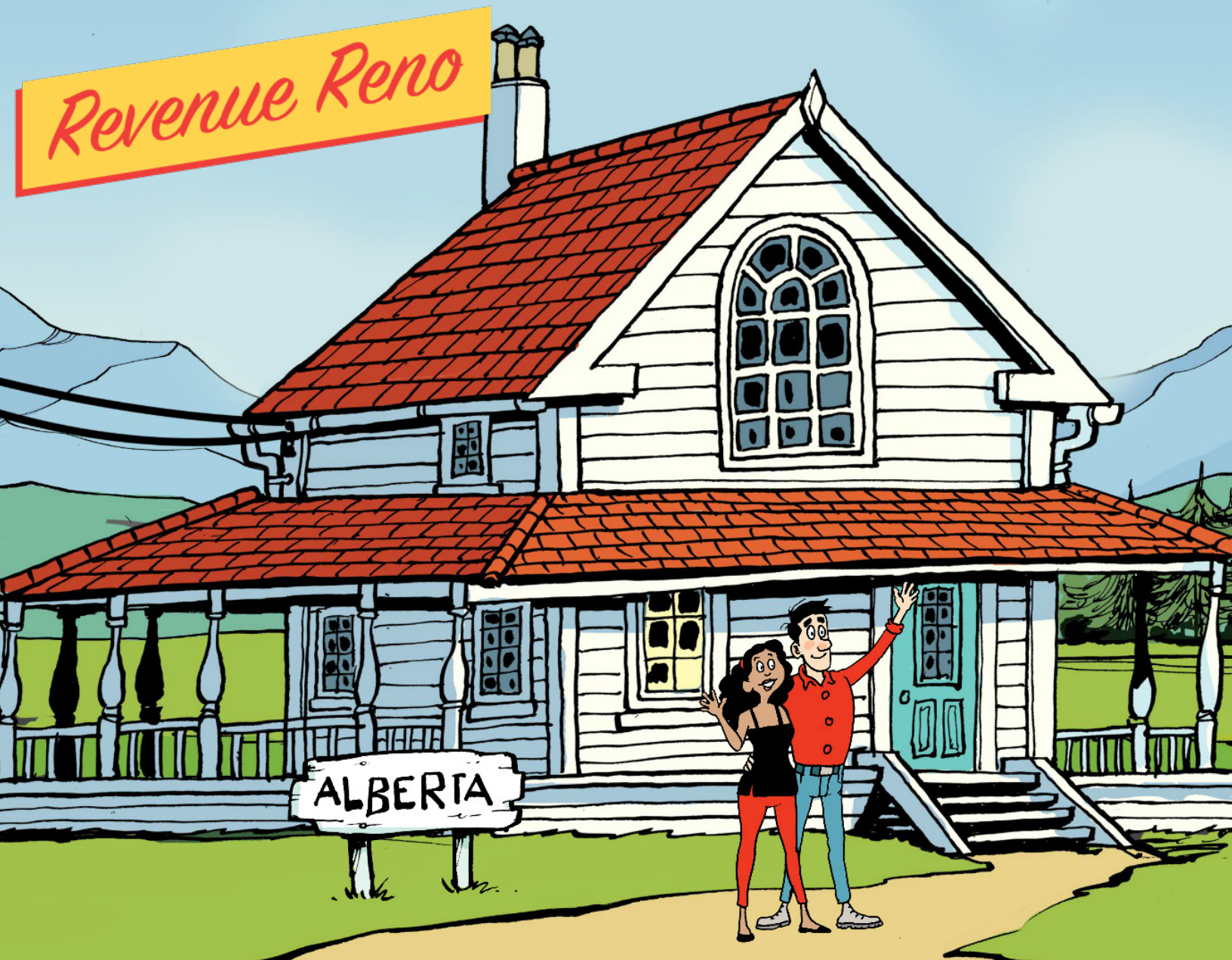




Public Interest Alberta
Advocating for a Better Alberta for All



Public Interest Alberta
Annual Report
2017 - 2018



Report BOARD PRESIDENT

I am pleased to report that the advocacy work of Public Interest Alberta in the last year has effectively reflected the key goals of our organization, manifested in a considerable variety of efforts over a wide range of concerns in a complex provincial context.

The ongoing focus of Alberta's government on issues related to pipelines and energy resources over the past year has made it essential that Public Interest Alberta advocate vigorously on other important issues related to public services and the public interest, and we have done so in a variety of ways that went beyond the important ongoing work of our task forces.

I am particularly pleased with the progress we have made with our efforts to raise the public profile of the importance of dealing with our provincial government's continuing reliance on volatile energy resource revenues to fund our public services, and the need to raise additional revenues through fair taxation in order to support and revitalize our public services.

The launch of our multifaceted *Revenue Reno* campaign in March 2018 was the product of many months of work, and was made possible by the generous support of our organizational members and the fine efforts of staff. It has served to begin the conversations on the need for revenue reform based on a combination of a sales tax and more progressive income tax, and will provide the foundation for advocacy efforts to make this issue a central concern for all political parties in next year's provincial election.

Another very positive action involved the development and launch of our key advocacy document for the coming year, *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest*, which resulted from year-long work by our task forces, partners, and staff. The document will be extremely useful for progressive individuals and organizations in the lead-up to the 2019 provincial election, offering an analysis of the current situation and suggested priorities for advocacy in nine areas: Revenue Reform, Child Care and Early Learning, Education, Post-Secondary Education, Human Services and Poverty, Environment, Health Care, Seniors, and Democracy.

It is also important to draw special attention to this year's very successful annual conference, *Alberta at the Crossroads: Forward, Not Back*. The conference was highlighted by an opening

keynote by Alex Himelfarb and a closing presentation by Diana Gibson, and involved plenary sessions on Exploring Alberta's Options, Implementing Reconciliation in the Alberta Context, and Connecting a Cleaner Environment to a Stronger Democracy, as well as workshops in priority areas. The conference was very well received by participants, and provided effective opportunities to work together to develop stronger advocacy for the coming year and beyond.

Public Interest Alberta has had another successful year, at a time when our efforts are clearly much needed, due to the support and engagement of our individual and organizational members, board of directors, staff, task forces, and volunteers. On behalf of our board, my thanks to all of you.



Larry Booi



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The past year has been one of both opportunities and challenges in Alberta, and Public Interest Alberta has been engaged in both. With the help of our staff team, as well as the board and task forces, we have been able to accomplish a lot.

The launch of our Revenue Reno campaign, which is leading a provincial public conversation about the need to increase tax revenues to protect and revitalize our public services, was a large undertaking for us as an organization. A lot of work was done over the previous two years to build support and raise the money we needed to get the campaign off the ground. The result was a clear and effective message, a sharp website and animated video, an online tool to engage MLAs, and a series of public discussions in five Alberta cities. I want to thank our funding partners, as well as Campaign Gears, which built the campaign tools and materials for us. Follow the campaign at www.RevenueReno.ca as we continue to lead that conversation in the year ahead leading up to the next provincial election.

We also published our new document, *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest*, which can be read at www.pialberta.org/priorities. It is the product of more than a year's work by each of our task forces, with the help of Friends of Medicare and other partner organizations. It lays out in nine priority areas our evaluation of the current situation and our view of what the government's priorities should be going forward to make our province a more just and fair place for all Albertans.

Each of our six active task forces continues to meet to find ways to advance the public interest in each of their areas. Using the new Priorities document, they are each taking action in different ways to educate the public and our politicians about the changes we need to see. In the reports ahead, you will read about the many actions and campaigns they have organized or contributed to.

Monica Walker has continued to be a steady foundation in our office and ensures our operations, logistics, and finances are on track. She heads up the logistical organizing of all our events, including our annual conference, which had another successful year.

Judith Paquin moved on from the position of Communications Officer to be closer to family overseas. I would like to thank Judith for her hard work with us, including the incredible graphic design skills she was able to use in our child poverty campaign and our municipal elections materials.

Brett Lambert started as our new Communications Officer in November 2017. He has been very busy with our social media, e-newsletter, print newsletter (*The Advocate*), as well as supporting our media activity in news conferences and press releases. He has been a great addition to our team.

We have one year left until the next election, so it is more important than ever that we make the case to the public for revitalized public services, a cleaner environment, and a stronger democracy. Those issues need to be at the heart of the next provincial election campaign if we are going to continue to make progress in those areas.



Joel French



Report CHILD CARE & EARLY LEARNING TASK FORCE

Public Interest Alberta's Child Care and Early Learning Task Force continues to advocate for a comprehensive, high-quality, affordable, publicly-funded early childhood education and care system that is accessible to all families, regardless of their ability to pay.

The Government of Alberta's implementation of the Early Learning and Child Care Centres pilot project in 2017 and the now enhanced project is a significant step toward building and investing in early childhood education and child care. The creation of the Ministry of the Status of Women, which includes a mandate to create and support a regulated, affordable child care system in Alberta is another example of how the government is putting a higher priority on early learning and child care than previous governments. While these actions are an important step forward, as advocates for families and children in Alberta, the task force believes that much more should and could be done.

During Public Interest Alberta's 12th annual advocacy conference, *Alberta at the Crossroads: Forward, Not Back*, delegates affirmed the task force vision and priorities. In the publication, *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest*, the task force calls for the Government of Alberta to implement the following three priority areas to ensure families are fully supported in the care and development of their children by:

- 1) Continuing to invest in a universal, truly affordable, high quality child care system
- 2) Supporting the professionalization of early childhood educators to improve quality
- 3) Improving accessibility to high quality early childhood education and after school care programs

Child care *is* an investment in Alberta's economic future. Given how crucial the first five years are in a child's development, it is imperative that our governments set a high priority on early learning and child care. During the next year, we plan to work with a wide variety of organizations to raise public awareness about the need for investing in a quality, accessible, affordable, regulated, public system of early learning and child care programs.

Donna Staszewski, Task Force Chair



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Report DEMOCRACY TASK FORCE

The past year has seen progress in a number of the key areas for democratic reform in directions advocated by Public Interest Alberta's Democracy Task Force.

In particular, the completion in October 2017 of the work by Alberta's Electoral Boundaries Commission, chaired by Justice Myra Bielby, has resulted in significant improvements in making citizens' votes more equal and in reinforcing the fundamental principles of political equality and representation by population.

The task force continues to advocate for legislation to require that future boundary commissions must work within a five per cent limit for constituency population variations, and to ensure that all MLAs receive the resources and support they need to effectively represent their constituents in both rural and urban areas.

There was also some progress in the complicated area of

third party political advertising with government's legislation in early 2018 to deal with issues related to "Political Action Committees" and so-called "dark money" in our political system. The task force will continue to advocate in this area as issues related to freedom of expression and other concerns become clarified.

Improving citizen engagement continues to be a major focus for the task force, with Public Interest Alberta's proposal, *Engaging Citizens for a Stronger Democracy*, serving as a key resource for ongoing advocacy. As part of that effort, the task force is further developing a proposal to establish a Centre for Democracy at the site of the former Royal Alberta Museum.

Important issues in democracy were examined in a plenary session entitled "Connecting a Cleaner Environment to a Stronger Democracy" at Public Interest Alberta's 12th annual advocacy conference in April 2018.

In addition, the task force finalized the work on four current priorities for advocacy in strengthening democracy as part of Public Interest Alberta's new publication, *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest*, released in March 2018. These proposals should serve as a framework in advocating for further democratic reform with all political parties in the important opportunity provided in the lead-up to the provincial election in 2019.

Larry Booi, Task Force Chair



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Report

EDUCATION TASK FORCE

The Education Task Force has focused its efforts on support for Public Interest Alberta's work advocating to the Government of Alberta to reduce and eliminate funding for private schools that provide regular programming, maintained an interest in LGBTQ policies in Alberta's school boards; it refined its *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest*; and it supported and the *Revenue Reno* campaign to fund public services, including education.

In a province where education is chronically underfunded, it makes little sense to fund private schools at 70 percent of per pupil rate that public schools receive. It is estimated that approximately \$120 million could be redirected to programming in public schools. A reduction from 70 to 50 percent funding would net \$30 million. Public Interest Alberta and its partners called on the province to make this adjustment in the 2018 budget and direct that money to improve classroom conditions in Public, Catholic, and Francophone schools. Despite these efforts, the province remains steadfast in its support for private school choice.

We engaged Dr. Kristopher Wells from the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Alberta to conduct a review of four of Alberta's school boards' LGBTQ policies ahead of the Ministry of Education's March 31st deadline for policies that reflect guidelines for privacy and confidentiality rights set out by Bills 9 and 24. He found that the boards did not meet the new requirements to protect LGBTQ students' rights nor were there clear supports for GSAs. To assist boards in their work, Dr. Wells produced a set of criteria for assessing board policies and created a model policy for boards to ensure they are meeting their legal obligations.

In setting out its priorities, the task force considered that the province has fulfilled some of its promises like funding increased student enrolment, upgrading old schools and building new schools, introducing a school nutrition program, and reducing mandatory school fees.

The reality is that unstable and inadequate funding continues

to plague Alberta's public schools. Class sizes are ballooning and supports for students' complex needs go unaddressed. If public education is to ensure that every child has a fair start and is to develop his or her potential, priorities must be focused on strengthening our public school systems by addressing class sizes and student needs. There must be equity in education, including redirecting funding that goes to private schools. There must be authentic and meaningful learning through reform of evaluation and assessment practises, curriculum design that seeks to develop well-rounded citizens, and encouragement of respect for teachers' professionalism. There must be movement towards a universal early learning and care system beyond the pilot project and a plan to make all-day kindergarten available to all Alberta children.

The challenges that K-12 education faces require predictable, stable, and sufficient funding. The province's current revenue stream clearly does not meet the needs. Alberta needs \$14.1 billion annually to be fiscally sustainable. That means either cuts to program or increased taxes. If we value our children's future as supporters of all political stripes purport, then Alberta needs to generate the money to support the programs that educate all children well.

Harold Neth, Task Force Chair



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Report HUMAN SERVICES & POVERTY TASK FORCE

Now that the provincial economy is gradually improving, the Human Services and Poverty Task Force met with the Minister of Community and Social Services on May 31, 2018 to present four policy proposals that will have modest cost impact but significant positive benefits to low-income Albertans on social supports. Our proposals include raising earnings exemption and asset limit, eliminating claw back of maintenance payments received by custodial parents, modestly raising social assistance rates, and legislate indexing to annual inflation rate so future governments are bound to it, and increase funding for language and employment training programs for low-income Albertans.

The above proposals are part of the broader priorities prepared by the task force in the *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest* document. The document was prepared through consultations with our partner organizations and our conference workshops. The other priorities of the task force in the document include affordable childcare, investments in housing, access to mental health services, and supports to Indigenous communities. We will strategically push forward the other priorities in the coming months, being cognizant of the provincial economy, public support, and timing.

This year new members joined the task force, which provided new energy and generated further ideas. In November 2017, Public Interest Alberta in partnership with Edmonton Social Planning Council and Alberta College of Social Workers published a research report on child and family poverty, *Keep Investing in Alberta's Children: The Government's Role in Ending Child and Family Poverty*. While we commend the provincial government for the number of initiatives it implemented in the first year of its mandate – specifically the introduction of the child benefit and the increase in the minimum wage to alleviate poverty – our research identified the extent of a continuing income gap and poverty in families with children, Indigenous people, persons with physical and mental barriers, and the unemployed. In the last two decades, poverty among employed single individuals has also been increasing and there are no programs to provide them with relief. The report identified Alberta's tax revenue shortfall that is limiting its ability to effectively

reduce poverty and re-skill the workforce for the changing labour market. Affordable childcare and housing are two essential elements for reducing poverty. The negative effects of poverty are gender-selective – falling disproportionately on women – and they have a long lasting effect on our communities. Access to health benefits – ability to pay for prescriptions – is essential to keep low-income Albertans healthy and working. Affordable education and training is essential to develop a skilled and productive workforce. Jointly with our partner non-profit organizations, the task force will continue to strategically push both the government and the employers to implement the proposals developed in the *Priorities* document. The three pillars of our communities – the government, the employers and the non-profit organizations – will have to work together if Alberta is to diversify its future economy, develop a highly skilled and productive workforce, ensure stable revenue for supports and services, eliminate poverty, and share prosperity across board.

Vasant Chotai, Task Force Chair

Keep Investing in Alberta's Children: The Government's Role in Ending Child and Family Poverty

November 2017

Prepared in partnership by:



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Report POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION TASK FORCE

This year the Post-Secondary Education Task Force completed the updates to our publication, *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest*, that focuses on the most current issues facing post-secondary education in Alberta. The last provincial budget addressed some of our concerns, such as the continuation of freezing tuition rates, increasing budgets to post-secondary institutions, funding student mental health, supports for Indigenous adult learners, and investments in deferred maintenance for failing infrastructure on campuses. Even though these investments should be applauded, it is apparent that the Government of Alberta is still facing serious revenue shortfalls that impact its ability to make other significant improvements to higher learning.

With this in mind, members of the Post-Secondary Education Task Force held a meeting with the Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education on May 29th, 2018, to discuss priorities for Alberta's post-secondary education system. We focused on three particular areas of need. First, we discussed the requirement for affordable tuition so that post-secondary education is more accessible to all Albertans, including more grants for low-income, rural, and Indigenous students. The task force also discussed the need for transparent governance of post-secondary institutions, particularly focused around institutions' Boards of Governors, which would include greater representation on these boards by concerned stakeholders such as students, staff, and faculty. Finally, we discussed the need for sustainable and predictable funding of post-secondary education. This would decrease uncertainty surrounding annual funding of institutions, resulting in more stable programs, services, and staffing.

The focus of our task force moving forward will be to continue to advocate for the issues outlined in the *Priorities*

document, which I would encourage you to review. Yet given years of chronic underfunding to the post-secondary sector by past governments and the province's current state of financial uncertainty, we must be cognizant of the challenges that lie ahead in order to make substantive improvements to post-secondary education in Alberta. Despite this, we will continue to work for the priorities for change that we have identified.

Post-secondary education is essential for securing Alberta's future prosperity. Investments in higher learning result in outcomes that include greater contribution to our economy, less requirements of social services, better health outcomes, and perhaps most importantly, a public that is better informed and more engaged in their communities.

Quinn Benders, Task Force Chair



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Report SENIORS TASK FORCE

Although the Seniors Task Force was disappointed to hear that the federal increase for health care funding was only three percent, we were encouraged by the \$201 million increase in Alberta's home care budget. A sub-committee was established to develop recommendations to government on how that additional funding should be deployed.

The task force presented those recommendations in an October meeting with Minister Hoffman, but learned that the federal allocation for home care in the current year was only \$23 million. When the Alberta Health Services (AHS) budget became available, we learned that much of the new funding for home care had been derived by cuts to other areas of their budget.

Another encouraging development was the passage of Bill 22, the Resident and Family Councils Act. On examination, however, we were disappointed to note that the act encouraged, but did not require such councils, and that the legislation was silent on the composition of these councils and did not provide a mechanism for resolving impasses.

In December, the Seniors Task Force had a meeting with



three senior AHS staff involved in Seniors Care. It turned out to be a very candid and informative session focusing on:

- AHS Policy and program development process
- Early involvement by the task force in these processes
- How additional Home Care funding will be deployed
- Expanding the use of publicly operated as opposed to privately operated care facilities and home care
- Integrating programs to meet the medical, rehab, social, and overall health needs of seniors
- Strengthening the inspection system for residential care facilities

One very encouraging development was AHS's decision to purchase and take over operation of the Mountain View Centre in Hinton, formerly operated by the Good Samaritan Society. We do not yet know when the long-term care beds that were part of the original facility will be reinstated.

All of the above issues were discussed in a meeting with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Seniors and Housing on May 31, 2018.

Another area of advocacy in the past year has been to pressure the federal government to institute a national pharmacare plan by 2020. In this regard we have been working with Lucien Royer of the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada and Judy Lederer of the Alberta Federation of Union Retirees, who has recently joined our task force as that organization's representative.

What has become increasingly clear this past year is that, while the government's heart is clearly in the right place, it simply lacks the financial resources to do what it knows has to be done. Clearly, "compassionate belt-tightening" won't do it and the Alberta government needs to exercise leadership to address revenue reform.

Noel Somerville, Task Force Chair

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Advocacy

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Public Interest Alberta continues to do much of our environment work through the Alberta Green Economy Network (AGEN), where I now hold the position of Co-Chair with Shanthu Mano of the organization Carbon Busters. The group consists of a wide variety of organizations and individuals who want Alberta to develop stronger environmental policies by tackling climate change and shifting our economy to be less carbon-intensive. It includes environmental non-profit organizations, green businesses, and labour unions, and we regularly work with First Nations and Métis individuals and organizations.

Perhaps the most important part of any government's response to climate change is putting a price on carbon. Alberta's carbon price is now \$30 per tonne and will rise to \$50 per tonne as the federal government introduces its price floor across the country. While having this policy in place is important, our governments' approach to it has been relatively modest compared to countries like Sweden, which first introduced a carbon price in the 1990s and today has a price of \$200 per tonne.

The province has been reinvesting the revenue generated from the carbon price into Alberta's economy, creating green jobs in building renewable power generation and improving energy efficiency in homes, businesses, and public institutions and

buildings. A significant part of the revenue is also being given back to lower-income Albertans as rebates to ensure they are not bearing the brunt of the policy.

The phasing out of coal power has been crucial, both for the health of Albertans and for our overall goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, our province's emissions have continued to grow due mostly to the oil and gas exports, according to the federal government's statistics. That problem will only get worse as new pipeline projects are approved and built, and that will make it very difficult for Canada to achieve even its modest climate change commitments.

Making a cleaner environment a priority in the next election will be a challenge. The United Conservative Party under Jason Kenney says it believes in human-caused climate change, but its policies show no desire to take the science seriously enough to act on it. The NDP government's modest, yet important, actions need to be pushed further if Alberta is going to do its part to prevent catastrophic climate change from continuing to get worse around the globe.

Joel French, Executive Director

ANNUAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE



Keynote speaker, Alex Himelfarb, centre, pictured with Larry Booi, left and Joel French, discussed the climate of privatization and deregulation embraced by governments around the world and explored how working people can reassert power and provide economic security in a time of precarious work. Alex is Professor Emeritus of the Glendon School of Public and International Affairs and was a federal public servant before his retirement in 2009.

Our annual conference this year, *Alberta at the Crossroads: Forward, Not Back*, was held from April 5 to 6 in Edmonton along with a keynote presentation in Calgary on April 4.

A pre-conference workshop on provincial budgets and advocating for progressive taxation was facilitated by Diana Gibson, founder of Canadians for Tax Fairness. In addition to keynote Alex Himelfarb's presentation, the conference facilitated panel discussions on Alberta's potential future directions, reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples, and the interrelated challenges of a cleaner environment and a strong democracy.

Another highlight was the break-out workshop groups to discuss strategies for bold action in the areas of child care, education, post-secondary education, seniors, health care, and human services and poverty as laid out in our *Priorities for Advancing the Public Interest* publication.



Report

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ending March 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Revenue		
Membership Fees	299,746	291,312
Campaign Income	86,282	38
2016 Conference Income	-	26,067
2017 Conference Income	2,451	14,511
General Advocacy Fund	189	-
Interest Income	741	634
In-kind Contributions	590	737
Speaker Honorarium	1,200	-
Miscellaneous	383	-
	391,582	333,299
Operating Expenditures		
Staffing	234,40	216,223
Communications and Outreach	21,899	21,566
Rental	31,887	28,097
Audit Fees	6,236	5,473
Telecommunications	4,159	3,614
Amortization	5,941	5,676
Insurance	1,998	1,855
Public Interest Award	196	-
Stationery and Supplies	1,105	2,167
Equipment/Programs	3,422	1,497
Board/Executive	1,171	1,341
Annual General Meeting	467	332
Staff/Meetings	390	524
Interest and Bank Charges	383	922
Affiliations	125	670
Miscellaneous	43	32
Office Relocation	-	189
Furniture	-	296
Tribute	264	5
Presentations	-	40
WCB Premiums	200	-
	314,346	290,519
Program Costs		
2016 Conference	-	16,833
2017 Conference	500	14,731
General Advocacy Campaign	58,583	836
Post-Secondary Education Task Force	52	38
Environment Task Force	100	-
Human Services & Poverty Task Force	21,941	369
Childcare Task Force	78	301
Seniors Task Force	642	719
Education Task Force	99	183
Privatization Task Force	16	-
Democracy Task Force	-	27
	82,011	34,037
Excess of Revenues over		
Operating Expenses	\$ (4,775)	\$ 8,743

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