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MEANWHILE, IN ALBERTA...

I WISH OTTAWA WOULD LEGISLATE US BACK TO WORK.

LOOKING FOR A JOB

WILL WORK IN THE OILPATCH FOR FOOD

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Hello All (The Group of 7,020+ and growing):

NEWLY FORMED: "THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF ALBERTA"!

Problems keep hammering Alberta with a thud: high unemployment, falling investment, pipeline woes, carbon constraints, low commodity prices, difficult federal legislation and, in the latest turn, China suspending meat imports from this country. As oil patch legend Jim Gray said earlier last week: “We are kind of losing our mojo.” Gray wasn’t saying it in a despairing way, but acknowledging we need to reverse course and get our confidence back.

So what can be done to get our momentum and mojo back?

That question is one of the reasons a high-powered group of chief executive officers and entrepreneurs is launching a new organization, the Business Council of Alberta, unveiling a non-profit entity that strives to build a more prosperous province. The council’s founders include ATCO chief executive Nancy Southern, TransAlta Corp. CEO Dawn Farrell, ARC Financial founder Mac Van Wielingen and Coril Holdings founder and chair emeritus Ron Mannix. Oil patch veteran Hal Kvisle, the former CEO of TransCanada Corp. and current chair of ARC Resources, will serve as the council’s chairman.

“What we wanted to create was an organization that had senior leaders, not just from multiple industries in Alberta, but from across Alberta geographically,” Kvisle said in an interview. “Our over-riding objective is to improve prosperity for all Albertans ... not just economic prosperity, not just companies getting richer, but employees doing better, improvements on the social side of things and, of course, very careful attention to the environment.”

Adam Legge, former president of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, is the council’s founding president as the group kicked off with an announcement last Thursday.
The Business Council of Alberta has more than 40 senior executives and companies already on board and aspires to grow its membership to include the top 10 firms in each of the 10 largest industries in the province. Among its initial members are Enbridge, WestJet, Shaw Communications, Nutrien, Boardwalk REIT and Suncor Energy.

Legge said the organization will be different from other think-tanks or business organizations, representing an array of industries, digging into a limited number of policy issues and adopting a longer-term view towards improving Alberta. “At our core, we will be a public policy and research organization that is focused on some of the long-term projects of shared prosperity for Alberta,” he said.

Investment in the energy industry is falling and concerns about federal legislation such as Bill C-69 have created consternation in the province and beyond. “I just felt it’s critically important in Alberta at this time for business to stand up and take responsibility for what’s got to be done here to really put the economy back where it needs to be,” said Dawn Farrell, TransAlta’s CEO.

“Alberta has always been the most optimistic place. Albertans need to get back to that place.” Turning around attitudes, like bringing back investment, won’t happen immediately. Let’s hope the journey back has finally begun.


ALWAYS ASK WHY!

Here is an interesting commentary from a Reader that may put the Federal Liberal government's attack on Alberta and the energy industry in context - so we are featuring it.

There is a long history of political interference in the oil industry around the globe. Mexico nationalized its oil industry in 1938 after ejecting their United States and European developers. Brazil nationalized its oil industry in 1953 and reopened development because of failing production in 1997 due to depleted resources, but partners can only be minor shareholders. Saudi Arabia at least bought out its partners in 1988. Venezuela nationalized in
1976 and after depleting its resources invited developers back in 1997, but once again seized control in 2007. Then there is Russia, Bolivia, Iran and Iraq to name a few more nationalized oil countries.

There is a common theme with these mainly socialist/autocratic states. They could not resist the financial kickback from nationalizing their oil industry once the business world got it up and running and producing profits. Incidentally, as expected, when you replace, educated, hard-working entrepreneurs with government employees, the industry usually rapidly deteriorates due to lack of expertise, lack of will, lack of efficiency and bureaucratic interference.

Could this theme explain the Whys?

1. Why disrupt the oil industry?

Would the feds purposefully hinder resource development to create a crisis that would enable them to nationalize the industry?

2. Why purchase a theoretically despised pipeline?

Would the feds buy a pipeline that was dangerously close to completing the onerous requirements to enable them to open a private line, to stall recovery of the oil industry? Would the feds then open development of the pipeline on the premise that if you cannot control the industry, then control the access to markets. This would come in handy if perchance you nationalized the industry.

3. Why allow Alberta to deteriorate economically without any help whatsoever?

Would the feds completely ignore Alberta to ensure economic distress to the point that they can play the nationalization card and look like heroes even to destitute Albertans?

4. Why alienate Alberta and fan the flames of separatist sentiment?

Would the feds encourage this until they can declare a crisis that could justify the need for further intervention? Remember Quebec “Front de liberation du
Quebec” and the October crisis. Politicians are primarily interested in power and job preservation. Oil creates energy, which creates wealth which creates political influence. Let us not assume that everybody involved at the federal level is as inept as their leaders. Could they have seen the waning influence of central Canada and the escalating influence of resource-based Western provinces? Could they orchestrate a crisis enabling political intervention and ultimately control of the oil industry to their own design? They certainly seem to be trying their best by ramming through bills such as C-48 and C-69, which are so biased and unilaterally directed at the west that it is ridiculous.

Interestingly, in the event of a crisis they know they can ram through bills reversing them when the time is right. This theme is about the only unifying one that may explain the fed’s destructive behavior.

As a medical doctor, I am ignorant of the workings of the oil industry, but have a reasonable understanding of human behavior. Ruling administrations can become addicted to power and control and will do anything to not lose that power and control, even if it destroys all around them. Let us not assume that the true brains behind political powers are all idiots and always ask Why? Let us keep our heads up and our minds open.

NOTHING TO CELEBRATE IN ALBERTA!!

While Quebecers were celebrating Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day and la Fête nationale du Québec, with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joining in, Alberta was celebrating absolutely nothing.

Instead, Alberta is fed up with being used, abused and singled out by a federal government that has shown it doesn’t give a damn about Alberta’s financial prosperity. Premier Jason Kenney called Bill C-48, “a prejudicial attack on Alberta, banning from Canada’s northwest coast only one product - bitumen - produced in only one province, Alberta.”

“...You’re not imposing a ban on the Bay of Fundy [that offloads 200,000 barrels per day from Saudi Arabia],” Kenney said to any Liberal who would listen. “You’re not imposing a ban on the tankers that come down the Gulf of Saint Lawrence - you’d shut down the Quebec economy if you did. Ah, yes,
Quebec, Quebec wants nothing to do with a pipeline running through it that would supply the east coast with Canadian oil, and not coming from a regime not known for its human kindness, but is happy with the pipeline of equalization payments that it receives from Alberta via Ottawa.

The key question: Why is the Alberta not challenging Bills C-48 and C-69 in Court on the basis that they are unconstitutional and/or contrary to Canada’s Bill of Rights? Or will it?

https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/bonokoski-will-nixed-pipelines-and-nixed-oil-tankers-nix-alberta-money

OUR READERS’ COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: In 23 days China emits as much CO2 as Canada does in a year. Unless and until there is a worldwide, coordinated approach on emissions, it is insanity for Canada to sacrifice its economy in a futile and naïve attempt to “save” the world.

2. From a Reader: I just read your article #44 on Parliament declaring war on Alberta, and I cannot agree more. I have been a Canadian all my life, growing up in Saskatchewan and living in Alberta almost all of my adult life, so I am well steeped in the west’s resentment for the rest of Canada who, quite frankly, have used and abused us over the years. Now it has become obvious that our confederation has become seriously damaged, if, indeed, it ever worked at all. For years and years the west has been the stooge of the east, acting as the main driving force of Canada’s prosperity while idiots like Trudeau do their best to screw us over and over again. In my view, the last test of whether Canada can continue to function is the upcoming federal election. If Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes return Trudeau to power, the die is cast. At that point, it will be clear there is no saving Canada, and should a referendum be called, my vote will be for separation. Having said that, I’m not sure even a conservative federal government would salvage this country. I have little faith in Andrew Scheer and the rest of them, who seem no better than quasi-conservatives. It’s really too bad, as I’ve been a proud Canadian all of my life.

3. From a Reader: Disbelief of CAGW theory is based on basic science, astrophysics and chemistry. Global temperatures are closely correlated with solar activity and the orbits of the sun and earth. CO2 is not pollution but a beneficial trace gas that stimulates plant growth. It is comparatively rare —
beneficial trace gas that stimulates plant growth. It is comparatively rare - making up only .04% of the atmosphere. About half of that .04% was already in the atmosphere before humans relied on hydrocarbon fuels. Most atmospheric CO2 (97%) comes from natural sources like ocean evaporation, plant decomposition, forest fires, and volcanoes leaving the human produced portion of atmospheric CO2 (3% of .02%) at an infinitesimally small .0006% of the atmosphere – equivalent to 6 pennies in a jar of 10,000. CO2 levels have no relationship to temperature in geological time scale records (500 million years plus). Shorter term records show that CO2 levels lag temperature changes – the opposite of what CAGW theory predicts. About 550 million years ago during the biologically thriving Cambrian Period of the Paleozoic Era CO2 levels were almost 20 times present levels. Finally, the computer models at the foundation of CAGW theory predict warming where none is occurring. Against these facts, taxing and regulating human-produced CO2 has no impact on climate but will seriously damage living standards by unnecessarily increasing conventional energy costs.

4. From a Reader: Canada is becoming the laughing stock of the world and most Canadians are not only embarrassed but shocked at the incredible lunacy of our supreme so called leader of our great nation who seems to be slowly closing down this country which was previously “open for business” and replacing our natural inbred entrepreneurial personality with Socialism and more socialistic taxes on the people who are already burdened by the increasing deficit financing and Federal/Provincial debt and interest payments. My God, when will we ever elect a government who understands that deficit financing needs to be a criminal act?? We can’t run our lives on debt so why do we allow our government to do this and then simply print money to cover up their mistake?? .. When oh when will the Canadian people finally figure this out??

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. TRUDEAU’S TROUBLING UNITY MESSAGE
https://winnipegsun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-trudeaus-troubling-unity-message

2. IT’S TIME FOR CANADA TO ACT LIKE THE NORTHERN NATION IT
2. IT’S TIME FOR CANADA TO ACT LIKE THE NORTHERN NATION IT PROCLAIMS TO BE

3. CBC: OILPATCH FEELS "CRUSHED" AS IT MOVES ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK

4. LICIA CORBELLA: CHANGES NEEDED TO FEDERAL FUND TO STOP ALBERTA FROM GETTING ROBBED

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.

Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!

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