

Rising Electricity Prices Impacts Us All

I want to reflect on an article I wrote back in 2005, almost six years ago, entitled “*Concern over Energy Policy*”.

Look at us now; wonder why the current government changed the rate billing from quarterly to once a month, I tried to give the warnings. Smart meters; and I tried to give the warnings that it meant just more money from our pockets to the current government!

Look what’s happening right now with the debt retirement charge where the province has already collected the 7.8 billion dollars, needed to eliminate the debt, yes that’s billion, and the current McGuinty government has now extended people and business to continue to continue to pay the debt reduction charge till the year 2018! That’s 1 billion 100 and 11 million dollars annually collected suppose to be used for a bill that’s already paid!! Well when you’re spending 2.4 million dollars more than they are every hour of every day of every week 365 days a year you have to get the money from somewhere. Hence debt retirement charge extended to 2018! It was absolutely amazing and concerning last spring when I questioned the current government about the 12.8% hydro rate increase that they allowed it to go through. Well I don’t think the majority of Dalton McGuinty’s members even knew it was being allowed, as they questioned me on it extensively and had looks of an unknown puzzlement on their faces. It wasn’t till the second week of my questioning on the Hydro Rate increase that the Premier did something about it. Guess what he froze the rate increase for 2 months and allowed it to go through after he rose the legislature and I had no ability to continue putting pressure on them about it.

Remember how this article started bringing up an article from “2005” I wrote about “Concern over Energy Policy”! It takes time to implement these sort of over 30% increase in everyone’s hydro costs and it was 6 years ago I tried to do a call to arms about it but years ago people didn’t connect the dots to see today’s impact. Specifically here they are: allowed rate increase 12.8%; HST 8%; smart meter time of day increase; debt retirement charge annually 1.11 billion collected; Korean Samsung deal. So what now are we doing about it you ask? Well aside from me starting in 2005 six years ago, our party members are on a Province wide information tour to inform the public about what’s going on with this. I myself have done 2 too try and inform the media about cost to us taxpayer.

Real problem is that the current government is spending taxpayers money they don’t have and need a way to pay for their over spending. End result in this case was current government put in a long term plan to get them more money to pay for programs taxpayers can’t afford. Guess what business can’t afford to pay the rates and; are moving out of Ontario; hiring less people; and chasing away the very jobs needed to pay their Bills. The more people are informed the more likely balances can be found where we can; live; work; and raise a family in a healthy environment.

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