
Horwath Speaks Out Against HST Tax Grab

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Andrea Horwath, the new leader of Ontario's NDP, was in Sault Ste. Marie this morning to hammer away at Dalton McGuinty's Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

Horwath brought her province-wide campaign against McGuinty's "unfair tax grab" to the Taste of Scandia coffee shop on Queen Street East.

"The HST will hurt the finances of Sault Ste. Marie families at time when they can least afford it," said Horwath.

"When they fill up the gas tank, turn on the lights at home, or keep the house warm in the winter, they'll be paying eight per cent more due to Dalton McGuinty's unfair tax grab. On gasoline and utilities alone, families will be paying an average of \$330 more per year. It's just not right."

Horwath went on to list the everyday essentials that will be subject to McGuinty's new tax, including: haircuts, postage stamps, newspapers, internet access, gym memberships, veterinary services, cheap running shoes and children's vitamins.

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"Even the coffee and muffins that folks are enjoying here at this restaurant will be subject to the eight per cent tax hike," said Horwath.

"Not even in death will Ontarians be spared. You know the old line: In life, there are only two sure things - death and taxes. Guess what? Under McGuinty's HST scheme Ontarians will get both together because funerals and services associated with them will cost eight per cent more."

Horwath also noted that as Ontarians get whacked with the tax hike, profitable corporations will walk away with more than \$4-billion in tax cuts as a result of the McGuinty government's latest budget.

"These corporations and their executives will get more, while hardworking Ontarians are forced to shell out extra tax dollars for everyday essentials," she said.

"We need to get our economy back on track with smart economic policies, not an unfair tax grab. The HST is the wrong tax at the wrong time. That's why I'm asking all Ontarians to join my campaign against this tax."

To find out more about Horwath's campaign, visit www.unfairtaxgrab.ca.