

# MPP says Tories to follow Revolution plan in mini-budget

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Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh says details of the Ontario government's November 29 mini-budget are in the Common Sense Revolution paper.

"If you've read and understood the Common Sense Revolution there will be no surprises," Chudleigh said. "I have no personal knowledge of the details but it will be the beginning of the fleshing out

of the Common Sense Revolution. That includes trimming spending and ending red tape."

Chudleigh was unable to furnish an estimate of the dollar amount to be cut from the provincial budget. He did say eliminating the deficit of \$8.7 billion is the government's target for 2000.

Soon after taking office in June the Tories announced \$1.9 billion in cuts. Some estimates put the upcoming round of slashing at \$3.5

billion. The government has announced a further round of cutbacks when it introduces its first full budget in April.

Chudleigh was critical of some of the protests surrounding government policy. He singled out a planned one day strike by daycare workers scheduled for Friday.

"It's terribly irresponsible to close down daycare and disrupt the lives of all those people, based

simply on conjecture of what we will do," he said. "In fact we want to provide the means for private day cares to compete with publicly sponsored centres. Our plan involves funding children, rather than funding centres."

Chudleigh said philosophically Ontario's fiscal plans are similar to New Zealand's approach. New Zealand used dramatic tax and spending cuts to dig out of huge deficits.

Chudleigh said the situation is different because as a sovereign nation, New Zealand had much more latitude to make changes than does a provincial government.

"We've tried to account for Ottawa's influence. It would be in the best interests of both the province and the country that there be harmony between their economic programs. So far I think I've seen indications they are (in harmony)."

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