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Today's events

March 7 at 8:30 a.m. — Markham

Premier Kathleen Wynne will tour the Hydro One Call Centre at 185 Clegg Road.

Question period

PC questions

Hydro prices

- Brown said he has written to the Financial Accountability Officer requesting a full accounting of the long-term costs of Wynne's electricity scheme.
- o Wynne said the FAO was briefed on her plan last week and her government is happy to give his office any information it needs to review her plan.

OPG North Bay

- PC Finance critic Vic Fedeli asked about job losses at the OPG facility in North Bay.
- Fedeli said if the province plans to relocate dozens of employees from North Bay, why is it doing it by stealth.
- Economic Development Minister Brad Duguid did not give a direct answer. He said it is a "sensitive issue" and not the government's role to get involved in human resources matters.
- o **Later in the day, OPG confirmed with the North Bay Nugget that its North Bay plant will close this year, impacting 20 jobs.**

NDP questions

Hydro prices

- NDP leader Andrea Horwath said the premier has spent years saying her government could do nothing about hydro prices because the **Ontario Energy Board** sets rates.
- She asked why the government did not act sooner instead of denying over and over again that the crisis facing ratepayers was real?
- o Wynne said her government has been working for many months on finding a solution to help people with their electricity bills.

Actual answer:

First of all, an across-the-board average 25% cut for residents who pay bills—they're going to see, on average, a 25% cut. People who pay exorbitant distribution rates in rural and remote communities are going to see another 10% or 15% reduction. People who are living on low incomes are going to see an enhanced benefit, so they will see further cuts. That's a practical plan that I think demonstrates that we have understood. We've listened and we've understood.