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Today in Queen's Park

On the schedule

The afternoon is scheduled for NDP opposition day debate. NDP leader Andrea Horwath will put forward a motion calling on the government to reduce hydro bills by 30 per cent by addressing the root causes of high prices, such as privatization and unfavourable export practices; ending time-of-use pricing; and buying back shares of Hydro One.

Topics of conversation

- The Toronto Star reporter who broke the story that Toronto Hydro was putting together a partial privatization bid in January 2016 details how the utility has blocked him from obtaining information on how much it spent hiring consultants to put together the deal.

Upcoming events

March 28 at 7:45 a.m. — Toronto

The Clean Economy Alliance will host a breakfast reception at Queen's Park to "celebrate the economic, environmental and social benefits of climate action in Ontario." The event, which is sponsored by Environment Minister Glen Murray, will take place in the Legislative Dining Room.

Appointments

Toronto Hydro

- Sean Bovingdon was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Toronto Hydro effective April 3, 2017.
- Bovingdon previously worked for Argent Energy Trust in Alberta.

Question period

PC lead off

Hydro reform

- PC leader Patrick Brown asked why it took the government three years to take action on energy reform—Brown cited a Canadian Press story that reports internal Liberal polling showed hydro was Ontarians' number one concern as far back as December 2013.

- Premier Kathleen Wynne said her government began looking at ways to reduce hydro prices in 2013, the year she became premier. Wynne listed energy contracts her government renegotiated since 2013, which she said saved ratepayers money.

NDP lead off

Hydro rates

- NDP leader Andrea Horwath said the government has not produced one scrap of paper outlining the details of its \$40 billion phantom energy plan.
 - o She called on the government to table the details of the plan so small businesses know whether they will qualify for relief.