

Karen Evans

From: Karen Evans
Sent: March 9, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Mary Anne Aldred; Sylvia Kovesfalvi; Rosemarie Leclair; John Bozzo; Neil Brodie
Subject: RE: COO

Mary Anne,
 I did a quick scan of the COO site and I don't see the report. The site did include a release about the Fair Hydro Plan with a reference to review and engagement sessions. There is a tweet in their feed as well from the energy minister.

Below is the link to the news page. We're referenced in paragraphs 5 and 6. There is a link at the end of the release but it is to the [Fair Hydro Plan](#) page:

<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1513>



FIRST NATION LEADERS SAY PREMIER WYNNE'S HYDRO ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY WILL STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP

TORONTO (March 3, 2017) --- First Nation leaders say today's announcement from Premier Kathleen Wynne committing to eliminate hydro delivery charges for on-reserve citizens, among other benefits, is a welcomed announcement that will provide significant financial relief to First Nation communities while strengthening the Political Accord between the Province and First Nations.

"The elimination of the delivery charge will assist our citizens by reducing energy poverty in our communities. It also represents recognition for the use of the land in the development and expansion of the provincial energy grid," said Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day. "Poverty, lack of opportunity and choosing to pay for electricity over food is a reality that affects our people. Today's commitment by the Ontario government is commendable and allows a path forward for greater quality of life for First Nations in Ontario."

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan announced this morning would lower electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential consumers in the province. It will also eliminate the monthly service charge for customers of licensed distributors which charge a bundled rate.

"We appealed to the Wynne government and they responded, not only to First Nations, but to all Ontarians. We acknowledge Premier Wynne and her cabinet for such a bold and humane decision. This demonstrates that the Wynne government is dedicated to reconciliation through meaningful action," said Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Grand Chief Gord Peters. "We got everything we asked for, plus. This strengthens our Political Accord with Ontario and lays a better foundation for further negotiations."

In June 2016, the Minister of Energy directed the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to examine options for an on-reserve First Nation Energy Rate. Through the fall of 2016, the Chiefs of Ontario in collaboration with the OEB held a series of engagement sessions with First Nations to capture feedback on current hydro rates, ultimately working towards a First Nations specific rate.

Throughout these sessions, it became clear that current hydro rates were unaffordable and creating an additional level of stress within communities dealing with several other socio-economic issues. Participants expressed frustration that First Nation citizens were struggling to afford a service that was built upon the resources identified within their Treaties. Based upon the outcomes of this engagement, the Chiefs recommended that the Delivery Charge be waived for First Nation citizens.

"Each one of our community members will benefit from Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. This is a step towards reconciliation and recognition of our inherent rights as Treaty Holders," said Six Nations of the Grand River Chief Ava Hill. "I am grateful that Premier Wynne and Minister Thiabeault listened to our concerns and took action."

These changes are expected to be implemented by the summer of 2017.

To see full report: https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-fair-hydro-plan?_ga=1.137054512.1669009587.1485449971

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From: Mary Anne Aldred
Sent: March-09-17 3:47 PM
To: Karen Evans; Sylvia Kovesfalvi; Rosemarie Leclair
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It looks like the COO has been given and posted the FN report. I have an old browser, so the link from the COO Site won't work but I assume they are linking to the report. Maybe someone who has a decent browser can check the link.

From: Mary Anne Aldred
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on the coo site there is a press release and a link to the report.