

costs (operation, maintenance and administration) to sit idle for most of the time

16. Annual Conservation spending of \$400 million that provides grants for people to purchase high efficiency air conditioners, LED bulbs, etc., and for businesses to retrofit their lighting system, purchase high efficiency refrigeration units, etc. and for municipalities to switch their street lighting systems and municipally owned arenas to LED, etc. etc.

17. The costs (unknown) of the "Lost Revenue Adjustment Charge" to allow your LDC to recover revenues (via the "delivery" charges) lost because your community has used less electricity

18. The costs of spilling clean hydro (3.7 terawatts in 2014 for OPG), constraining wind and solar generation, steaming off Bruce Nuclear, all at an estimated annual cost of \$400-500 million.

19. The costs of subsidizing utility-scale wind power generation, which represented about 9% (\$700 million + unknown amount for constrained wind generation) of the GA costs but only 4% (6.8 TWh) of total electricity generated

20. The costs of erecting and maintaining meteorological station for IESO to measure constrained wind at every wind development with a capacity rating of 10 Megawatts or more

21. The actual generation and costs of (an average of \$500. per MWh) of solar panels NB: 3 to generate electricity usually when not needed. With 2,000 MW of capacity IESO doesn't disclose what they produce yet claim they are transparent. An estimate of costs to ratepayers at 15% of rated capacity suggests ratepayers absorb in excess of \$1 billion annually or 15% of the total GA costs but they produce less than 2% of total generated electricity

22. The costs associated with exporting Ontario's surplus electricity production which was about \$1.2 billion in 2014 and appears headed to \$2 billion in 2015

Some future ratepayer costs:

- The Ontario Energy Support Program, estimated to cost \$200 million annually commences January 1, 2016 and will support 570,000 household's currently living in "energy poverty"
- Also effective January 1, 2016 the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit will no longer exist raising electricity bills 10%
- Another 500 MW of capacity from wind (300 MW) and solar (200 MW) is to be added to the grid raising annual costs by about \$200 million
- The further shift of smaller industrials from Class B to Class A ratepayers will effectively transfer costs (estimated) of \$300/400 million from clients with peak energy needs of 3MW under the "High 5" system
- Lump sum payments and free Hydro One shares (after privatization) to Hydro One and OPG employees. Cost to ratepayers is an unknown at this time
- The costs to convert the Toronto Zoo's "zoo poo" to electricity
- The costs of research and grants related to "energy storage." The Energy Storage Association's members appear to be the beneficiaries of the grants but haven't registered as lobbyists with the Ontario Registry. Costs are unknown! Members of the Association include: NextEra, Northland Power, MaRS Discovery District and even Ontario Sustainable Energy Association.
- Another 1,500 MW of wind capacity scheduled to be in place by December 31, 2016 that will add a further \$500 million annual cost to the system.

Future Ratepayer Savings:

As of January 1, 2016 the Debt Retirement Charge will no longer be levied saving an average ratepayer (residential) about

\$70 annually. The DRC will continue to be charged to businesses!

Net Ratepayer Increase:

The additional future costs coupled with the demise of the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit will see residential rates increase by a minimum of \$400 annually, based on a quick estimate, and raise overall rates to rival those of Alaska and Hawaii.

Taxpayer-related costs:

- The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change will continue to incur costs associated with the legal fees to defend the issuance of their approvals of industrial wind developments via the Environmental Review Tribunal! Costs are unknown.
- The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will continue to experience costs associated with grants of \$8,500 to individuals, etc. purchasing electric vehicles for those who can afford luxury Tesla automobiles, etc! Overall costs are unknown.
- The MTO will continue to incur costs associated with the installation of charging station for electric vehicles! Costs are unknown.
- Various municipalities will eventually experience declining property value assessments from their residential taxpayers associated with industrial wind turbines driving down property values and municipal tax revenue and require additional funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing or higher municipal taxes. Costs are presently unknown!

Taxpayer related benefit:

The one and only taxpayer benefit relates to the end of the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit on January 1, 2016, saving taxpayers about \$1 billion annually. The taxpayer savings will however increase ratepayer bills by a like amount and will also generate about \$130 million via the cost of the HST for the additional cost of electricity.

Premier Wynne and her Minister of Energy, Bob Chiarelli seem to believe we can continue on this path of destruction of the province in an effort to have Ontario save the world from "climate change" as she noted when her Environment Minister Glen Murray announced their "cap and trade" plans back on April 13, 2015 by stating: "The action we are taking today will help secure a healthier environment, a more competitive economy and a better future for our children and grandchildren."

The Liberal government may feel it has created a "healthier environment" but that has come at the expense of what was once a thriving economy and the envy of the developed world. The debt they have created coupled with the highest electricity rates of competing economies will continue to undermine the future for our children and grandchildren. There goes "the better future for our children and grandchildren" that Premier Wynne claims.

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NB 1: NB 2: Energy poverty reflects itself when energy costs are 10%, or more of a household's total income.

NB 3: Solar panels on your neighbour's roof, the farmer's barn, your municipally owned arena, IKEA, Loblaws, Toronto District Public Schools, etc., etc.

Finance Committee Report

Budget was reviewed and I spoke to Lise about any outstanding issues.

All areas of the budget, General, Roads, Protections to persons and property, Environmental, etc, are under budget. We also appear to be on the road to remaining within our budgets by year end.

However, I suspect that we will be over budget in Environmental (water and sewer). This is an extremely hard part of the budget to control as shortcuts cannot be taken and when repairs or incidences occur we must act to ensure that our drinking water is safe for all our residents. What we can control is unnecessary water use, overuse or loss that creates an extra stress on our system.

In order to finish in the black and hopefully find money to put against our accumulated deficit we must remain vigilant about our respective committee budgets. Please take time to review your committee budget at your next meeting and review areas that have exceeded, hit or are very close to their limit. We have incurred some unbudgeted expenses, such as the street lights, hence the need to work together to find money wherever we can in and out of the budget.

Website

The website has been online now for some months. In order for our it to remain useful I would encourage all criticisms, positive and negative. Updates and newsfeeds can be e-mailed to Jaime or I who will ensure they get uploaded to the website. I would like some more pictures to be taken to replace the banners on some areas of the website. This may require that someone volunteer to take some high quality pictures of the fire department, RV park, public works.

Mayor's Report, September 17, 2015

Latchford Control Dam Project

- The impacts letter to PWGSC, which you have all had the opportunity to review and comment on, was sent to them on August 31. Jeff and I followed up with a call to Harpreet to confirm its receipt on September 04 prior to her leaving on vacation. She acknowledged that it would take a few weeks to respond. On September 10, I received a call from her boss, Marilea Pirie, who stated that they take the letter very seriously and that it was presently under review by their lawyer. She emphasized that it would take a couple of weeks to respond and that while she didn't deal with settlements for issues such as ours, she does have a direct line to the Deputy Minister's office. She stressed that if any other issues of impact arose that hadn't been addressed in the letter that I was to feel free to contact her for their inclusion. I felt it was a very positive call and she expressed respect for our situation.
- Negotiations/discussions continue between the CMR and WPG regarding acquisition of their FIT contract. It is not progressing as quickly as I would like and I think that holds true for the CMR as a whole. We have had a series of meetings and conference calls as we try to move this to a conclusion. The last counter off was forwarded to Colin Digout of WPG yesterday. I attended a project pre-submission meeting with representatives of the NOHFC to brief them on the CMR application for assistance on September 01.
- Jaime and I met with Brent Trach of MOE on August 25 to emphasize our concern regarding the discharge of muddy water at the dam project. He assured us that he will be monitoring the situation and ensuring compliance. This is hopefully the reason that you have all noticed the amount of muddy water that is being hauled to our trenches at the land fill. We benefit two fold with this as that muddy water is not going back into the river and they are paying for the privilege of using our trench system.
- Joel Ladoceur of Environment Canada returned my call while in Winnipeg on August 25 and said he would be visiting the dam site that week. If he did, he didn't contact me.
- They are going into a period where they will be working long hours and possibly weekends to catch up on the dam. Soon, they will begin demolishing a portion of the old dam and that will undoubtedly include blasting. Our next construction meeting for the 24th will indicate that schedule.
- It should be noted that on August 24, Andre Robidoux of Stantec directed Robin Hood and Natalie Paquin of CDB in their assistance to George Brunton who had his anchor stuck and could not dislodge himself and was calling for help. I have expressed the appreciation of the Town for this act to those involved.

Arts Build Ontario

I participated in a call with Gina Duque from ABO on August 26 where I provided an overview of the Museum and Loggers Hall together with dimensions, etc. I expressed that if funding becomes available, the restoration of handicap access bathrooms on the Loggers Hall would have to be a priority.

TMA

I attended a TMA executive meeting in Earlton on August 27. The TMA September meeting has been moved to October 01.

OPG Emergency Preparedness Response Plan

I attended a meeting in Temiskaming Shores on September 16 to listen to a presentation from OPG reps. We were asked what our expectations were from this meeting and I reiterated that the inundation maps that they provided for the Montreal River are inaccurate and hoped something could finally be done with them. I have expressed this concern since the early 2000's and stressed that they are quite useless in their present state. They indicate that the Dam Depot would be under water but King Street north of Sullivan would be dry.

GLL

September 17th, 2015

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

During the past few weeks I have been in contact with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport regarding provincial funding that the Town could receive as a Contracting Municipality with Cobalt Public Library Board for the provision of library services for our residents as per our Agreement with them. I've forwarded copies of our Resolution and Agreement with the Library for the Ministry's review. I'm now waiting on the go ahead to proceed with the next steps or requirements needed to enable us to apply for provincial funding from the Ministry. If the Ministry accepts the Agreement we now have in place with Cobalt Library, we would receive the same amount we received when Latchford had its own operating library which is based on a mid-1990s household count and would not increase over the amount we received when we were in operation. We will need to complete an Annual Survey of Public Libraries for Contracting Municipalities but not until our contract has run for a year and we have received and forwarded the funding to Cobalt's Library Board.

- Dr. Roedde would like to meet within the next few weeks. Her office will be contacting Lise to set up a meeting when her schedule allows so I should have a medical clinic update for October's council meeting.

Some of the bookshelves that were left in the library after its closure have been put to use in the medical clinic. Lorene requested them for all of her filing and documentation. On Wednesday morning Roger took them apart and moved them into the clinic for her. I spoke with Lorene and she's quite pleased.

Scott Green's Council Report

09/17/15

- Our New EDO Michelle is already hard at work and is making progress with her new duties
- She has completed phase one in the steps towards receiving for a new back up generator for our water treatment plant.
- Michelle and I had a phone meeting earlier this week and I was very impressed with her energy her knowledge for applying for grants. She also has some new ideas for the website and a twitter account and I'll let her address these to council as she is here with us tonight.
- Of course she is going to be busy with Coleman and Cobalt as well. We did relay topics council is interested in.
- Efficient internet access for Latchford
- New industrial park
- Natural gas
- Canada's 150th and Latchford's 110th year
- New improvements to our water and beach front. She had success in Temagami receiving over 2 million in fed nor and NOHFC funding
- She would like to spend one day a week in Latchford/ one day in Coleman and the rest in Cobalt. She will need space to work in our office so I was thinking about Sarah s old office with the coffee maker in it.

This concludes my report
Scott Green