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THE NEED FOR AN ALBERTA CONSTITUTION!

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Thomas Jefferson, in his wisdom, wrote “**In questions of power, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the constitution.**”

The dictionary offers a **drier take** on the role of a constitution: “**the basic principles and laws of a nation, state, or social group that determine the powers and duties of the government and guarantee certain rights to the people in it.**”

Whether you prefer the vivid imagery of Jefferson or the academic definition, the point stands that **a constitution exists to preserve liberty by restraining the government**. A proper constitution, put in place by the governed, sets **hard limits** on the powers of those who govern, binding them down from mischief and overreach.

Given this, it is not surprising that **growing numbers of Albertans** have been calling for **the province to adopt its own written constitution** to curtail some of the excesses towards which the government has been tempted over the years. If constitutions exist to put a wall around government, and the tentacles of big government have increasingly crept beyond their useful and effective scope, then **free enterprise and the flourishing of Albertan families** could be **restored by limiting** government’s ability to spend, tax, expropriate, and interfere in activities best left to families, communities, investors, employees, and civil society groups. **Alberta may very well need a constitution to best ensure fair treatment, equal representation, and control of resources of all types.**

It is apparent that **Albertans’ values, characteristics, and culture are unique**

in Canada, as we have consistently shown ourselves to be **leaders in risk taking, wealth creation, sharing and giving**. A **written Alberta constitution** designed and debated by all Albertans would be a **visionary, collaborative, community and family building process**. It would enhance the role of families, free enterprise, and help **safeguard** the continuation of Alberta's unique culture.

Now more than ever, **Albertans want to debate** the relative roles and responsibilities of all levels of government, from the powers and make-up of municipalities to school boards and health authorities. A constitution could address **big city charters** or even the creation of a **provincial senate** with regional representation to ensure all voices are heard. A constitution respecting property rights could even **protect against** some of the controversies that have caught the attention of southern Albertans in recent years: transmission line build outs, abrupt changes to electricity generation, and the escalating cost of government monopolies.

Canada, and Alberta with it, have slipped comparatively in world rankings for wealth, income, job creation, opportunities, cost of living, choice and freedom and tax base. This has happened as government and taxation have grown and become a larger share of the economy, **crowding out free enterprise** and opportunities for **individuals and the family**. **Tax Freedom Day**, the day of the year when the average Canadian family has earned enough money to pay the taxes imposed on it by all three levels of government (federal, provincial, and local), is estimated to fall on **May 19**, around the time the NHL typically begins the Stanley Cup Finals for context.

An Alberta constitution that confines government inside its proper limit, including clearly defined limits on its taxation and spending power, would go a long way to enhancing Alberta's ability to attract capital, diversify, and increase incomes and wealth for all.

Canadian governments of all levels, with combined **trillions of dollars of debt**, carry billions of taxpayer dollars in **interest expense**. The layers of red tape and lack of job, income, and wealth creation mechanisms are part of the **negative legacy of big government**, a legacy **preferred by progressives**. **Progressives who wish to see government grow** to meet every whim, however unnecessarily or ineffective, would find themselves **stymied by a written constitution** that effectively chains in government powers.

In my **eight years as MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat** I have seen governments and well-intended public servants **bottlenecked from adjusting and downsizing government programs and services**. And then old programs are exchanged for newer ones. Costs build, debt builds, **interest builds and chokes out all of our important priorities**. Not having a written Albertan constitution has allowed **government to grow and operate inefficiently, ineffectively, and intrusively**. We've seen proof of the old adage: **"Nothing is more permanent than a temporary government program."**

Free enterprise, capitalism, classic liberal principles and entrepreneurial spirit have built Alberta into one of the last remaining jurisdictions where we have the opportunity to conserve a free, prosperous, community and family-focused society through the potential creation of our own constitution that reflects our views on government's limits and involvement in our lives.

Alberta should be the freest, richest place in North America and an effective, encompassing, written Alberta constitution may ensure that.

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: Brace ourselves for brutal tax hikes? Although anecdotal, my banker says since 2015, many wealthy clients have moved themselves and their capital out of Canada and that has accelerated since the fall 2019 election. The Trudeau Regime now has little choice but to go after the middle class, and their life savings, most of which are locked up in their homes. This has already begun with the recent advent of provincial property title transfer taxes, and a wealth tax by implementing an annual provincial wealth tax of 2% of assessed value on 2nd homes or homes owned by non residents. A federal death tax will capture a large percentage of estate value locked up in homes owned by the middle class.

2. From a Reader: Trudeau has a line that will resonate with many Canadian voters: **"The deficit is big enough to take care of itself."**

3. From a Reader: I enjoyed reading your letter. In the "Additional Reading" list you have an article titled "Private Citizen Lays Charges Against Trudeau Legally". I have watched this video and think that Mr. Norman Traversy needs

the support of all of us. Especially your letter and the initiation of a 'crowd funding' for him. He is being stymied by our Justice System that is under the thumb of Trudeau but is not stopping his 'constitutional' challenge. His efforts are exactly what your #1 letter from a reader identifies as being absolutely necessary to bring this country back from the abyss it is facing (with whom I agree). Here is his GoFundMe: [Click here](#)

4. From a Reader: It's almost impossible to find the words to describe what we're seeing in the North American streets today. In my day there was a day post WWII when teachers diligently taught history of many of the great civilizations even with all their awful warts and we learned what we ought not to repeat in our lives . That was then ! Over time our houses of learning became infected with revisionist educators who insinuated themselves into the fabric of the really GOOD Teachers and over a short time managed to alter the curriculum of the history of OUR country with Political assist! When the '70s rolled around my children were never told about the Plains of Abraham! It went on from there! We were taught all about many of the worst 'Emperors' who wiped out collective millions and their statues stand today the world over for us to REMEMBER! The Revisionists today are bent on wiping our our collective histories ...for what?? Cancel our Police (??), all pure stupidity nourished in a broken Education system by incompetents who now lead from the top as Educators and POLITICIANS. Many Universities are hives of Bolshevism. This country is dying from those thousand PROGRESSIVE cuts. It's not my Veteran Daddy's country.

5. From a Reader: I note that the writers of comments #1 and #2 mirror my sentiments exactly concerning Alberta's current premier and his supine behavior toward Ottawa. Unless and until Alberta produces a premier who is ready to proclaim that Emperor Trudeau "has no clothes", Sock Boy will continue to get away with his campaign to become Canada's first real dictator. Our weasel PM has to go, sooner rather than later, for Canada to have any chance of returning to prosperity. Sock Boy's likely taxation policies as laid out in your writeup will destroy our final chance for Canada, and especially Alberta, to get back on track.

ADDITIONAL READING/ VIEWING

In closing, here is additional information on the problems we are facing and the need for us to take remedial action immediately to right our sinking ship.

1. RICK BELL: ALBERTA SCREWED, MUZZLED UCP MLA SPEAKS [Click here](#)

2. CHRIS HALL: KEVIN PAGE ISN'T BUYING THE GOVERNMENT'S EXCUSE FOR WITHHOLDING A FISCAL UPDATE [Click here](#)

3. TIDES CANADA REBRANDS AS "MAKEWAY", BUT ANTI-PIPELINE AGENDA REMAINS IN PLACE [Click here](#)

4. CANADA PENSION PLAN TOUTS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP WHILE INVESTING MILLIONS IN CHINESE COAL [Click here](#)

5. JOHN IVISON: WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S LARGE EMPLOYER EMERGENCY PACKAGE DESIGNED TO FAIL? [Click here](#)

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Please **share** this email with your contacts so we can turn this unfair, inequitable, unjustifiable travesty around for the good of all Canadians. If you would like to submit information or articles, please send them to me.

Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!

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