



Ruth joined me for lunch at the Chinese Cultural Centre.



Alcove Addiction Recovery for Women centre.

IN CALGARY CENTRE



Alex Walker Tower seniors' residence



East Village community association AGM



Holy Name School grade 6 class in Killarney



Sudanese residents of Calgary Centre discussing their relatives trapped in Sudan

IN PARLIAMENT: Child Care

“One of the things I have always noticed about the government’s bills is that they are long on narrative. We can put a big sign in the window that says “\$10 day care”, yet, at the end of the day, we have to execute that plan. That means boots on the ground. That means understanding where the bottlenecks are and where the hurdles are that we have to get over in order to get that done. One of the big bottlenecks in the child care system, of course, is access to labour. ... There is [also] no accessibility in certain areas where people actually need this service, close to their work or close to their home. ... Having something in the store window and being able to deliver to people are two entirely different things. That is the issue here.”

Speaking to Bill C-35 (Child Care): implementing affordable child care promises House of Commons, May 31, 2023 (read the entire speech on my website)

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COMING EVENTS

I will be attending numerous community events during the Canada Day and Stampede weeks. Please drop by your local community breakfasts and BBQs to say hello. I will also be at my tent at these summer festivals:

Inglewood Sunfest

Saturday July 29
11 AM to 7 PM
9th Ave SE, between 11 & 14 St

Marda Gras

Sunday August 13
10 AM to 5 PM
33rd Ave SW, between 19 & 22 St

Chinatown Street Festival

Saturday August 19
11 AM to 7 PM
3rd Ave SE, in Chinatown



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REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT

June 2023



“Just Transition”

It’s anything but just...



The government’s “Just Transition” legislation - now renamed “The Sustainable Jobs Plan” - is a 32 page “brief” overflowing with aimless narratives and virtuous slogans.

They are looking for a solution to a problem they can’t define: *“The formal definition of sustainable jobs will remain evergreen in order to evolve over time through consultation with key partners and the public.”*

The big ticket, of course, as with all of the aimless initiatives put forth by this government, is the desire to spend taxpayer funds.

- \$250 million for a new *Sustainable Jobs Secretariat*
- Create a *Sustainable Jobs Partnership Council*
- Duplicate much activity currently being done by provincial ministries of Labour and Advanced Education
- Improve labour market data collection, tracking and analysis (honestly - they propose to spend money looking at the data they are already looking at, that they don’t know they have)

Let’s Look at Hanna

The last federal government initiative of this nature was the *“Just Transition for Coal Workers and Communities”*. It didn’t work out so well.

\$185 million was allocated to communities that transitioned from coal power plants for a 7-year period ending 2025.

To date, \$52 million has been spent on 53 projects (less than a third, 5 years into a 7-year program):

- \$27 million was spent in Alberta
- \$18 million of that was on a road in Nisku, far from any coal workers - this is another unaccountable slush fund

Hanna, Alberta was a key target. How did it fare?

- Unemployment rose from 4% to 10%
- Average house values fell from \$177,000 to \$65,000

So the affected workers did not do so well.

How were the other funds spent?

- Transition plans; local area development plans; transition staff, consultant reports - 83% of funds went to municipalities and consultants.

Lots of paper writing and consoling about job losses. No tangible outcomes for workers.

The federal government has proven to be really bad at this “Just Transition” thing. Talk is easy, but execution is not part of this government’s skill set.

“The government is not prepared to provide appropriate support to more than 50 communities and 170,000 workers in the fossil fuel sector.”

June 7, 2022 - Jerry V. DeMarco

Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development

Thousands of Alberta workers, who today have good paying jobs in a responsible industry, are at risk of losing those jobs to a government that has no realistic plan to transition them to the lauded “green jobs” with promised “higher salaries” The average oilsands worker makes \$98/hour (2021); the average “clean-tech job” clocks in at \$48/hour. Replacing the lost incomes could only be done with the aid of huge taxpayer subsidies - if the government manages to do it at all.

Canadians are Getting It Done

Last August Prime Minister Trudeau remarkably stated “there has never been a strong business case” for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports from Canada to Europe. He was responding to requests from German Chancellor Olaf Schol for help with Europe’s energy crisis.

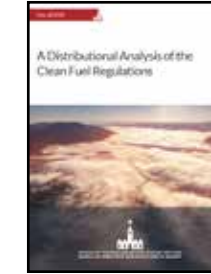
Bernard Shaw famously said, *“People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.”* Tourmaline Oil is doing it. Proving the Prime Minister wrong, Tourmaline began exporting Canadian natural gas to the US Gulf Coast in January, for onward export to Europe and Asia. Tourmaline will double gas exports in the next three years.

This is the first significant volume of Canadian gas to be exported beyond North America, and overcomes the price discount the Canadian product has struggled with.

Step aside, Mr. Trudeau. Canadian entrepreneurs are getting it done.

COMING SOON: A Second Carbon Tax

It isn’t enough that at a time of high inflation, the government adds to inflation with an escalating carbon tax (and GST on that tax) that raises the price of just about everything. Here comes another one.



It is called the Clean Fuel Regulations (CFR). These carbon intensity regulations will cause the cost of fuel (gasoline, diesel) to increase. There is no rebate for this new fuel tax.

The highest impact is on Alberta, according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO). He calculates the combined cost at 61¢/litre of gasoline (41¢ carbon tax, 17¢ CFR, 3¢ GST) when the taxes are fully implemented in 2030.

Province	CFR cost	Carbon Tax (after rebates, with GST)	CFR, Carbon Tax & GST
AB	\$1157	\$2773	\$3930

Annual cost to an average-income household by 2030. Source: Parliamentary Budget Officer

The tax will hit lower income families hardest, because they spend a higher proportion of their income on necessities like transportation and transported goods (such as food), making it a regressive measure, said the PBO.

My colleagues and I don’t believe that a tax plan is an effective environmental plan. Higher taxes put burdens on struggling, lower income families and have only a small effect on emissions. Canada committed to reducing emissions by 40% between 2005 and 2030; so far, the reduction is negligible. This plan isn’t working.

There are better ways, including Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS), hydrogen, nuclear, new emissions control technologies, and globally replacing coal with responsibly produced Canadian resources. For example, replacing coal with natural gas reduces emissions by about half with that one change alone.

The Conservative Party would repeal both of these carbon taxes and focus on higher tech methods of meeting Canada’s global responsibilities.

Conservative Common Sense Plan to

REDUCE EMISSIONS:

↓ LOWER THE COST
of carbon-free energy

➡ SPEED UP APPROVAL
for tidal, hydro, and nuclear energy

🎁 INCENTIVIZE
carbon capture storage

Technology. NOT TAXES.