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HELLO ALL:

PLAYING FAIRY GODMOTHER TO QUEBEC NOT SO FUN

(Here is a look back to a 2009 Calgary Herald article by Licia Corbella. It is amazing to see how over the years, wishes have been granted!)

**Today, let's have some fun and play fairy godmother to Quebec.** Let's grant the province the **wish it articulated in Copenhagen.** Wave the magic wand and poof, wish granted. **Shut down Alberta's oilsands,** except, since it's Quebec making the wish, **we have to call it tarsands,** even though it's not tar they use to run their **Bombardier planes, trains and Skidoos.**

Ah, at last! The **blight on Canada's reputation shut down.** All those **dastardly workers** from across Canada living in Fort McMurray, Calgary and Edmonton **out of jobs, including those waitresses, truck drivers, nurses, teachers, doctors, pilots, engineers** etc. They can all go on **employment insurance like Ontario autoworkers and Quebec parts makers!**

**Closing down Alberta's oil industry would immediately stop the production of 1.8 million barrels of oil a day.** Supply and demand being what it is, **oil prices will go up** and therefore the cost at the pump will go up, too, **increasing the cost of everything else.**

But lost jobs in Alberta and across the country along with higher gas prices are a **small price to pay to save the world and not "embarrass" Quebecers on the world stage.** Not to worry though, **Saudi Arabia, Libya and Nigeria can come to the rescue.** You know, the guys who pump money into **al-Qaeda** and help **Osama bin Laden target those Van Doos fighting in Afghanistan.** **Bloody oil is so much nicer than dirty tarsands oil.**

Shutting down the oilsands will reduce Canada's **greenhouse gas (GHG)** emissions by 38.4 Mt (megatonnes). Hooray! **It's so fun to be a fairy godmother!** While that sounds like a lot, Canada only produces **two per cent of the world's man-made GHGs** and the oilsands only produce **five per cent of Canada's total emissions or 0.1 per cent of the world's emissions.** By comparison, the **U.S. produces 20.2 per cent** of the world's GHG emissions — 27 per cent of which comes from **coal-fired electricity.**

The 530 sq.-km piece of land currently disturbed by the tarsands (which is smaller than the John F. Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida at 570 sq. km) must be reclaimed by law and will return to Alberta's 381,000 sq. km of boreal forest, **a huge carbon sink. Quebec, of course, has clean hydro power, but more than 13,000 sq. km were drowned for the James Rav hydroelectric project permanently removing that forest from acting**

**Big hydroelectric project, permanently removing that forest from acting as a carbon sink.**

But fairy godmother is digressing all over the place. While the oilsands only produce **five per cent of Canada's GHGs**, it **contributes much more to Canada's economy**, with oil and gas making up **one-quarter of the value on the TSX alone**. **Alberta is also the largest net contributor per capita by far to Confederation** and there are only two more — B.C. and Ontario.

**Quebec hasn't made a net contribution to the rest of Canada for a very long time. This is not to be critical (after all, fairy godmothers never criticize) it's just a fact.**

In 2009, **Albertans paid \$40.46 billion** in income, corporate and other taxes to the federal government and **received back just \$19.35 billion** in services and goods from the feds. That means the **rest of Canada got \$21.1 billion from Albertans or \$5,742 for each and every Alberta man, woman and child**. In 2007 (the last year national figures are available), Alberta sent a net contribution of **\$19.49 billion to the ROC or \$5,553 per Albertan** - more than **three times what every Ontarian contributes** at \$1,757. **Quebecers, on the other hand, each received \$627 net or a total of \$8 billion**, money which was designed to help "equalize" social programs across the country. Except, that's not what's happening. **Quebec has more generous social programs, like (nearly) free university tuition (paid for mostly by Albertans) and cheap provincial day care (paid for mostly by Albertans).**

But in this fairy godmother world, **poof! those delightful unequal programs have now disappeared! Quel dommage!**

The July 2009 Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI) report states that between 2008 and 2032, **the oilsands will account for 172,000 person-years of employment in Ontario during the construction phase, plus 640,000 for operations over the 25-year period**. For Quebec, the oilsands will account for **84,000 person-years of employment during the construction phase, plus 292,000 for operations over the 25-year period**. In total, the tarsands are expected to **add \$1.7 trillion to Canada's GDP over the next 25 years**.

**Wave wand. Poof. Jobs, gone!** This fairy godmother role isn't all it's cracked up to be. **So, now that the oil industry has shut down and left Alberta,**

Alberta has become a **have-not province** and so has every other province. **Equality at last! Hugo Chavez will be so pleased.** Meeting our **Copenhagen targets** suddenly looks possible, as most of us **can't afford to drive our cars** or buy anything but necessities, so **manufacturers have closed their doors and emissions are way down.**

The dream of many **Quebecers** to form their own nation and separate from Canada has **died at last.** Fairy godmothers always like to look on the bright side. **Quebecers finally realize they can't thrive without the ROC. Alas, in Alberta, separatist sentiment has risen dramatically, citizens vote to separate and the oil and gas industry returns. Albertans start to pocket that almost \$6,000 for each person that used to get sent elsewhere and now their kids get free tuition.**

**Fairy godmother's work is done. Wish granted.** Quebecers must now sign up for a **foreign worker visas to work in Alberta to send their cheques back home** so junior can start saving up to pay for college.

**(By Licia Corbella - Calgary Herald - December 19, 2009)**

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## **OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION**

**1. From a Reader:** Former Tides Canada Vice President Sarah Goodman promoted to Director of Policy in the Prime Minister's office portends what more is in store for Alberta and Saskatchewan, and worse, radical draconian climate legislation affecting the every day life of Canadians. It is more imperative than ever for Alberta to opt out of the CPP and then vote for independence so we can get on with making a bright and prosperous future. The sooner Albertans leave Canada to its future green socialist dystopia, the better off we will be.

**2. From a Reader:** You would save a lot of angst, if you would just throw Quebec out of Confederation. Then the Francophone Laurentian Elite would be ELIMINATED, in one fell swoop. Forget AB / SK separation; it will never work. Economically, financially, realistically. Stop this nonsense of AB separation JUST LIKE Quebec has done for 50 years. Get rid of the source of ALL our problems! If we don't have enough brain power to get that done, at least try to get BC, AB, SK, MB, and Yukon together, as one separation unit. That WOULD

work.

**3. From a Reader:** I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED A SEPARATION REFERENDUM ... AND SOON. The east looks upon us small brained naughty children to be humored, patted on the head and sent on our way with vague meaningless promises on getting a better deal. I've said it before and I'll say it again ... Mr Kenney - GROW A SET AND PLAY HARD BALL WITH THE EASTERN ELITE. It's obviously worked wonders for Quebec ... we should give it a whirl. Again as I've said before I think we are better in Canada ... long term, but we are just going to keep being sent to the children's table till we, or our elected representatives, grow a set. The east must be made to understand that we mean business and should be taken seriously. Even if the referendum fails to get a majority for separation, the fact that we did it will get their attention and likely make them deal with us in a sincere way. And who knows, maybe BC and Saskatchewan will wake up and see we all could perhaps do better on our own. Imagine if Manitoba hopped on board as well. We would have access to the Atlantic ocean as well. At least during the summer and with climate change, perhaps year round.

**4. From a Reader:** From my research, I have ascertained that there is one from NS, one from Quebec and 3 from Ontario. No one from the west has announced his/her candidacy. Ergo, you can expect more grievous damage to Canada and particularly the West. It is abundantly clear to this Albertan that SEPARATION is the ONLY alternative for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

**5. From a Reader:** It is clear that Premier Kenney's quest for a "fair deal" is Quixotic as Laurentian Canada will never agree to ceding any of their power and control of social and fiscal policy. THE only way to bring an end to Quebec and Ontario deciding who and how they will govern Alberta, is for Albertans to choose independence. Only then can Albertans elect who governs them, and only then can Albertans be truly free to pursue a bright and prosperous future of their own making. Anything less is an acceptance of servitude to Laurentian elites who truly believe they are Albertans rightful political masters.

## **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.

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**2. JACK MINTZ: WHY ALBERTANS ARE PONDERING THE NUCLEAR  
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**3. DIANE FRANCIS: TRUDEAU NEEDS TO GET THE TECK OILSANDS  
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**4. TERENCE CORCORAN: UNFUND THE CBC, CANADA'S PRAVDA AND  
NATIONAL ENFORCER OF TRUTH: [Click here](#)**

**5. DAVID STAPLES: ARE TRUDEAU LIBERALS GEARING UP TO MAKE  
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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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