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Above, Breakfast with the Guys.

November is Family Violence Prevention Month in Alberta (hashtag #ABFVPM) and Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative (FVI) has a number of events and activities going on.

The FVI hosted The Breakfast with the Guys on October 25th at the Whitecourt Golf and Country Club. Over 80 men attended to listen to Tuval Dinner Nafshi from the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters speak about how they can help end violence against women. Feedback from the event was very positive

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From Sagitiwa to Whitecourt A Salute to the Pioneers - Part 6

By Jerry Graham. Thank you to John Dahl and the late Vic Young for their help in obtaining original manuscript.

Somewhat further up the creek near a peak known as "Baldy", Pete Cochran and his brother Bud were getting established. Both were horsemen from Nevada, and had brought quite a number of animals into the country, with a view of ranching. Now while this part of our fair province offers much, it has never actually proved itself highly suited to ranching. Some years prior to the period of which we write, a party on his way to Peace River had been caught in an early winter storm here, decided he could attempt to winter his animals, numbering thirty or more and all highly bred with some even registered, on Eagle Flats. During the winter the hardship proved far too much for the animals which had never been accustomed to such conditions, and all died.

In some years, with something of a break from

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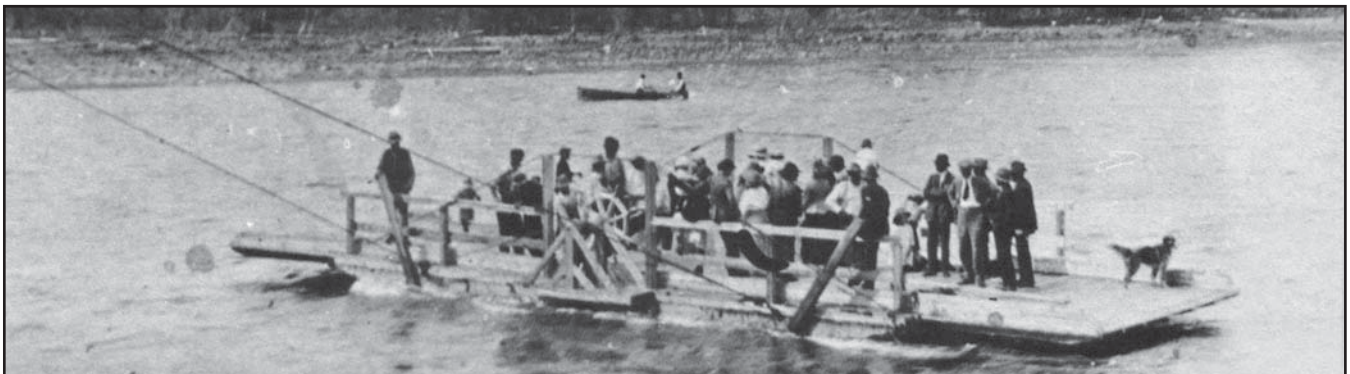
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The Allendale ferry, first launched in 1916 to take people between Whitecourt and Allendale which was on the far side of the McLeod.

What's Up in Whitecourt

Teen Monthly Mayhem Night

Event date: 11/3/2017 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Whitecourt's Teen Monthly Mayhem Night

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Paint Night

Get ready to be creative! Join artist Justine Vandenhouten for paint night! All supplies will be provided.

13th Annual Candlelight Vigil

Event date: 11/5/2017 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative invites you to join them for this moving and powerful event commemorating those who have lost their lives as a result of family violence. There will be light snacks and refreshments provided. A silent candle walk along with poetry readings from the Community Poetry Contest, and musical performance by an Edmonton singer/songwriter who is passionate about raising awareness for family violence issues will encompass the evening.

6:30 p.m. at the Whitecourt Seniors Circle
(5212 50 Street)

For more information contact Leslay at 780-268-0545 or lesleylawton@whitecourt.ca.

Lunch & Learn

Event date: 11/17/2017 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Featuring speakers on various early childhood topics for parents with children under the age of 5.

Learning Through Play

November 17

Andrea Hagen

Night Out in Whitecourt (NOW) Event

Event date: 11/17/2017 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Town of Whitecourt organizes community events for adults once a month. The purpose of these events is to bring people together, get to know your neighbours, welcome new community members, and give everyone a fun night out! They

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Board Game Pub Night - November 17

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Event date: 11/18/2017 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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November 18 - Crazy Construction

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"That's the display department."
"With a flashlight."
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"So had the stairs."
"But look, you found the notice, didn't you?"
"Yes," said Arthur, "yes I did. It was on display in the bottom of a locked filing cabinet stuck in a disused bathroom with a sign on the door saying 'Beware of the Leopard.'"
- Arthur to Vogon

A Bafflement of Bureaucrats

The quote at left is from a classic bestseller entitled *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. As one reviewer put it, "Douglas Adams is arguably one of the greatest satirical writers of the twentieth century, and nowhere is his satirical wit sharper than in this novel. He uses satire ruthlessly to expose the absurdity of modern existence, particularly the bureaucracy and self-importance of local governments."



Satire itself is defined as "the use of humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, particularly in the context of contemporary politics and other topical issues." As such, we could all of course be targets of satire to some degree. However, governments are often the subject of this method of discourse, and with good reason.

It is not because the people in government are
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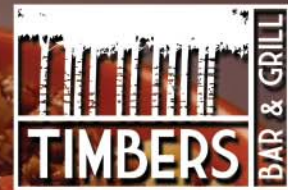
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Moore, I. C.
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*McDowell R.
Presthlien, A.
Skogman, S.
Snellie D.

Smith, C. R.
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Torgerson, J. H.
Torgerson, J. S.
Underwood, D.
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Brewer, T.
*Brewer, M. J.
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Burch, J.
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Cymbala, S.
Cymbala, W.
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*Deatherage, W.
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Did You Know?

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

After reading the poem, Moina Michael, a professor at the University of Georgia, wrote the poem, "We Shall Remember," and swore to wear a red poppy on the anniversary.

The custom spread to Europe and the countries of the British Empire and Commonwealth within three years. Madame Anne E. Guerin tirelessly promoted the practice in Europe and the British Empire. In the UK Major George Howson fostered the cause with the support of General Haig. Poppies were worn for the first time at the 1921 anniversary ceremony. At first real poppies were worn. These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I; their brilliant red colour became a symbol for the blood spilled in the war.

** Killed or missing in action. Many of those who served were wounded.*

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'Old Man Winter', ranching might prove successful, but unfortunately one is unable to forecast what winter here has in store for him. For absolute safety's sake expect it to be cold and let it go at that.

Cochranes had arrived in the fall of 1919 and picked about the toughest winter in memory to get established. Their introduction to Alberta, and Whitecourt in particular, must have left them wondering. During that winter the price of hay soared to seventy-five dollars a ton and one took delivery at Sangudo (two days away). Oat bundles, and hardly any were available, ranged in price from fifty to seventy-five cents each.

And strangely enough cattle prices remained fairly constant, with if anything, an inclination to drop; and drop they did next fall, (the bottom dropped out of the market completely), and farmers who had paid seventy-five dollars a ton for hay wondered what it was all about. And who helped the farmer? He helped himself in so far as possible, as governments then in power had not yet embarked on "creeping",

or should one say "galloping" socialism.

But getting back to our 'tour' and in the Beaver Creek area we find the homestead of one Dexter Whitcomb who with his two sons had filed on an area of three quarter sections here. Whitcomb was a good carpenter, and readily found work in the Hamlet, but his optimism regarding his farming operations at times struck the author as being far above and beyond anything the situation warranted. In the course of one conversation, he remarked that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to just look over his holdings when the sun was rising, and to think that as far as he could see the land was all his. His dream however faded fast, as he left in a matter of two years or so without, in so far as the author knows, ever making a dent in his undertaking.

So getting back to Whitecourt and at the top of the hill let us proceed south on the road referred to as "The House Mountain Trail". (South past the Forestry buildings and proceeding down into the valley of Beaver Creek). Someone has, and in the opinion

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MONTHLY QUIZ SPELLING

1) Theological reasoning; "ka zoo is tree" 2) Plants do it, animals don't; "foh toh sin the siss" 3) urple or violet quartz; "am e thisst"

VOCABULARY

1) Palate: artists board, storage platform, mouth roof, small castle. 2) Palaver: rifle bore size, wooden post, hope, chatter 3) Palindrome example: NIXON ROTATOR ORANGE HOMYNYM

WORD JUMBLE

1) N A M I
2) S T U F E
3) H I Z E N T
4) Z A N B O A N

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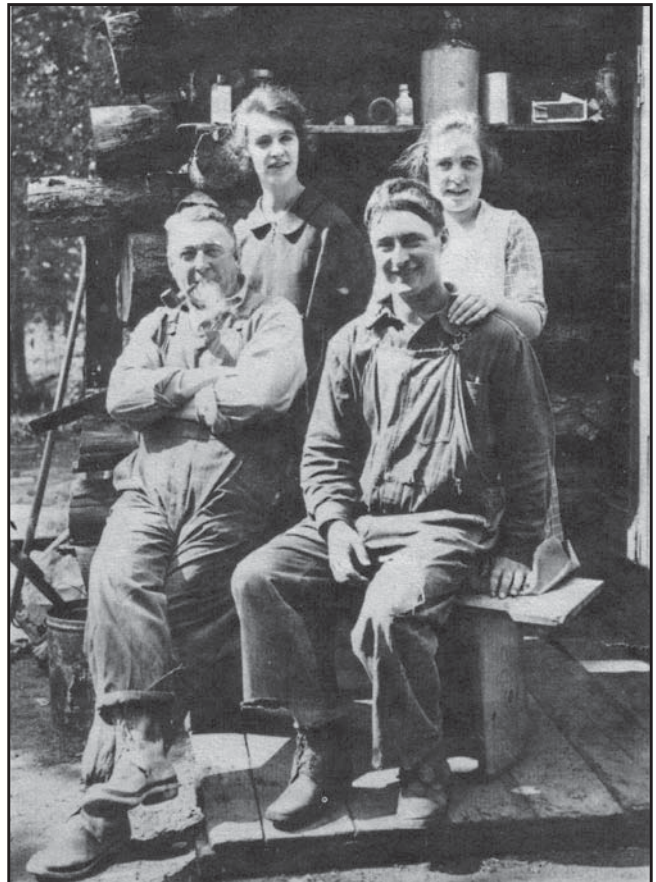
of the writer, wrongly changed the name of that elevation to the south of us from House Mountain to Whitecourt Mountain. Is nothing sacred any more, and is almost anyone privileged to do such a thing to satisfy his, or someone else's whim? Why not show respect for those who pioneered this country by retaining names, and for the most part descriptive names, by which said pioneers identified hills, roads, etc. All progress necessitates change of course, but not all change is progress.

As we continue, we pass on our left the homestead of Pat Hardy, mentioned in the introduction. It is felt however that Pat is worthy of further mention; a man capable of coping with any situation that might confront a settler anywhere in the bush.

He could do anything an Indian could do, and very probably do it better, up to and including fluency in the Cree language. He was at home behind a dog team, on snowshoes, or on the river, and at times kept timber wolves penned up with a view to crossing them with dogs for sleigh animals. He fitted the Whitecourt scene like a glove. A philosopher of sorts he must surely have had a good education coupled with an ability to assess what he observed. He was the re-incarnation of one of the early explorers, with a yen for adventure, and thought nothing of living off the land for weeks on end. His cabin was always a gathering place and no wonder.

As we approach Beaver Creek we come to what was known as "Steve's Bridge", called after one, Charles A. Stephens, who farmed a short distance to the south. A big heavy set man with a 'corporation' that went well with his position as Magistrate.

Everyone knew him as "Steve" and while not inclined to belligerence or overly aggressive, he did not mind calling "A spade a spade" or even worse, and stated his opinion in what struck the writer as possibly much more over-riding than conventional terms. His wife had died during the flu epidemic, and Steve resided here with his son and two daughters. Both daughters later married here, the elder becoming Mrs. J. Torgerson and the younger, Mrs. O. Peterson. The son was later a member of 'New York's Finest'.



The Stephens on House Mountain around 1920.



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with many in attendance stating they would attend something like this again in the future. Tuval then took his presentation to Hilltop High School as well as Ecole St. Joseph School continuing the conversation about Healthy Relationships and gender-based violence for our youth.

To start off the month the 13th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held on Sunday November 5, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Whitecourt Seniors Circle. This event is free to attend and all are welcome. The event will encompass a short silent candlelit walk followed by a musical performance by singer songwriter Andrea Nixon. Andrea has a strong passion for raising awareness about Family Violence and helps spread the message through her songs as well as a Project Wild campaign that took her to the shelters across our Province this past summer.

You may see some purple lights up in our town over November. The Whitecourt RCMP as well as the Town Office will host

purple string lights in honour of Family Violence Prevention Month. As well purple light bulbs to go on residents' porch lights will be given out at the Vigil to display at their home. Another awareness initiative will be the Red Silhouettes placed upon counters and table tops distributed throughout the Whitecourt Community with the Family Violence Information Line 310-1818 listed. This number can be used by anyone looking for information for themselves or how to help someone else dealing with family violence. For more information about the Whitecourt FVI please visit www.whitecourtfvi.ca or follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. - Article & Photos Submitted



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anymore subject to stupidity and vice than the average person. Government's ability to inspire satire, to soar to the apex of absurdity as it were, is to be found in one word, and that word is monopoly. It is an absolutely necessary monopoly of course in providing certain basics such as sewers, roads, basic human rights, defence etc. However, sufficient checks are needed to keep monopolies and their bureaucracies from expanding into areas where a monopoly is not only unnecessary, but downright debilitating.

Most private businesses that become too silly or too wasteful automatically become defunct, absent some corruption of the free market. Government is subject to a very limited form of such wake-up calls in the guise of elections, but even here with our first past the post system and party politics people voting for change are often disappointed. Also, behind the scenes there is a secretive dictatorial money power calling plays. That it is necessary to point this out illustrates another problem with our democracy; that being a mainstream media that does not report on certain important things.

In any case, local governments avoid the worst excesses of higher levels of government, with two main reasons being their proximity to the electorate and a lack of party politics. However, there are still examples where a satirist would find ample material in local governments. In the opinion of this writer, the rules around development, and more specifically downtown development, in Whitecourt would be suitable for satire. Perhaps it was just my own experience that was particularly baffling, but I think not.

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I can only relate what I have been told over the years, while trying to both live and work downtown. By way of contrast, I had an experience with Penticton where I lived many years ago. I was visiting friends there and saw a ground floor condo in a commercial area, complete with reception and 5 offices. I also noticed that there were a few condos on ground floors being converted to residential units here and there. I called the appropriate city officials to inquire about this.

The official explained that they didn't like to convert commercial ground units to residential, but would consider it, if I jumped through the hoops. When I explained I was thinking of keeping the front reception area and two offices as commercial, while converting the three back offices to a living area, the official interrupted, with enthusiasm. "You don't have to do anything to do that" he stated, "it is a permitted use". Sure enough, twenty minutes later I printed off the email he sent and there it was. For various reasons I didn't follow through, but thought the experience was quite a contrast to that I had with Whitecourt officials in looking to live and work in the same building in a commercial area.

On my first try in Whitecourt, the landlord expressed a willingness to put in a shower and convert some unused offices where my business is. When I phoned the Town to check out the restrictions, I was astounded to be told that the living quarters and work quarters required separate ventilation systems. I'm not sure if this is still a requirement, but at the time I was baffled. It's an office building, not a paint factory. Why is it not okay to breathe the same air at night as in the daytime? There's probably some obscure reason somewhere; or possibly I was misinformed. I could have dug deeper, but I was living just across the street at the time, and so shook my head and walked away.

When I checked into another possibility years later, I was told my business could not be on the same level as the living quarters downtown. It had to be above. The property in question had always been used as a residence, which deepened the mystery. I'm pretty sure the thinking is you cannot have

a healthy commercial section if the storefronts are interspersed with residences, but this was already a residence. What is more, my business would go at the front. On asking about building a shop in front, I was told that this might be possible, but it would have to be larger than the residence; and the space was lacking by a bit to do this. This place has since been beautifully redone. It has what looks to be living quarters in the basement, with a shop upstairs.

This raises another issue. In my various searches to have my shop with my living quarters, I was not given consistent answers. For example, on my first try, it was okay to live on the same level as my shop; I just needed a separate ventilation system. For the second query, I was not told about secondary suites. I know how to look up the zoning, but had counted on Town officials to give me the same answer as they would give someone else on the issue. Admittedly, the discretionary aspect would have given me pause.

On the third try, for another person this time, again there were two different answers. For one, the interested party was informed that they would have to live downstairs, if they wanted their business upstairs; again in a house that had always been residential. On phoning the Town to check on this information, I was told they would consider it further. I got an answer a couple of days later from an official who went up the line to check everything out, on what was a 'tricky' situation. "I got some bad news" was how the next conversation started. The new answer was the place had to become commercial because the property had been vacant for over six months, with nary a mention about the possibility of any secondary suite in the basement.

The big loser in such a situation can be the seller of the property, where they are left in a situation where it is much harder to sell a residence they no longer live in. Great hardship can ensue. The potential business owner and the downtown also lose out. And eventually the Town, or a province like Alberta now, loses out, as in all cases where overly onerous government regulations manages to suffocate the basic efficiency and effectiveness of private business.

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I contrast my Whitecourt experience with my Penticton experience and think the Town could do much better in encouraging live/work units. There is a double benefit to larger society for starters. Obviously, it is environmentally friendly to live and work in the same place. No warming up a vehicle in winter or driving back and forth to work. No having to build another building if downtown space is under-utilized; which is often the case nowadays. And people that live downtown help bring life back to downtowns that have a struggle competing against malls, and now online shopping. For full disclosure, I should point out I am no longer in a conflict of interest on reporting on this matter as I am going into semi-retirement and no longer wish to live and work in downtown Whitecourt.

There is some credit to be given to the Town for allowing secondary suites in the basements in commercial zones, but again, this looks to be a discretionary use, not a permitted use. It might be allowed for one person, and not another, thereby making the process something a potential purchaser cannot really count on. I'm sure this is not the case in this town, but the discretionary aspect of approval for developments that should be on the permitted list can lead to injustice. A government official or structure that is entirely disrespectful of basic democratic rights and responsibilities can use the discretionary zoning aspect to discriminate against someone who has criticized them or their institution in the past; or conversely favour friends.

The recent history of the Town no doubt has some bearing on the overly restrictive zoning, where during the boom days people were clamoring for any sort of accommodation. It was not necessary to be more considerate of the needs of people and small business, even if it was something government should do regardless. However, now the boom is gone, it is especially important that permitted uses expand where they do not infringe on the rights of others around them. When it comes to business, and especially small business, government should get out of the way as much as possible and stick to the basics. Until then, in my opinion, a talented comedian could make a good skit out of this Town's policies on downtown live/work units.

How to Fund a Universal Basic Income Without Increasing Taxes or Inflation

by Ellen Brown

The policy of guaranteeing every citizen a universal basic income is gaining support around the world, as automation increasingly makes jobs obsolete. But can it be funded without raising taxes or triggering hyperinflation? In a panel I was on at the NexusEarth cryptocurrency conference in Aspen September 21-23rd, most participants said no. This is my rebuttal.



In May 2017, a team of researchers at the University of Oxford published the results of a survey

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of the world's best artificial intelligence experts, who predicted that there was a 50 per cent chance of AI outperforming humans in all tasks within 45 years. All human jobs were expected to be automated in 120 years, with Asian respondents expecting these dates much sooner than North Americans. In theory, that means we could all retire and enjoy the promised age of universal leisure. But the immediate concern for most people is that they will be losing their jobs to machines.

That helps explain the recent interest in a universal basic income (UBI) – a sum of money distributed equally to everyone. A UBI has been proposed in Switzerland, trials are beginning in Finland, and there is a successful pilot ongoing in Brazil. The cities of Ontario in Canada, Oakland in California, and Utrecht in the Netherlands are planning trials; two local authorities in Scotland have announced such plans; and politicians across Europe, including UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, have spoken in favor of the concept. Advocates in the US range from Robert Reich to

Mark Zuckerberg, Martin Luther King, Thomas Paine, Charles Murray, Elon Musk, Dan Savage, Keith Ellison and Paul Samuelson. A new eco-

nomic study found that a UBI of \$1000/month to all adults would add \$2.5 trillion to the US economy in eight years.

Welfare can encourage laziness, because benefits go down as earned income goes up. But studies have shown that a UBI distributed

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OUR LAWS BEGIN WITH US

In our last article, we highlighted [recent developments](#) in Alberta's electricity sector and who our regulators are. We are building further on this topic by talking about the actual laws that govern power co-ops and the critical role Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) play when laws are drafted.

When the Legislature is in session debating new bills (proposed laws), it's easy to get the impression that laws are made and passed only under the Legislature dome. But laws are, in fact, considered year-round by ministers and MLAs when they talk to citizens to find out what they are thinking.¹ Laws begin with us—citizens and groups of citizens concerned about issues.

This is exactly what is going on when the AFREA is invited into discussions to change the [Regulated Rate Option](#), the policies on [distributed generation](#), the rules on [micro-generation](#), and many other matters that affect the way REAs operate. We bring forward a unified REA voice to present informed ideas and solutions on how best to regulate electricity for all Albertans. We cannot expect effective representation from our government unless we do our part to contribute wisely in these discussions.

It is true that no minister or MLA can agree with every single opinion they hear. Eventually, the cabinet minister responsible for a portfolio and MLAs representing their constituents will form a position. The position they take will depend on party platforms and their own personal beliefs. But it will also be based on what they have determined most people think about a certain issue.²

It has been a remarkably busy time for discussing changes to Alberta's electricity sector. Our members worked hard with us to represent their own members when we requested input. Input is always needed.

Below for your reference are key laws REAs should be familiar with—some of them are changing as we speak, especially when it comes to the [Regulated Rate Option](#) and [micro-generation](#). We need to stay up-to-date not only to ensure compliance, but also to think ahead about opportunities for REAs in a future market. We have only provided a summary. Every act and regulation can be easily viewed online or ordered in print copy from Alberta Queen's Printer (official publisher of Alberta laws) via the [Laws Online/Catalogue](#). Alberta Energy also provides an [easy reference list of electricity acts and regulations](#). We encourage you to look them up. Let's continue to expand our collective knowledge and use it powerfully.

ALBERTA'S KEY ELECTRICITY LAWS

Electric Utilities Act (EUA)

The EUA outlines the vision and structure of Alberta's electricity market. It establishes both the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) and Balancing Pool and their powers. The Act also directs market players to operate in a manner that supports fair and open competition.

Alberta Utilities Commission Act (AUCA)

The AUCA establishes the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) and its power to regulate the utilities sector. It also establishes the Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA) and its powers.

Rural Utilities Act (RUA)

The RUA sets out how REAs, gas, and water co-ops can be set up and governed. Specific conditions drafted into the Act when it was first created still affect how REAs compete in Alberta's electricity market today.

An Act to Cap Regulated Electricity Rates

New legislation came into force in June 2017. The AFREA continues to work with legal counsel, consultants, and the Department of Energy to fully understand the impact of this legislation on REAs.

Renewable Electricity Act

This new Act brings into force the Renewable Electricity Program, which offers companies the chance to provide 400 megawatts of renewable electricity to Alberta's power grid. The Act establishes a target for 30% of electricity to be produced from renewable sources by 2030.

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2. *Ibid.*, p. 23.

among young adults did not change, high-school completion rates increased, and hospitalization rates dropped by 8.5 percent. Larger experiments in India have reached similar results.

Studies have also shown that it would actually be cheaper to distribute funds to the entire population than to run the welfare services governments engage in now. It has been calculated that if the UK's welfare budget were split among the country's 50 million adults, each of them would get £5,160 a year.

But that is not enough to cover basic survival needs in a modern economy. Taxes would need to be raised, additional debt incurred, or other programs slashed; and these are solutions on which governments are generally unwilling to embark. The other option is "qualitative easing," a form of central bank quantitative easing in which the money flows directly into the real economy rather than simply into banks. In Europe, politicians are taking another look at this once-derided "helicopter money." A UBI is being proposed

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equally regardless of income does not have that result. In 1968, President Richard Nixon initiated a successful trial showing that the money had

little impact on the recipients' working hours. People who did reduce the time they worked engaged in other socially valuable pursuits, and

young people who were not working spent more time getting an education. Analysis of a similar Canadian trial found that employment rates

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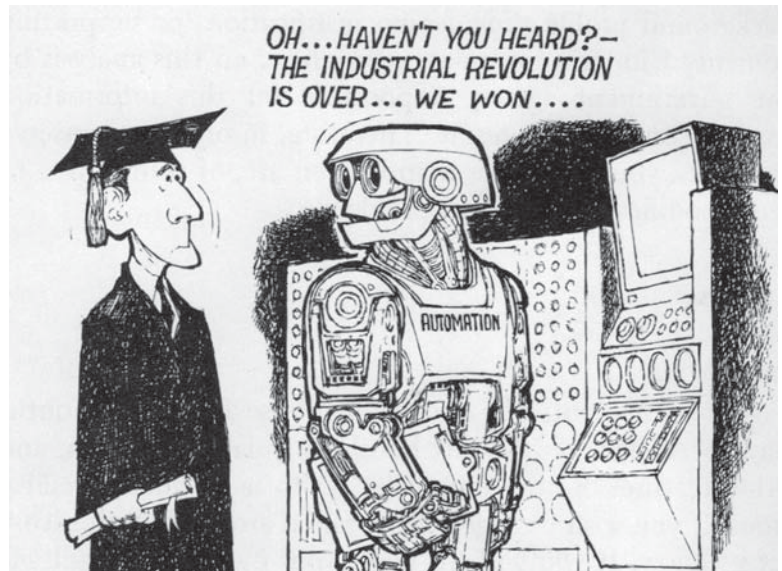


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as monetary policy that would stimulate productivity without increasing taxes. As Nobel prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz, former senior vice president of the World Bank, explains:

“... [W]hen the government spends more and invests in the economy, that money circulates, and recirculates again and again. So not only does it create jobs once: the investment creates jobs multiple times.

The result of that is that the economy grows by a multiple of the initial spending, and public finances turn out to be stronger: as the economy grows, fiscal revenues increase, and demands for the government to pay unemployment benefits, or fund social programmes to help the poor and needy, go down. As tax revenues go up as a result of growth, and as these expenditures decrease, the government's fiscal position strengthens.”



Why “QE for the People” Need Not Be Inflationary

The objection to any sort of quantitative easing in which new money gets into the real economy is that when the money supply grows too large and

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Journey to Bethlehem 2017

Excitement is mounting as the cast and crew prepare for the 19th season of Journey to Bethlehem, a dramatic re-enactment of the first Christmas. Come and re-connect with the true spirit of Christmas as you travel through time and consider what it may have been like on the night Jesus was born. A guide will lead you from scene to scene, while actors in period costume act out the events of that momentous night. You will become part of the interactive presentation as you join the family walking to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. Along the way, you will meet and talk with beggars, Roman soldiers and tax collectors, angels, and wise men, as well as many others. You will experience the disappointment of being told there is no room in the inn. And you will meet the baby, born in a manger, who is the long-awaited Messiah. The success of this event requires the dedication of almost 100 volunteers per night, including a live “baby Jesus” and a variety of animals. This is an outdoor presentation, so dress warmly!

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- 4 Having a great amount of wind
- 5 Fruit with downy skin and large pit
- 6 First color on the spectrum
- 7 Smooth-skinned juicy fruit that grows in clusters on a vine
- 11 Metallic yellow color
- 12 Preserving food in cans or jars
- 15 Color of soil
- 16 Small, juicy fruits without pits
- 19 Gourdlike fruit
- 20 Green flat parts of a plant that grow from a stem

DOWN

- 1 Juice pressed from apples used for drinking or making vinegar
- 2 Tool consisting of a long handle and a row of tines
- 3 Perennial woody plants consisting of roots, a trunk and branches
- 8 Fruit of the oak tree
- 9 Large gourdlike orange fruit
- 10 Be on fire
- 13 Firm round fruit with succulent white flesh and red, green or yellow skin
- 14 Gathering of ripe crops
- 15 Dry measure equal to four pecks
- 17 White covering of dew frozen into ice crystals
- 18 Autumn

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consumer prices shoot up, the process cannot be reversed. If the money is spent on a national dividend, infrastructure, or the government's budget, it will be out circulating in the economy and will not be retrievable by the central bank.

But the government does not need to rely on the central bank to pull the money back when hyperinflation hits (assuming it ever does – it has not hit after nearly nine years and \$3.7 trillion in quantitative easing). As Prof. Stiglitz observes, the money issued by the government will return to it simply through an increase in fiscal revenues generated by the UBI itself.

This is due to the “velocity of money” – the number of times a dollar is traded in a year, from farmer to grocer to landlord, etc. In a good economy, the velocity of the M1 money stock (coins, dollar bills, demand deposits and checkable deposits) is about seven; and each recipient will pay taxes on this same dollar as it changes hands. According to the Heritage Foundation, total tax revenue as a percentage of GDP is now 26 percent. Thus one dollar of new GDP results in about 26 cents of increased tax revenue. Assuming each of the seven trades is for taxable GDP, \$1.00 changing hands seven times can increase tax revenue by $\$7.00 \times 26 \text{ percent} = \1.82 . In theory, then, the government could get more back in taxes than it paid out.

In practice, there will be a fair amount of leakage in these returns due to loopholes and deductions for costs. But any shortfall can be made up in other ways, including closing tax loopholes, taxing

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the \$21 trillion or more hidden in offshore tax havens, or setting up a system of public banks that would collect interest that came back to the government.

A working paper published by the San Francisco Federal Reserve in 2012 found that one dollar invested in infrastructure generates at least two dollars in "GSP" (GDP for states), and "roughly four times more than average" during economic downturns. Whether that means \$4 or \$8 is unclear, but assume it's only \$4. Multiplying \$4 by \$0.26 in taxes would return the entire dollar originally spent on infrastructure to the government, year after year. For precedent, consider the G.I. Bill, which is estimated to have cost \$50 billion in today's dollars and to have returned \$350 billion to the economy, a nearly sevenfold return.

What of the inflation formula typically taught in economics class? In a May 2011 Forbes article titled "Money Growth Does Not Cause Inflation!", Prof. John Harvey demonstrated that its assumptions are invalid. The formula is " $MV = Py$," meaning that when the velocity of money (V) and the quantity of goods sold (y) are constant, adding money (M) must drive up prices (P). But as Harvey pointed out, V and y are not constant. As people have more money to spend

(M), more money will change hands (V), and more goods and services will get sold (y). Demand and supply will rise together, keeping prices stable.

The reverse is also true. If demand (money) is not increased, supply or GDP will not go up. New demand needs to precede new supply. The money must be out there searching for goods and services before employers will add the workers needed to create more supply. Only when demand is saturated and productivity is at full capacity will consumer prices be driven up; and they are not near those limits yet, despite some misleading official figures that omit people who have quit looking for work or are working only part-time. As of January 2017, an estimated 9.4 percent of the US population remained unemployed or underemployed. Beyond that, there is the vast expanding potential of robots, computers and innovations such as 3D printers, which can work 24 hours a day without overtime pay or medical insurance.

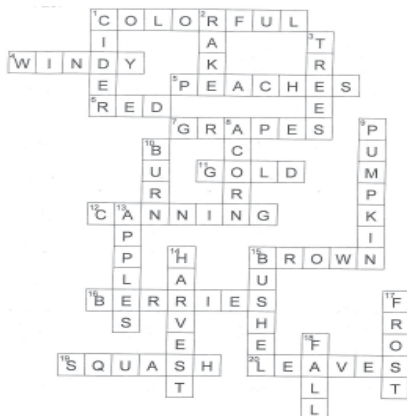
The specter invariably raised to block legislators and voters from injecting new money into the system is the fear of repeating the notorious hyperinflations of history – those in Weimer Germany, Zimbabwe and elsewhere. But according to

Professor Michael Hudson, who has studied the question extensively, those disasters were not due to government money-printing to stimulate the economy. He writes:

“As robots increasingly take over human jobs, the choices will be a UBI or to let half the population starve. A UBI is not “welfare” but is simply a dividend paid for living in the 21st century, when automation has freed us to enjoy some leisure and engage in more meaningful pursuits.”

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Every hyperinflation in history has been caused by foreign debt service collapsing the exchange rate. The problem almost always has resulted from wartime foreign currency strains, not domestic spending. The dynamics of hyperinflation traced in such classics as Salomon Flink's *The Reichsbank and Economic Germany* (1931) have been confirmed by studies of the Chilean and other Third World inflations. First the exchange rate plunges as economies pay for foreign military spending during the war, and then – in Germany's case – reparations after the war ends. These payments led the exchange rate to fall, increasing the price in domestic currency of buying imports priced in hard currencies. This price rise for imported goods creates a price umbrella for domestic prices to follow suit. More domestic money is needed to finance economic activity at the higher price level. This German experience provides the classic example.

In a stagnant economy, a UBI can create the demand needed to clear the shelves of unsold products and drive new productivity. Robots do not buy food, clothing, or electronic gadgets. Demand must come from consumers, and for that they need money to spend. As robots increasingly take over human jobs, the choices will be a UBI or to let half the population starve. A UBI is not "welfare" but is simply a dividend paid for living in the 21st century, when automation has freed us to enjoy some leisure and engage in more meaningful pursuits.

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There is a pretty good chance we end up with a universal basic income, or something like that, due to automation — Elon Musk

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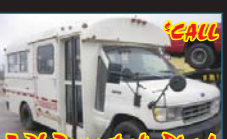
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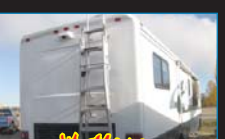
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