



**Northwestern Ontario  
Municipal Association**

## Regional Recovery Program



## A History of Promises



**AUG 05**

Premier McGuinty referred to the need to address energy issues at AMO



**Sept 30/05**

David Ramsay was quoted in TB News Source stating that Minister of Energy Dwight Duncan is expected to announce a new energy plan at the end of October.



**Sept 30/05**

Minister Ramsay acknowledged that companies in Northwestern Ontario pay \$80 to \$90 per MWH when it costs as little as \$10 - \$20 per MWH to produce



October 05

Donna Cansfield becomes the new Minister of Energy. OFIA and OFC told there will be delays in announcing the new energy strategy as the new Minister adjusts to the portfolio. It is suggested that the announcement will be forthcoming in November 2005



January 06

Despite pressure and government promises of action, no announcements on energy until January 2006 rate cap which does not reduce costs, but maintains the status quo.



Feb 20/06

McGuinty said...

***"I recognize that a stable supply of reasonably priced electricity is critical to your (forestry sector) for long-term competitiveness."***



Feb 20/06

McGuinty said...

***"Forestry uses a lot of electricity – a lot more than auto or steel. And I know you are watching over every megawatt. The cost of electricity can be twice as much as in neighboring Quebec and Manitoba."***



Feb 20/06

McGuinty said...

***"That means we have to work twice as hard to stay competitive."***

***We will do what we need to do to assure a stable supply of energy at a reasonable price."***



Spring /  
Summer 06

Province brings in Demand Response program that benefits three companies but still does not mitigate costs of delivered electricity.



July 24/06

OFC issued report card with F for energy.

## ONTARIO FORESTRY COALITION

www.forestrycoalition.com

### Forestry Crisis Report Card

NAME: Government of Ontario

YEAR: 2005-2006

Reducing Delivered Wood costs (roads/FRI)	A
Reducing Red Tape (mid term report)	B
Addressing high electricity costs	F



August 06

Minister Ramsay, Sorbara etc. promised action on electricity coming sooner rather than later.



September 22/06

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO ANSWERS WHEN WE CALL



Interesting Quotes

"It goes without saying that many communities have suffered a loss of jobs, but what they should do is look for new ways to create jobs to develop their economy and not just come as crying babies to the province." Tony Wong said Dec 8/06



Interesting Quotes

Minister of Energy Dwight Duncan was quoted, referring to northern Ontario residents concerned about the pending closure of the Atikokan generating station as "Neanderthals."  
October 17/05



## Interesting Quotes

In September 2006, the Premier himself put the Northern Ontario crises into perspective when responding to a Dow Chemical Plant closure in Sarnia Ontario, calling for ALL HANDS ON DECK ...



## Interesting Quotes

***Caught by surprise at yesterday's announcement Dow Chemical is pulling out of Sarnia, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said he immediately mobilized government ministries to help respond to the job losses.***



## Interesting Quotes

***McGuinty said he "issued an all-hands-on-deck order" to his ministries of finance and trade and economic development.***



## Interesting Quotes

***"Together, we are going to develop a good, solid plan," he said, adding Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley, area economic development officials and local politicians will be involved. He also suggested his government may seek public input.***



## Interesting Quotes

Dwight Duncan, was in Sudbury on Friday, and he was asked in a scrum with reporters, what advice he would have for the people in those parts of the province where there's no natural gas, people who heat with electricity, as the cold weather approaches, and here's his answer.



## Interesting Quotes

"What I would say is this: Um, turn down the thermostat a degree, use blankets, good red wine, cuddle up with somebody you care about, it'll help you get through those cold nights. And conservation is not about sacrifice, it's not about pain. It's just about using energy more efficiently."



## Interesting Quotes

Ramsay said Thursday that government is "working on" addressing energy rates. "We are at the point right now where we can consult with the heavy users of electricity in Northern Ontario to make sure what were proposing is right. Because we want to get it right when we do it. I would think in the next few weeks we'll be in a position to make an announcement. (The announcement will be "energy related" but he wouldn't provide details.)



## The Community Response



## Mayor of Kenora



## Mayor of Dryden



## Mayor of Thunder Bay



## Past President FONOM



**President  
NOMA**



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Key Message

\$45 all-in rate  
(aka 4.5 cents)



Key Message

A rate more  
than \$45 is  
unacceptable



Key Message

A rate more than  
\$45 = more mill  
closures

