

Grits hydro cut not even a start

Premier Kathleen Wynne attempted to do a governmental reset in her Speech from the Throne last week. One of the issues stressed in the speech was soaring hydro rates across the province.

Her solution? The province will eliminate the 8-per-cent provincial share of the 13-per-cent HST as of Jan. 1. That will save the average household \$130 a year. That's a whole \$10.83 per month.

Do you think that's going to help residents whose hydro bills on average are more than double the price they paid during the same period last year?

Getting rid of the provincial portion of the 13-per-cent HST on hydro bills was a good start for Wynne but it doesn't even come close to solving the problem.

How about reforming how the province signs contracts with generators? Right now, the province signs long-term contracts with electricity generators. Instead, the province should make generators compete in auctions for the right to hold short-term contracts to generate electricity. Competition is always good for pricing.

And the province should follow through on its planned Hydro One sale. Private investors can bring cost discipline that would keep costs lower and the provincial regulator can ensure the private company passes on cost savings to consumers.

These are just two ideas. To do nothing more is not an option. Financially ruining family budgets and driving businesses out of Ontario is no way to govern.



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Letters to the editor

Terry Fox would be proud of Halton Hills

Thirty-six years ago, Terry Fox ran through Georgetown.

This past Sunday, Terry Dixon and I organized the 36th-annual Terry Fox Run at the Gellert Centre.

We had a record number of participants, some of whom fondly recalled meeting Terry Fox along Hwy. 7 in 1980.

One woman told me about the meal she prepared and presented to Terry near the hotel at the top of Norval hill.

Terry Fox was here and his spirit continues to live on in Georgetown.

Mayor Rick Bonnette, Councillor Moya Johnson and Domino's Pizza joined us and enriched our run.

Many businesses and volunteers supported our efforts.

Together, we made the 2016 Terry Fox run a resounding success.

On behalf of the organizers, the

Terry Fox Foundation and all who saw Terry so many years ago, I send my sincere thanks and the hope that we will see you next year.

Stephen Dame,
Organizer,
Georgetown Terry Fox Run

Vaccine movie a hoax

Just read the letter telling the community to get informed about vaccinations and the link to autism using the VAXXED movie as a basis for doing so. Why did you publish this?

It took me 15 seconds to figure out that this documentary was produced by the very same U.K. doctor who published the original study. This study was proven to be a complete hoax, the doctor (now producer) had his medical licence revoked, and 11 of the other doctors from the study have asked for their names to be removed. VAXXED is no impartial investigation into the link be-

tween vaccines and autism, it is the product of the very perpetrator of the hoax itself.

Further, the CDC doctor referenced has publicly come out against this movie and was himself quoted back in 2014 as saying he would never advise people not to get vaccinated. This documentary is dangerous, as is publishing such opinion letters without research into their legitimacy.

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