

timesletters

Times ‘distorts’ federal government Toyota loan

As I read your perspective and the adjacent cartoon on the federal and provincial announcements of the Toyota funding of the Cambridge and Woodstock plants, I found it odd that the *Times* would distort the federal (Conservative) government \$59-million contribution as a “grant” when in fact your newspaper previously reported it accurately as a “loan”, meaning it will be re-paid.

Simply stated, \$59-million remains \$59-million when re-paid.

Ironically, our provincial (Liberal) government \$42-million contribution is a “grant” which will not be re-paid. Meaning, \$42-million becomes zero.

I believe the true story here is that while

both the federal and provincial governments see the benefits of supporting the auto industry in Cambridge, the federal government by use of a “loan” is more prudent in their support of Toyota by having the money returned to taxpayers.

K. Tuckey
Cambridge

Editor's note: *This letter refers to the editorial and cartoon in our Aug. 6 edition. A correction notice was published on Aug. 11 to clarify the federal contribution depicted in the cartoon, as well as in an Aug. 4 article, was a loan. The editorial itself simply referred to a funding announcement for Toyota.*

Stranger who paid for our lunch setting a ‘wonderful example’

We had just returned from a holiday, so we thought we would go to the Brown Dog in Cambridge for lunch.

We ordered our lunch and when we went to pay we were told our meal was already paid for.

Of course, being told this we were rather puzzled, as we couldn't see anyone we knew.

The cashier then told us the gentleman before us paid a large amount behind the counter for the next few people.

This is the first time anything like that has happened to us and we had the chance to thank him in person.

It's nice to know there are people out there who like to make others feel good.

Again a big thank you – you are also setting a wonderful example to your lovely family.

Sharon Hall
Cambridge

Keep door-to-door mail delivery, but not for every day of the week

Canada Post needs to take a lesson from waste management when it comes to efficiency.

We don't need our garbage or yard waste picked up every single day, so in one part of Cambridge it's picked up on Tuesday, in another on Friday etc.

Why can't Canada Post adapt a similar policy where we would still receive door-to-door delivery two days per week instead of five days? (It's mostly junk mail that goes directly into the blue box anyway).

This way the necessary mail would make it to the doors of everyone, especially the elderly or disabled who really need it.

Using this idea, millions of dollars would not have to be spent building community mailboxes and the price of a stamp could

go back down to an amount where grandparents could still afford to mail out all their Christmas cards.

Mailboxes are already built and installed in each house –0 just change your policy to one that benefits us all instead of just Canada Post.

Oh, but let me guess ... since it's our tax dollars, the contracts have already been signed to build all these community mailboxes and cancelling now would be a breach of contract that would cost millions anyway.

Reminds me a bit of the Ontario Liberal gas plant scandal.

Kevin Ferguson
Cambridge

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton) Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing) All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$20 Increase of \$26 Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario