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Yakabuski: End to clothesline bans by McGuinty Libs far overdue

(Pembroke) - Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP and Progressive Conservative Energy Critic John Yakabuski today responded to an announcement made by the McGuinty government regarding a move to end bans that prohibit some Ontarians from hanging their laundry on clotheslines. This announcement comes following criticism from the province's Chief Conservation Officer Peter Love, who, late last year called on the government to allow clotheslines back into suburban developments, which are currently restricted from having them.

"It is deplorable, that time and again this government only takes action when criticized," Yakabuski said. "This measure should have been dealt with years ago. Despite severe electricity shortages in Ontario, the McGuinty government chose to sit idly by, hoping others would sort out their problems."

Yakabuski commented that this is another example of Dalton McGuinty's poor leadership and proof of its fly by the seat of your pants approach to governing Ontario's electricity system.

In the wake of today's announcement the McGuinty Liberals have asked for public input through a 60-day posting on Ontario's Environmental Registry. Yakabuski noted that he will be watching to see if the government can implement this change and have it in place in time for the spring weather, when many will begin to hang their wash outdoors.

"Over the past four years, I have heard from countless people in my riding and across Ontario who are concerned about their electricity bills and simply can't afford to pay them," said Yakabuski. "If this government was committed to those people and as serious about energy conservation as they claim to be, they would have moved forward on this plan years ago."

Yakabuski went on to say that at his own home in Barry's Bay, he and his family use their clothesline as much as possible, even during the winter months. Recognizing the excessive amount of energy dryers consume, Yakabuski noted that the use of a clothesline is an important, environmentally friendly alternative and that can not only help homeowners significantly reduce their monthly energy bills but also greenhouse gas emissions that are produced.

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