

Powering up for the future; the LTEP is released

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The provincial government recently released its 2017 Long Term Energy Plan (LTEP). The plan features eight chapters on affordability and accessibility, conservation, flexibility, innovation, responding to climate change, First Nation and Metis capacity and leadership, regional solutions, and energy conservation and commitment.

In the past decade electricity prices have gone up significantly. Repairs to the infrastructure of the system and the cost of conservation have been identified as just a couple of reasons why this has happened. The reality is that we need to produce electricity to fuel society and the economy. Therefore, the necessity of long term planning in the energy sector goes without saying. For without prudent planning future generations will be left in the dark by the energy file.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) has analyzed the document and offers some insight as to the impact for the business community across the province.

Affordability and accessibility are key components of long term planning. The Peterborough Chamber of Commerce authored a policy resolution that also asks for a comprehensive review of the costs of the system to understand where there are spikes and where efficiencies can be found. Reducing



electricity costs for industry and small business is a top priority.

Flexibility ensures that Ontario has the ability to respond to changing market conditions, allowing the province to balance electricity demand and supply. Market Renewal could transform Ontario's wholesale electricity market and ultimately result in a more competitive and flexible energy procurement system.

When it comes to innovation, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce has long recognized that new technologies such as energy storage will be complementary to peaking resources such as wind and solar,

while supporting the baseload operation of nuclear power. The OCC was pleased to see a commitment to nuclear refurbishment projects such as Darlington, the life extension project at the Bruce Power facility, and the continued operations of Pickering mentioned explicitly.

Transparency on electricity bills is key and there continues to be a need to create a separate line item on natural gas bills that breaks out cap and trade-related costs, especially if natural gas is to be considered as part of regional solutions to energy needs.

On the issue of climate change, the

Ontario Chamber of Commerce asks that the Climate Change Action Plan seeks alignment between energy goals and infrastructure planning.

One final piece of the energy puzzle that has the potential to offer energy relief is the use of different procurement models. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce feels that this is one very significant way to ensure competitive and affordable rates into the future.

Find the full Long Term Energy Plan and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Rapid Policy update at peterboroughchamber.ca/blog

Event Calendar



TUESDAY
November 14th, 2017

The Carousel
116 Lansdowne Street East
Coffee's on at 7:00am

Speakers from 7:30-8:30am

Speaker: Jessica Correa, Random Acts of Green

Details: Jessica will be speaking about the steps a business can take to incorporate sustainability measures into the workplace.

Be ready with your 30-second elevator pitch to tell others what's going on in your business.

Cost: Pay for your breakfast



WEDNESDAY
November 15th, 2017
(Chamber & WBN Members only)

Crafting Your Own Brand Story 

Chamber Boardroom
175 George Street North

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Speaker: Jane Davidson, Writing Coach

Details: This free, noon hour series is open to Chamber members and WBN members interested in professional development and connecting with fellow members. Located in the Chamber boardroom, you are invited to bring your lunch along with you, and have the opportunity to listen to a short presentation, followed by Q&A.

Cost: Free (Bring your lunch)

Sponsor: Bell

Note: Pre-registration required



WEDNESDAY
November 22nd, 2017

Ashburnham Reception Centre
840 Armour Road



7:00am - 11:30am

Details: Breakfast Conversation with PKED's Rhonda Keenan

4 Workshops:

- Bill 148/Federal Tax Changes
- Best Kept Secret in Business: Staying Visible
- Marijuana & the Workplace
- Taking the Mystery Out of Procurement

Platinum Sponsor: BDC

Cost: \$25 Chamber Members/ \$35 Non-Members

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Chamber Announces 2018 Board of Directors

Our Board members represent a broad cross-section of the business and professional leadership of the community. The Board of Directors is the policy making body of the Chamber of Commerce and as such, the major guiding force.

- Sofie Andreou, Sofie Andreou & Associates
- Tim Barrie, Merit Precision Moulding Ltd.
- Chris Calbury, Emmatt Digital Solutions
- Joe Grant, LLF Lawyers LLP
- Stuart Harrison (Secretary), Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce
- Dawn Hennessey, Business Development Bank of Canada
- Jim Hill, James F. Hill, Financial Management Services
- Gwyneth James, Cody & James CPAs Professional Corporation
- Mary McGee, Little Lake Cemetery Company
- Lorrie McMullen, The Venue PTBO



- Neil Morton, PTBOCanada.com
- Allison Seiderer, Living Well Home Medical Equipment
- Amy Simpson, MicroAge Technology Solutions
- Morgan Smith, Signarama
- Benjamin vanVeen, Century 21 United Realty Inc.

Thank you to retiring board member Jason Becker of BDO.
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STRENGTHENING BUSINESS

Local Butcher Shop picks up more awards

Franz's Butcher Shop won two platinum awards with two of its products at the Ontario finest meat competition in Niagara Falls.



Among the award winning products: maple bacon and smoked curry mango sausage. Yummy!!

More: www.franzs.com

Name change for local HVAC business

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning business SCS - Gertley has a new name and is now Gertley Mechanical.

They focus on superior service excellence, efficiency, safety and environmental sustainability and being your total Climate Solutions partner for heating, cooling, tankless water heaters and heat pumps.

More: www.pmcginc.ca

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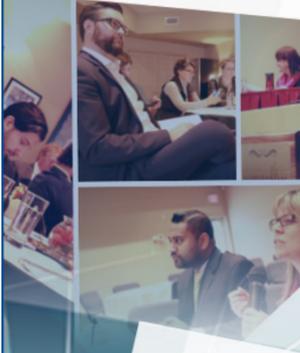


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Local insurance company scores big for local charity

Darling Insurance raised \$10,000 for Community Counselling & Resource Centre Peterborough through their 20th Annual Darling Insurance Charitable Golf Tournament.

More: www.darlinginsurance.net

Looking for information on the local labour market?

The Workforce Development Board, a not-for-profit organization funded by the Government of Ontario, has undertaken a number of projects designed to boost economic development and assist employers and job seekers in Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton.

We also maintain a wealth of data on the labour market in those communities, so give us a call if you're looking to start, expand or relocate your business.

If you have a question on the local labour market, contact us at **705-749-3250** or helpdesk@wdb.ca

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