HELLO ALL (The Group of 6,280+ and growing):

CANADA - U.S. REACH DEAL TO LIFT STEEL AND ALUMINUM TARIFFS
(From: John Felsted - Winnipeg)
The government is heralding this as a big win, but it is recovering from 2017-18 ineptness. If they had taken steps to stop the transshipment of Chinese steel to the US in 2017, it is unlikely that Canada would have had steel and aluminum products subjected to tariffs. Here is the Steel tariff timeline:

April 2017: The US asks Canada to curtail transshipment of Chinese steel to the US as Canadian tariff-free Product.

December 2017: Trudeau visits China with the intention of opening talks for a free trade agreement. The trip was a failure.

March 2018: Trump announced steel tariffs, but Canada was exempted.


June 26, 2018: The Canadian government is "preparing" new measures to prevent a potential flood of steel imports from global producers seeking to avoid U.S. tariffs, according to people familiar with the plans.


The government was still "preparing" preventative measures to stem transshipments the day US tariffs took effect, 11 months after the request from the Americans. Our government ignored the steel dumping problem until it became a serious irritation to our largest trading partner.

Our government failed to stop importers from transshipping Chinese steel to the US as Canadian goods. That is illegal under international trade laws.

When the US was tired of our failure to stop transshipments, we got a sharp slap to the head.

Trudeau’s counter tariffs on US products was an effort to ‘save face’. Canada was on the wrong side in this dispute and rather than bring in tough regulations to have the tariffs lifted, he chose to make a show of standing up
Our government's obstinacy poisoned NAFTA negotiations and slowed the process considerably. We had to try to overcome a reputation for untrustworthiness. When our government assures us that it is following the rule of law respecting the arrest of Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou, we are incredulous. Morality is not contagious and there is no indication of concern for adhering to law in other government dealings.

Our government has lurched from NAFTA II to steel tariffs, back to NAFTA II, to Trans-Mountain, to SNC-Lavalin, to Mark Norman, each debacle more troubling than the last. Interspersed were trips to China, the Philippines and India that have all exploded into controversy rather then good will.

The Liberal government appears bent on hurtling down an ideological path that ignores common sense, logic, reason, duty and adherence to law along with its obligations and responsibilities to those who elected it. Few want to be present when the Trudeau train jumps the tracks and winds up in the river far below. Our opportunity to disembark comes on October 21st. That is a long five months away.

ALBERTA'S PUBLIC-SECTOR UNIONS BACK DOOMSDAY ANTI-OIL CAMPAIGN!! (From Danielle Smith)

Read this and then tell me: What are these people thinking?!!

Public Interest Alberta is a self-described public-interest advocacy group. Its board of directors is represented by every major public-sector union in Alberta, including the Alberta Teachers’ Association, the Health Sciences Association of Alberta, the United Nurses of Alberta, the Alberta Federation of Labour, the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, the Non-Academic Staff Association, the Calgary and Edmonton district labour councils and CUPE Alberta Division. This is a collective of the best-paid public-sector workers in Canada — almost entirely due to the incredible
energy-resource wealth that has gone to padding their salaries and benefits — now advocating for an end to Alberta’s energy sector and inviting you to join them in the effort.

Their Action Alert promotes Green New Deal town halls that are “being organized by allies of Public Interest Alberta. Doomsday phenom Greta Thunberg, 16, is prominently quoted.

How did we allow the discussion about climate change to become so overwrought that teenagers believe the Earth is going to be unsurvivable and human civilization will come to an end unless we stop using fossil fuels immediately?

The prophets of doom declare in The Pact for a Green New Deal that the solution is not adaptation. Instead, they call for a wholesale change in our energy consumption to cut fossil fuel use in half by 2030 and ultimately eliminate it completely: “We have the ability to build a 100 per cent renewable economy based on public ownership and dignified, well-paying work.”

This Green New Deal is being backed by the biggest and most powerful public-sector unions in our province. Those who never saw job losses during the most recent downturn in the economy. Those who never faced a wage cut. Those who campaigned hard to get the NDP re-elected.

The question for Premier Jason Kenney is where is that energy war room? We need it — now!!


OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: Oil from Alberta's oil sands was supposed to be brought to world markets by three pipelines: Keystone, Northern Gateway and Trans Mountain and one existing pipeline that carries oil from Eastern Canada to the West was to have flow reversed so Eastern Canada would not have to import from the Middle East and Africa, etc... since we have more than enough oil of our own. However, the oil complex in Eastern Canada is well established - Irving oil has a massive political and economic influence and it has refineries
and an entire economy based on foreign oil. There are many other players - all of them making a lot of money. US oil and gas factors heavily into the Canadian equation and with new and low cost production from US shale, something had to be done to stop "tar sands" oil from "wrecking" the established oil "party." No one can make the oil sands go away and billions have been invested by government and industry when the object was Conservative, "Canadian oil self-sufficiency" and export for national revenue (GDP). Then the Conservatives lost and now no one cares about Canadian self-sufficiency.

2. From a Reader: Canada is the only nation of the planet in which an Anglophone majority is subservient to a Francophone minority.

3. From a Reader: Well done, as usual!! Saskatchewan surveys suggest 53% want to leave Canada. There is a typo in your numbers. Alberta pays $20 B and Quebec benefits by $13 Billion, not $13 Million as printed. Keep up the great work! [Editor: We were asleep at the wheel!!]

4. From a Reader: Just a little feedback- The pissed off angry anti-Quebec, anti-Bombardier (major employer) message does not go down well with me nor with any Québécois any better than an anti-Alberta message would go down well in Calgary. The folks running manufacturing companies in the east are entrepreneurs no less than the ones in the west. You might try to persuade your lawyer friend that being pro business should be a national link for us in the business world.

5. From a Reader: How did unions morph into political action/climate change committees? Don’t many employees resent having their dues diverted by activist leaders to issues that they may or may not support?

6. From a Reader: The Trudeau regime will continue to plunder Alberta until UCP members call a special meeting and pass a resolution forcing Kenney to hold a referendum to vote on a declaration of independence.

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. DANIELLE SMITH: ALBERTA’S PUBLIC-SECTOR UNIONS BACK
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2. CORBELLA: CANADA MUST RECOGNIZE HOW VITAL ALBERTA IS TO FED’S BOTTOM LINE

3. VARCOE: ALBERTA FINDS MOMENTUM TO FIGHT TANKER BAN BILL C-48 AND BILL C-69

4. GWYN MORGAN: CLIMATE-CHANGE STRATEGY OFFERS SCHEER A WAY TO WIN ELECTION

5. TRUDEAU’S APPROVAL RATING LOWER THAN HARPER’S AFTER 3.5 YEARS

ACTION ALBERTA - WHO WE ARE

We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate all Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government. Alberta’s energy sector is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian. Unfortunately, that is not happening under our current Federal government!

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.

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