

**Government Renewal Initiative**

**Crow Head**

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<b>Q1. Thinking of all of the thing government spends your money on to provide residents of the province with services, what are the three things that could be stopped in order to save money?</b>
Defer full day Kindergarten
Build / purchase any new ferrys locally – Keep money within Province or country and hire local workers.
Muskrat Falls / Nalcor bonus scheme for executives. Bonus should be a reward, not if you are over budget and behind schedule!
Government cell phone plans should be the cheapest plans available as well as reducing the actual number of phones (type) of phones in use
Health care: create more full time openings to aid in recruitment/retention, in long we would save from training and sick leave.
Increase use of Nurse Practitioners, allow them to bill MCP directly allowing them to operate their own clinics
Municipal affairs to change policy with regard to resettlement
Drop the municipal Assessment agency altogether
Improve control over income support to prevent abuse of the system
Government to cut down on color photocopying, in many cases greyscale would be adequate
Less middle & upper management, more front line
Cut down on the red tape

<b>Q2. Given the financial challenges facing our province, what three things do you think government could do to raise money (increase revenue)?</b>
Raise the HST
Raise "sin" tax on tobacco/alcohol
Incorporate a tag system for cod food fishery
Raise corporate tax rate
Decrease number of department managers
Sell crown lands/Crown Assets
Create "sin" tax on junk food
Increase fees- include annual registration on snowmobiles/ATV's
Take more control over fishery, abolish Last In First Out policy

<b>Q3. How can government be more innovative or efficient to provide quality services at lower costs?</b>
Recycling- increase secondary processing
Fix Crown lands- apply departmental time limits on files/applications
promote local agriculture
Increase / promote healthy living and eating among students
Drop non-core university courses and programs at MUN
Create a co-op program that would see higher grade students mentor tutor students who might need it
NURSE PRACTITIONERS
Combine service departments that deal with activities (Crown Lands)

**Q 4. Is there anything else that you would like to suggest/add to the discussion?**

Increase spending on innovation research dealing with natural resources, improving usage of those we have

Increase amalgamation and regionalize services

Reduce # of MHAs