



Sault Ste. Marie Provincial By-Election Questionnaire

Question #1: Do you support Ontario Power Generation's proposal to raise the price of its nuclear electricity by 180% to pay for the continued operation of its high-cost Pickering Nuclear Station and to re-build the Darlington Nuclear Station?

Answer: No

Additional Comments:

The people of Ontario simply cannot afford to pay for the Liberals' plans to waste billions of our tax dollars to rebuild outdated nuclear plants.

Since no nuclear project in Ontario's history has delivered on time or on budget, we are especially concerned that the price increase could be even higher than the proposed 180%.

Question #2: Should the Government of Ontario seek to negotiate a new long-term electricity supply contract for Quebec water power which will allow us to close the Pickering Nuclear Station and lower our electricity bills?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comments:

Yes, the Government of Ontario should seek to negotiate a long-term electricity supply contract for Quebec water power.

Quebec has a large and growing supply of water power available for export. We need to turn Quebec's energy surplus into Ontario's energy savings. On average, Quebec water power sells at one third the price of power from Pickering.

Pickering Nuclear Station should be closed in 2018 when its license expires. Pickering is the fourth oldest nuclear station in North America and the seventh oldest nuclear station in the world. Given its age, it is not surprising that Pickering is one of the most unreliable and poorest performing nuclear plants in North America. Or that is has the highest operating costs of any nuclear station in North America.

Question #3: Should Ontario take advantage of falling costs for wind and solar power and continue to build community scale renewable energy projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comments:

Yes, we should be increasing renewable energy projects in Sault Ste. Marie and across Ontario to bring sustainable jobs to communities and encourage the transition to a low carbon economy.

Taking advantage of dramatically falling prices for renewable energy provides economic benefits, particularly in local job creation.

A sensible renewable energy policy prioritizes local ownership of power infrastructure. For example, rather than large-scale wind farms owned by foreign corporations, we need both the ownership and the profits of power projects under local control. It is clear from other jurisdictions around the world that energy projects are more successful and supported when the community has a direct stake in the success of the project.

The GPO 's vision is for a long-term, sustainable energy plan that will provide a reliable source of affordable energy with the ability to adapt to emerging technologies and community needs.

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