

More Suffering Predicted from Latest Carbon Tax Increase

By Stephen Ellis

When the Trudeau government's phase 2 carbon tax went into effect April 1, 2023, gasoline prices in Cumberland-Colchester shot up 14 cents a litre. It was as if a bomb dropped. The effects were immediate, and every sector of the economy began to bleed.

At the farm level, production prices soared. Far more expensive fuel meant increased costs to transport goods to market, and by the time big box store grocers took their healthy cuts, food prices had increased so much that working people began lining up at food banks because they couldn't afford to shop at grocery stores.

Higher heating costs hit homeowners, creating the 'heat or eat' dilemma. Landlords hiked rents, creating havoc for tenants, many of whom were forced out into the streets, adding to the homeless pandemic.

People with marginal incomes, notably seniors, began choosing between food and prescription drugs.

Inflation soared. The central bank raised interest rates an unprecedented five times during the year. Mortgages doubled, creating calamity in the real estate market. Homeowners with looming renewals faced huge monthly hikes or risked losing them.

At the root of this downward spiral is the Trudeau government's Carbon Tax, bent on reducing greenhouse gases to an imaginary base zero by 2050.

So it is, that as of April 1, 2024, Cumberland-Colchester is faced with phase 3, and its resultant 23-per cent increase on commodities such as gas heat and groceries. Canada's economy can only suffer substantially more in 2024.

Stephen Emmerson is a Cumberland County businessman. His company, Emmerson Packaging, is a net exporter of products — 70 per cent of its transported outside of Canada.

"We are already disadvantaged to USA competitors that have lower taxes, labour, and gas prices, he says. This burdensome (carbon) tax does nothing to improve the lives



Pictured above is the Shell Gas Pumps on Robie Street with Circle K / Irving in the background. Not the inset of an individual pump.

of Canadians, by making us less competitive on the North American and/or the global markets."

Further, manufacturer Emmerson says a further increase in the Carbon Tax will discourage foreign investment in Canada.

"Over the last eight years, Canada has gone from the fourth best country in the world to invest into the 14th.

Draconian regulations and taxation are the primary reasons for this dramatic drop in investment in Canada."

Domestically, another increase in the Carbon Tax will hit Canadians hard, Emmerson says.

"As the cost to invest or do business in Canada continues to rise, this will lead to further declines in Canada's gross domestic product (GDP). Canada continues to fall behind other industrialized nations regarding real growth. The additional Carbon Tax is just one more inhibitor for investment and real growth for Canadians."

On the international front, Emmerson criticizes the Trudeau government's asser-

tion that small-player Canada will be carbon neutral by 2050.

"The ridiculous goal of 'net zero' is a political myth being propagated by globalist ideologists. For every coal burning plant the West shuts off, China turns on 10. That takes us one step closer to China being the dominate economic leader. If that is truly the goal, let's just be honest about the Canadian Government's initiatives."

A Common Sense Conservative government will axe the tax and Canadians will have the opportunity to decide for themselves in the upcoming carbon tax election.

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BRADLEY, Keith Aubrey - Bible Hill, formerly of Princeport, passed away February 12, 2024, at the age of 71 years. He was the son of Fred and Faye Bradley. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; son, Shayne Joudrey (Sarah, Sophia), and sisters, Gwen, Judy, Shirley and Linda. Cremation has taken place. At his request, there will be no visitation or service.

LANGILLE, Bertha Josephine - Age 87, Truro, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2024, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Bertha was born on September 21, 1936, in Five Islands, Colchester County, to her parents, the late Ernest and Rosella (née Peterson) Wadman. For many years, Bertha was a Nurse's Aide at the Colchester Regional Hospital. After retiring from the hospital, she was an in-home care giver. Bertha was always there for you with a smile, a kind word or one of her amazing hugs. Bertha is survived by her daughter, Audrey Langille, Truro; sister, Sylvia Warren, Amherst; nieces, Tammy Warren (Springhill), Sandra Warren (Parrsboro), Laura Lloy (Collingwood); nephew, Huey Warren (Parrsboro); great-niece, Bella Warren (Springhill). Bertha was predeceased by her husband, Milton Langille, and many brother and sisters. If so desired, donations in Betha's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Bible Hill Cemetery, 41 Warren Drive, Bible Hill. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

LANGILLE, Christopher Dewight - Age 37, Bible Hill. The family is saddened and heartbroken to announce the sudden passing of Christopher Dewight Langille on February 21, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, due to a massive heart attack. He was born on July 17, 1986, in Truro, to Earl Dewight Langille and Carolyn Hamilton Archibald. Chris was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Evelyn Mabel (Lemond) and Douglas Logan Langille; maternal grandparents, Mae Lillian (Dean) and Cecil Elmer Archibald. He is survived by his father, Dewight Langille; his mother, Carolyn Archibald; his daughter, Kylie MacLellan and her mother, Chelsey MacLellan; brother, Jason Hamilton; many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends. Chris owned and operated his own business, C. Langille Auto Detailing, in Central Onslow. He had many loyal clients, for which he was very grateful. He was a hard worker and took great pride in completing a job for his clients that was nothing but exceptional. Chris was very kind and caring. He always had the time to stop and listen and would help anyone in need. Chris loved sports and excelled in hockey. He played on local teams including Shearer Construction and Highgrade/28Black. He always looked forward to participating in the annual Austin Memorial Hockey Tournament in Tatamagouche. Chris had a passion for playing as net minder in ball hockey and supported any position on the various baseball teams that he was a part of. Chris loved the camaraderie of playing the game and enjoying the banter after with teammates. Most importantly, he loved his daughter, "Ky", with whom he shared a very special bond. Ky was a daddy's girl and they spent quality time together every day. We would like to thank the compassionate and professional treatment from the Bible Hill Fire Brigade First Responders, the many EHS Paramedics and the emergency doctors and nurses at CEHHC. Also, a very large thank you to the members and teammates of the Truro and area hockey associations and friends and family who have so openly donated their time, money, food, messages, phone calls and words of comfort through social media. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to a future trust fund set up for Christopher's daughter, to the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, or a charity of your choice. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A spring interment will take place in Bible Hill Cemetery.

HARRIS, Kevin Christopher of Truro, died of cancer peacefully at home, on March 3, 2024. He was born to Richard Patrick and Margaret Lorraine (Hazel) Harris in Santa Rosa, California on February 4, 1960. Kevin grew up in California and New York, moving to a Newfoundland outpost at age thirteen. He tried his hand at everything from goat herding to air traffic control and retail, eventually settling into a career in cooking, becoming a Red Seal chef. In this midst of this process, he married Lora and began a family, and after many moves from one coast to the other, they settled in Nova Scotia to raise their children. Kevin successfully ran several resort kitchens in the Maritimes for over 20 years. Kevin credited his success to "Sheer bloody-mindedness!" and was bemused to have developed loyal kitchen teams despite his absolute insistence on excellence. Kevin truly enjoyed mentoring his kitchen staff both professionally and personally and took great satisfaction in watching their progress. Kevin's interests included history (mainly military), science fiction, board games, and of course food. His vast array of knowledge will be greatly missed. It is characteristic of Kevin's utter integrity in how he lived his life, that he wanted it known that he "tried very hard to be a good person, without universal success". Kevin is survived by his wife, Lora (Payzant) Harris; children, James Harris and Claire Harris (Chris Traverse); grandchildren, Winston, Hazel, Erin and Fiadh; parents, Richard and Margaret Harris; siblings, Patrick Harris (Catherine Eilertsen) and Susan (John) Hall, six nieces and nephews. We want to thank Dr. Bush, Drs. Jeyakumar and Rowe and the Oncology team, Dr. Smith and the Truro Palliative Care team, and the Truro VON for outstanding care and support. A visitation was held in Colchester Community Funeral Home on March 10th. Requiem Mass was, March 11, 2024. Donations may be made to Doctor's Without Borders or other charity of one's choice.

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