and we are now at a point where people are faced with sky high **hydro** bills, and cuts to the **public** services our community needs.

"We need change in **Ontario**, but Doug Ford is not the answer. He will cut and privatize even more than Wynne has - he's already promised that.

"We need a premier who cares about us - who will make sure that government puts people back at the heart of all its decisions. Andrea is a leader we can trust to do just that."

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Trudeau stuck in a pipeline box he built

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Sometimes leadership means recognizing that a train in the distance is headed straight at you and doing something about it before you are forced to jump out of the way.

For Justin Trudeau, the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion train has been bearing down on him and his government for close to a year, yet it has been allowed to become a crisis worthy of an extraordinary cabinet meeting and an interprovincial fight that should concern all Canadians.

For all the prime minister's talk about how the economy and the environment go hand-in-hand, sometimes they become detached and action is needed, not a continuation of a Goldilocks not-too-hot, not-too-cold mantra that works as a sound bite, but not always as policy.

Trudeau has allowed himself to be held hostage by a Texas-based **energy corporation** so tone deaf it issued an ultimatum on the project as this nation was mourning the Humboldt Broncos tragedy in Saskatchewan, and a rookie premier who signalled a year ago he would do exactly what he is doing today.

John Horgan is defending the British Columbia **coast** against increased tanker traffic, and whether or not one believes he has the right to hold up a project Trudeau has declared to be in the "national interest," he is doing precisely what he promised he would do if elected.

Immediately after his election, there was rampant speculation that he would try to run out the clock to make the entire pipeline twinning project unpalatable to Kinder Morgan.

So here we are, a defining moment for the Trudeau government, with the clock ticking; a defining moment which Trudeau has largely brought upon himself.

Trudeau watched as Horgan and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley ratcheted up a trade war and Kinder Morgan should not have shocked anyone when it finally decided it couldn't continue to pour money into a project that has been continually stalled.

The Liberals, having already killed the **Northern Gateway** pipeline, watched **Energy East** die and their grand bargain with Notley rested with the Trans Mountain project.

Trudeau needed Notley and her environmental initiative to sell his national **climate change plan**. Notley needed a pipeline win as her quid pro quo, a lifeline which could win her re-election.

That grand **plan** is falling apart. With Jason Kenney waiting in the wings in Alberta, and Doug Ford looking covetously at Queen's Park, that national **plan** faces further peril.

It is important to remember how a campaigning Trudeau promised to deal with pipelines and other resource development compared to where he stood Tuesday.

On "social licence" the Liberal platform read: "While governments grant permits for resource development, only communities can grant permission."

That was modified a year into the mandate with a more broad definition that

dealt with consultation and dropped any reference to permission.

Also, from the 2015 platform was a promise to Indigenous Canadians that they would be full partners on resource projects: "This will ensure on project reviews and assessments, the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation and consent obligations, in accordance with its constitutional and international human rights obligations, including Aboriginal and treaty rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

The Conservative opposition does itself no favours as it takes aim at Trudeau. Conservative MPs have been hit by a collective amnesia that makes them forget 10 years of Stephen Harper championing various pipelines accomplished nothing more than irritating official Washington and an infamous Harper declaration that Obama's approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, was a "no-brainer."

When Harper OK'd the **Northern** Gateway pipeline, no one from his government would stand in front of a camera to back the decision. It was left to wither until Trudeau mercifully killed it.

With two NDP governments at war, federal leader Jagmeet Singh has gone to ground, refusing to stand up to either Notley or Horgan.

Trudeau's tool box remains more formidable than Horgan's, and federal action should win the day. This is a federal project that can't be held up by a province.

But to get there, Trudeau is going to have to force an unpopular pipeline expansion by bulldozing it past a provincial government, Indigenous leaders and protesters.

Trudeau will expend much more than political capital. He will have his green bona fides shattered.

And he still might end up having to deal with Kenney and Ford in 2019.

A **plan** that looked so sound on paper has fallen apart on the ground.

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MALCOLM: Forget the activists, regular Canadians support Trans Mountain | Toronto Sun

torontosun.com - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

The silent majority of Canadians were represented on Tuesday, in a large rally in support of Canada's natural resource sector. Thousands gathered in Calgary to show their support for Western Canadian industry, and to urge the continuation of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline.

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The Fuse | Canada's Oil Industry Faces Long-Term Challenges Without Key Pipelines - The Fuse

energyfuse.org - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Kinder Morgan announced on April 8 that it would suspend all non-essential work on the Trans Mountain Expansion pipeline, a major setback for Canada's oil sands.

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Can Trudeau keep himself, and the country, together?; Whatever decision the Prime Minister makes on the Kinder Morgan project will have deep repercussions in Quebec

theglobeandmail.com - Wed Apr 11 2018, 5:19pm ET

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Byline: Konrad Yakabuski

Reach: 1188000

You needed only watch Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard's face as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau vowed to push through the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion to understand that, however this crisis ends, the nature of federal power will never be the same.

The two leaders were on the same stage Monday to announce an extension to Montreal's Métro. But all the national reporters who attended their press conference wanted to know was what the Prime Minister is going to do about the Kinder Morgan ultimatum on Trans Mountain that is throwing a wrench into his sunny ways.

The Quebec Premier, who is often accused by his provincial adversaries of not standing up to Ottawa enough, stood stone-faced ici.radio-canada.ca behind the Prime Minister as Mr. Trudeau said, in French: "I can reassure all Canadians from one end of the country to the other that this project in the national interest will be accomplished."

The crisis that has pitted British Columbia's New Democratic government against its Alberta NDP counterpart is unfolding in the two provinces furthest from Quebec. But make no mistake: Quebec has as much at stake in this dispute as Kinder Morgan, Alberta's oil industry, the environmental movement and the federal government. Sovereignists would love to see Ottawa play hard ball on Trans Mountain.

Indeed, if Ottawa, the courts or a bout of intellectual honesty force the B.C. government to stand down in its opposition to the pipeline's construction, the consequences for the federation will be just as far-reaching as if the federal government refuses to invoke its prerogatives despite B.C.'s direct challenge to its authority. The Prime Minister needs to think long and hard on this one.

TransCanada did Mr. Trudeau a tremendous favour by abandoning its proposed Energy East pipeline before the Prime Minister had to make a decision on its fate. The Alberta-to-New Brunswick pipeline, which would have had to pass through Quebec, was doomed by the National Energy Board's move to impose an upstream emissions test on the project. TransCanada saw where that was heading and cut its losses.

Western politicians and commentators accused Mr. Trudeau of sabotaging Energy East by failing to confront the Quebec politicians and environmentalists who were on a mission to kill the project. With the fate of the federal Liberals so closely tied to their ability to hang on to, if not gain, seats in Quebec in 2019, Mr. Trudeau indeed faced a political Hobson's choice on Energy East. Luckily for him, he never had to make it.

Beyond the politics, however, the underlying constitutional dilemma he risked facing on Energy East was identical to the one he now faces on Trans Mountain. Whatever the Prime Minister does on the Kinder Morgan project will have deep repercussions in Quebec.

If preserving the federal-provincial peace is Mr. Trudeau's goal, the best outcome on Trans Mountain would involve the B.C. government withdrawing its threats to block the project. If that does not happen, the federation is headed into risky territory.

If Ottawa is forced to exercise its authority, before or after the Supreme Court weighs in in its favour, it will introduce an entirely new dynamic into federal-provincial relations. The spectre of future federal governments overriding provincial environmental legislation to impose interprovincial projects deemed in the national interest would energize Quebec sovereigntists. If anything risks reviving their moribund movement, this would be it.

Yes, you can call Quebec hypocritical for raking in equalization payments from Ottawa - \$11.7-billion this year and set to rise by 13 per cent next year - all while proclaiming its environmental superiority to oil-dependent Alberta, the province whose taxpayers foot a disproportionate share of the federal equalization tab. But the Trump-worthy attempts of some western politicians to feed resentment toward Quebec for short-term political gain could take us down a dangerous path even they would regret. Jason Kenney, a former federal cabinet minister, should know better.

It's true that former Montreal mayor Denis Coderre, who also previously served in the federal cabinet, stirred the pot by calling Energy East's cancellation "an enormous victory" while Albertans and New Brunswickers mourned its death. But that was just cheap politics, too.

Mr. Trudeau is facing the kind of leadership test that could not only doom his own political career but could feed the kind of regional resentment that once brought the country close to the brink of disintegration. Is he up to the task?

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With almost nothing left to lose, Albertans rise up against Ottawa's empty pipeline promises | Financial Post

business.financialpost.com - Wed Apr 11 2018
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With almost no pipelines left to lose, Albertans of all backgrounds and political persuasions are uniting and rising against years of what they perceive as unfair treatment by the federal Liberal government and its eco-activist partners.

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Trans Mountain Expansion now in serious jeopardy

www.estevanmercury.ca - Wed Apr 11 2018
Tone: **Neutral**

He's not even in power, but Jason Kenney, leader of the Alberta United Conservative Party and that province's leader of the opposition, probably said it best. "We've seen this movie before."

He then referred to how, in September 2017, TransCanada announced a 30 day suspension of its Energy East Pipeline, and a month later, killed it.

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Obstructing pipelines costing Canada billions | Troy Media

troymedia.com - Wed Apr 11 2018
Tone: **Neutral**

In recent months, Canadian crude oil prices have dropped relative to other international benchmark prices, costing the economy billions in foregone revenues.

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April 11: A country divided. Plus other letters to the editor - The Globe and Mail

www.theglobeandmail.com - Wed Apr 11 2018

Tone: **Neutral**

Re Ottawa, Alberta Look To Finance Trans Mountain (April 10): Alberta's growth rate was 4.5 per cent last year, with another 2.7 per cent projected this year. It has some of the best job-creation numbers in Canada.

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North Kent Wind fully operational

Chatham This Week - Thu Apr 12 2018

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Construction of **North Kent Wind's** 100-megawatt **wind power** facility is fully operational in the **North Kent** area.

Samsung **Renewable Energy** Inc. and Pattern **Energy** Group LP announced Monday that construction has been completed on the **wind** farm project.

The project has also spawned the formation of a citizen group that remains active over concerns that vibration from the construction and operation of **wind** turbines for the project have damaged private water wells in the area.

"Samsung is proud to complete its sixth **wind** project under our Green **Energy** Investment Agreement with the government of **Ontario**," said Eskay Lee, vice president, Samsung C&T, in a media release. "Samsung and its partners have created jobs and invested in the community, benefiting real people in Chatham-Kent and across the province."

Mike Garland, president and CEO of Pattern Development, said in the media release that **North Kent Wind** marks the company's six operational **wind power** facility in **Ontario**, "totaling more than one gigawatt of capacity, enough to **power** more than \$400,000 homes each year."

He added: "**North Kent Wind** was built entirely by **Ontario** workers and is generating substantial economic benefits in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent by injecting more than \$40 million in direct spending into the local economy over the next 20 years."

North Kent Wind is using 34 Siemens Gamesa 3.2 MW **wind** turbines with towers and blades that were made in **Ontario**. During the peak of construction activity, **North Kent Wind** employed approximately 175 skilled workers, all of whom were from **Ontario**, with the majority from the local area, the media release stated. The facility also has approximately 10 permanent employees for ongoing operations and maintenance, in addition to utilizing a number of local contractors.

Samsung and Pattern Development are also providing \$4 million to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent as a community benefit contribution to be used at the sole discretion of municipal council. In addition, the facility is estimated to generate approximately \$5 million in tax revenue over 20 years.

In total, **North Kent Wind** will inject more than \$40 million of direct spending into

the local economy over 20 years, including taxes, community benefits, landowner payments, and facility spending, the media release states.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent also holds a 15 per cent equity interest in **North Kent Wind** through its affiliate **Entegrus Renewable Energy** Inc. Bkejwanong First Nation, also known as Walpole Island First Nation, also holds a per cent equity interest in **North Kent Wind**.

The **North Kent Wind** facility is expected to generate enough clean **energy** to meet the **electricity** needs of approximately 35,000 **Ontario** homes annually, based on average annual residential **energy** use in **Ontario**. The facility operates under a 20-year **power** purchase agreement with the **Independent Electricity** System Operator.

However, opposition to the project hasn't let up since the group Water Wells First initially raised concerns in June 2016 that constructing the project in an area with a shallow aquifer on Kettle Point black shale would damage water wells.

Since then, more 20 landowners have come forward with complaints their wells became clogged after either pile driving took place or the blades began turning on a nearby **wind** tower.

Area MPPs from both the Progressive Conservatives and NDP have brought concerns raised by residents directly to Queen's Park.

The Ministry of Environment and **Climate** Change has sided with the **wind** developer, based in part on reports from the project developers' own consultants, that the **wind** farm project has had no impact on local water wells.

Water Wells First has a media conference planned for Tuesday to raise another issue regarding the dangers of black shale sediment that it says remains in the water wells of area landowners.

Chatham-Kent-**Essex** MPP Rick Nicholls recently issued a media release that stated, in part: "No family in Canada should be fearful of not having clean, safe water come out of their taps. More communities across **Ontario** will face these same threats due to this government's complete disrespect for rural **Ontario**."

He added the MOECC and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are not listening and refuse to have a health hazard investigation done regarding the impact of this **wind** farm.

"Governments must be held accountable when water quality is in jeopardy," Nicholls said. "We can't afford to make any mistakes with drinking water. We can't put people at risk just because a premier says the jar contents are safe to **drink** but has never had the jar contents analyzed. Analyze the sediment and do a health hazard investigation."

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Horwath calls water well problems 'outrageous'

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NDP leader Andrea Horwath has joined the call for the province to order a health hazard investigation into water wells that have filled with sediments after a **wind** farm was constructed in the area.

Horwath visited the Dresden area farm of Dave Lusk during her pre-election stop in Chatham-Kent on April 4 to see the state of Lusk's water well, which he blames on pile driving to construct the **North Kent 1 wind** farm, developed by

Samsung **Renewable Energy** and Pattern **Energy**.

"What I saw was outrageous," said Horwath in a written release. "Dave and his family have lived on that farm for generations and never had an issue with water quality before the pile driving began nearby.

"These families deserve for their government to take this seriously - Kathleen Wynne needs to direct her ministry of health to complete a health hazard investigation at the contaminated wells immediately," she added.

Samsung had provided the affected families with a temporary water source, but the tanks are now being removed from affected farms.

Lusk said, in the NDP release, that he has purchased a new water tank - at a cost of over \$1,200. In addition to the cost of the tank, he expects to pay another \$400 to hook it up to the plumbing system in his home and \$60 every two weeks to keep the tank full.

"What used to cost Dave \$10 per month will now cost him \$120 per month, just so he can have drinkable water at home," said Horwath. "That's no way for people to live. It's ludicrous that Kathleen Wynne is allowing these families to go without safe drinking water."

Residents have had the black water collected and analyzed by scientific experts who have found the water contains Black Shale sediment. Black Shale is a known environmental hazard because it contains heavy metals that can be released into a person's body if the water is ingested.

The release stated residents have had trouble getting **Ontario's** Liberal government to take the issue seriously. Some farmers have reported that they are so reluctant to use this contaminated water that they are feeding their livestock bottled water instead.

The **Ontario** NDP says it has committed to developing an **Ontario** Water Strategy if elected in June. Horwath said the strategy would be based on the principle that the **public** should have access to clean water for drinking, sanitation and food.

Water Wells First spokesperson Kevin Jakubec said the NDP has joined Water Wells First in calling for a proper investigation including putting pressure on Minister of Environment and **Climate** Control Chris Ballard to order ministry staff to collect, analyze and identify all the substances found in the polluting sediments.

"Water Wells First has documented and already shared with the MOECC Technical Branch our findings that Black Shale particles have dramatically risen in these affected water wells," Jakubec said.

He added the **Ontario** NDP and Water Wells First both recognize that it's in the **public's** best interests to use the **Ontario** Health Prevention and Promotion Act that requires properly designed and structured studies to determine the health risks to Chatham-Kent families exposed to elevated levels of black shale particles already discovered in the polluting sediments.

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