

## Editorial ? Looks like no election over this budget

Granted, it's a little soon to say for sure, and things can change rapidly in the world of politics, but it's beginning to look very much like the minority Liberal government of Premier Kathleen Wynne is going to be around for at least the next little while.

We base that on the simple fact that recent opinion polls indicate Ontarians do not want an election. That means there's a certain amount of concern that the parties forcing unwanted elections might have to face very angry voters.

On the other hand, moods can change, as people reflect on some of the issues facing the government.

It's clear that last week's budget reflected a major effort on the part of the Grits to woo the support of the NDP. Finance Minister Charles Sousa said as much when he was quoted in Friday's Toronto Sun as saying, "I would say this meets the requests that the NDP put forward."

In this particular case, the decision on whether to have an election rests mainly with NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, and she's going to do what a party leader is supposed to do, mainly act in the best interests of her party.

That raises a more subtle question, namely who's governing this province? Ontario voters didn't give absolute power to the Liberals in the last election, but they certainly didn't give it to Horwath and company either.

It's been well known that poll numbers can change quickly, and as it becomes clearer just how much public money was wasted on cancelling these gas plants, we just have to wonder how forgiving the voters are going to be.