

TITLE	IDEA	WHY	CREATOR CREATION DATE	AVERAGE RATING	# OF RATINGS
Forestry permits and fees	<p>Review the permitting and fee structure associated with forestry resources.</p> <p>Permits for harvesting forests both commercially and domestically should be increased. Currently 30 plus thousand residents cut fuelwood yet permits still only cost 25.00. The resource is more valuable than this and it should be recognized.</p> <p>royalty rates for commercial harvesting should also be increased as they havent increased for over 30 years.</p> <p>Cutting permits for large coporations,developers, miners, quarry operators, should be increased where the development results in the permanent removal of forests from the landscape.</p>	important due to current fiscal situation.	tuckamore 2016-01-12T15:42:15-04:30	4.33333333	6

While the Newfoundland and Labrador Government have made great strides to reduce provincial government red tape over the last ten, this province still suffers from an "internal red tape" problem, hurting this province's ability to grow our economy and generate much needed tax revenues in the process.

In other words, an aspiring entrepreneur can get government regulatory approval to start their business, but city and town council usually have the final say and have a power to reject their request to get a permit to start their business.

This problem was created as a result of the Newfoundland and Labrador Government giving power for municipal bylaws to supersede provincial government laws and not the other way around.

This "Internal Red Tape" problem is a main reason why Newfoundland and Labrador are having a difficult time attracting aspiring entrepreneurs, and some major communities have a difficult time growing their economy.

To help grow Newfoundland and Labrador's economy and become more "Entrepreneur Friendly", which are critical to generating additional tax revenue, sticking to this province's "Grow The Economy" theme, gain a new tax base, and diversify our economy away from volatile natural resources like oil, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government has to make a more diligent effort to reduce "Internal Red Tape".

Eliminate "Internal Red Tape" To Become More Entrepreneur Friendly

Fishery Reform	Remove restrictions on setting up a fish processing company.	Introduce an open market (bidding) for catches.	= more jobs, more competition for markets, more revenue.	It would revitalize the fishing industry in this province creating more wealth and distributing it in a much fairer way!	Jbj999	2016-01-12T15:45:38-04:30	3.5	10
fish resource royalties	Royalties should be charged on all fish resources harvested. It is a resource of the people just like forestry operators who pay a royalty to the province based on the volume of wood they harvest, fishing operators should pay a royalty based on the volume of fish harvested.	important due to current fiscal situation.			tuckamore	2016-01-12T15:47:28-04:30	2.16666667	6

It's time to focus attention on our renewable resources which for the past several years have been left on the back burner as oil ran the show.

In particular government should turn its attention to our forest and agriculture resources. Significant growth could be achieved in these industries with some sound policies and investment.

Focus should be on start up of small to medium scale ventures and enhancing existing operations and opening new markets.

Important due to current fiscal situation.

Focus on renewables like forestry and agriculture

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(1) We need to support the lower churchill project and once the interprovincial link has been built and we are connected to the mainland we need to sell as much raw electrical power as possible. Newfoundland needs to become an exporter of electricity. We need to continue to invest in island hydro and wind power and sell as much energy as possible. This resource cannot be outsourced to the China (such as fish processing and food processing). This is the future for Newfoundland and we need to continue to development this electrical supply resource.

(2) The US dollar is low hence more US tourists, especially in regards to hunting and wildlife retreats, etc. Invest in Tourism ads for tourism revenue.

(3) Aquaculture - high priced marine resources (salmon, sushi, squid, etc). This development needs to continue.

(4) crazy thought with paper processing - why don't we sell toilet paper instead of newsprint? We all know the need for toilet paper will always be there. The internet is not going to take that paper requirement away.

We need more revenue sources. Energy although low today will increase again in the future. The world is not done with oil, the world will continue to require electricity. Therefore, the lowerchurchill is a good longterm investment. This needs to be supported and completed.

We cannot continue to be a province that do not export. The traditional fishery was the life blood of the Newfoundland economy in the 1600, 1700, 1800 and early 1900's. Unfortunately due to Globalization we cannot complete locally with the chinese processing markets. The fishery needs to focus on the local market and tourist market. Like the farmers market of the west we need a fishery market of the east.

Setup to attract local supply. Like whale tours the same fisherman could do tours for local cod fishing.

I already mentioned this idea in my last post but it got me thinking more regarding how to rebrand the fishery and I got this idea from visiting farmers markets out west.

imagine a tourist arriving in St. John's and booking a tour with the local fishing guide to go out and fish your own cod, the boat is large enough to supply local music bands (like whale watching) to entertain tourists until they catch their own cod. The boat returns to the wharf where the local catch is filleted and cooked in front of tourists and served by local professional chefs. While the local guide explains the whole process and historical facts regarding the Newfoundland Cod Fishery.

This would be a great way to convey our local history, employ fishermen and involve them in the tourism market and increase of the fishery to the rest of Canada and the World.

Of course in order to do this we would need to end the food fishery restrictions for local tourists and fishermen involved in the rebranded local tourist fishery.

This would support local fishermen, local chefs, local restaurants, local history and tourism. Plus create a local food market.

You see this all over the place in other parts of the world.

East Coast Fishery for
Tourism (Our take on the
Farmers Markets)

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While some participants suggest that Newfoundland and Labrador should focus on volatile sectors like manufacturing and natural resource, this province should focus on recession resistant and low volatile industries.

The problem with focusing on natural resources are that Newfoundland and Labrador are at a mercy of economic environmental forces including business cycles, changes in personal taste, technological changes, legislative changes, or consumption levels.

We are already seeing that with Forestry (particularly Pulp and Paper), Mining, Energy (meaning oil industries).

In other words, Newfoundland and Labrador Government should make an effort to create jobs in the following recession resistant sectors:

1. Biotechnology
2. Accounting
3. Finance
4. Engineering
5. Information Technology

Diversifying our economy away from natural resources will better protect Newfoundland and Labrador during tough economic times and increase our government's tax revenue levels.

Bring in a carbon tax similar to British Columbia's. BC implemented there's several years ago, a price was put on carbon and income and corporate taxes were lowered so that the tax would be revenue neutral. In BC their taxes are actually lower now than before the carbon tax. What we could do here to raise revenue is bring in a carbon tax, make it revenue neutral for the majority of people and businesses but design it so that some higher income earners and businesses pay slightly higher taxes. When the province is in a better fiscal situation we can then lower the taxes accordingly.

The province is going to need to look at bringing in some type of program to reduce greenhouse gases due to the climate change agreement the federal government recently signed. This type of carbon tax would help reduce GHGs while also bringing in some additional revenue.

Carbon Tax

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For the last ten years, in an effort to generate a more educated labour force in Newfoundland and Labrador, our government has free Memorial University (MUN) and College of the North Atlantic (CNA) tuition rates.

While having low tuition rates allowed Newfoundland and Labrador's public post-secondary education system to be competitive with other provinces, particularly Quebec, and attracted students from across Canada, particularly the Atlantic Provinces and Ontario whom have Canada's highest tuition rates, it comes at a big cost not only to Newfoundland and Labrador taxpayers, but also our university and college system as they struggle to have funding needed to sustain their programs and services.

To generate addition revenue for MUN and CNA as well as reducing the stress of Newfoundland and Labrador taxpayers, university and college tuition rates should increase at least 5% per year for the next five years.

Not only will increasing MUN and CNA tuition rates will generate much needed additional revenues for these post secondary instituion networks without the need for extra provincial government money, we will remain as the least expensive jurisdiction for post secondary education options in Canada.

Increase Tuition Rates at
MUN and CNA

Even though this plan won't be popular with

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While this idea maybe far fetched, one way to generate new revenue sources for the Newfoundland and Labrador Government is to offer motorist an option to have Personalized Licence Plates or even theme oriented Licence Plates.

In an event that a motorist wants an option to have a Personalized Licence Plate, they will pay an extra \$50 per year.

For theme oriented licence plates, such as those focusing on conservation, sports, or major events, users will be charged a one time \$50.00 Administration Fee and \$50.00 Donation Fee.

Keep in mind that with Personalized Licence Plate option, you can't use any name you want, especially those that are discriminatory, religious in nature, or profane.

Having theme based or personalized licence plates will generate additional revenue for the Newfoundland and Labrador Government, and show to the world that this province is keeping up with the times.

Personalized Licence
Plates

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I know this suggestion will not be very popular, but its important that I bring it up.

While other Canadian provinces have at least one casino, Newfoundland and Labrador remains the only provincial jurisdiction in Canada not to have one due to our previous government's reluctance to have one, putting us in a competitive disadvantage when it comes to tourism.

Not allowing casinos in Newfoundland and Labrador not only results in missed opportunities to generate new tax revenue, but also access to tourists as casinos are not only about about gambling, it also attracts big name entertainment.

I know that some money will have to be spent on addition Addictions Treatment, but it will also bring in much needed tax revenue and tourists.

Under this plan, the following Newfoundland and Labrador cities and towns will get a casino:

1. Happy Valley - Goose Bay

Allowing casinos to be built and operated in Newfoundland and Labrador, particularly in Happy Valley - Goose Bay, Corner Brook, Gander, and St. John's will not only generate additional tax revenue though money will have to be spent on Gambling Addictions Counselling, but will also generate much needed tourism as casinos also bring in musical and cultural entertainment.

Besides, if Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are allowed to buy lottery tickets, especially from Lotto 6/49 and Lotto Max, and also scratch tickets like "Set For Life", which are both considered forms of gambling, logically speaking, our government should allow for casinos as well.

Allow Casinos In
Newfoundland and
Labrador

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Raise the HST	<p>Raise the HST by the 2 points which was proposed by the previous government. It is only 2 percent more, which most people wouldn't notice much, and for which there would be rebates for people on low incomes. It would have raised a couple hundred million dollars a year and Ball said no, even with this massive deficit and debt. Makes no sense.</p>	<p>Again, we're in dire straits, and the shortfall can't be covered by finding efficiencies. Like it or not, we've got to raise taxes. Most NL'ers are way better off than we were in the 90s, we can absorb this hit in order to get the deficit under control.</p>	Binky	2016-01-12T22:39:31-04:30	4.195652174	46
Raise income taxes on incomes above \$80,000	<p>Raise income taxes on incomes above \$80,000. Trudeau just lowered them for people in the "middle class" making up to \$100,000. I'm sure people making that amount can take a hit.</p>	<p>Government needs revenue! There is only one place to get it, and that is the public. We need to ask those who earn a comfortable income to pay more, it is as simple as that. There is no way to cut services enough to address the budget shorfall.</p>	Binky	2016-01-12T22:41:59-04:30	3.909090909	33

Stop unnecessary capital works	Pull the plug on bypass roads, such as the one which was approved for the Southern Shore down to Bay Bulls, and don't approve any more. They are extremely expensive, they simply shave a few minutes off commuting times, which is a convenience but not a need, and they encourage suburban sprawl by encouraging people to buy larger rural properties instead of more compact urban once.	Bypass roads are expensive to build and maintain, they simply shave a few minutes off commuting times, which is a convenience, not a need, and they encourage suburban sprawl by encouraging development on the fringes of the northeast avalon which is more expensive to service and maintain, rather than encouraging more compact urban development where services already exist. It also contributes to sedentary lifestyles because people have to spend more and more of their time in cars driving to and from work and other services in the city, driving their kids everywhere, etc.	Binky	2016-01-12T22:49:58-04:30	4	10
Pull the plug on the Waterford redevelopment	We can't afford a new Waterford right now.	People see the Waterford as a symbol for what's wrong with mental health care, but in many cases I think people would be glad to have more access to better services, ie, counselling, addiction treatment, suicide prevention etc. These don't have to be housed in the Waterford.	Binky	2016-01-12T22:51:44-04:30	3.692307692	13

Do not implement full day kindergarten	Do not implement full day kindergarten.	It is very expensive to implement and operate full day kindergarten. While I'm sure Ms. Bennett Mr. Kirby are right that it is good for Johnny and Jane, most of those kids are in daycare anyway. Let's improve the quality of daycare by mandating some early learning there! Full day kindergarten would be a great convenience to parents, but it is a "want" not a "need."	Binky	2016-01-12T22:53:44-04:30	3.142857143	28
Increase tuition	We need to increase tuition at CNA and Memorial and provide better tax incentives or loan repayment options for students who complete their degrees or programs on time. Some students are taking longer to complete programs, in part because the cost is so low. Students are also not getting the financial support from parents despite the income the parents make, so another idea is to make it easier for students to get funding or loans for their programs. Whatever options you explore, it is imperative to make tuition higher as the days of cheap education have to end.	With education costing so much or taking such a chunk from the provincial budget, it is time to increase tuition so that it is on par with other universities in Atlantic Canada. We cannot afford to continue to subsidize education especially when many of our students are graduating and getting jobs in medicine, nursing, education, social work, engineering, pharmacy, other sciences, etc. with very attractive salaries.	indigo_blu	2016-01-12T23:28:34-04:30	3.413793103	29

Natural herbs and supplements and associated products are a multi billion dollar world wide industry what if we supplied local herbs/plants for natural supplements.

(1) dandelion root - is currently being studied for cancer therapy products. We have an abundance of that weed on every lawn in Newfoundland and we spend millions of dollars trying to kill that weed. Imagine if we tried to grow it instead for harvesting and production.

(2) Medical Marijuana and associated products - There are states in the US that are currently legalizing marijuana and associated products for government controlled distribution. Just like alcohol and cigarettes this could be a sin tax product that could provide extra income plus can be used for medicinal purposes.

(3) We have a local university we should be providing grants to research industrial uses (medicinal or other) of local plants native to the island for potential production.

Using local plants for medical products and herb supply

(1) by removing prohibition of marijuana we take control of a blackmarket product that is being used to finance other criminal enterprises and use that income to fund government initiatives and services to the public as a whole.

(2) prohibition never worked for alcohol and it hasn't worked for marijuana. Let's all be honest it's already everywhere and we are on an island surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. We might as well legalize and control the quality of the product and its distribution and benefit from the taxes. We could even use the extra taxes to increase funding for law enforcement against other more harmful illegal drugs.

(3) extra revenue stream.

Medicinal Products (Cod Liver Oil)	<p>Use our existing fish plants to process oil from fish waste products for supply to companies that make Omega 3 supplement products.</p> <p>Cod Liver pills</p> <p>Omega 3 Pills</p> <p>etc</p>	<p>Why can't we process cod liver oil for the use in medicinal supplements?</p> <p>We have fish processing plants can't oil be extracted from waste for this purpose?</p> <p>Extra revenue stream from an existing product (fish production) for a multi billion dollar world wide industry.</p>	Concerned 2016-01-13T02:29:32-04:30	3.5	8
Decrease the use of Highway line paint	<p>Increase the spacing between dashed lines for passing lanes on the highway. Since you are driving 120km/per hour anyways the dashed lines could probably be spaced further apart and still serve the same purpose for instruction to the driver that one could pass. Transportation and works could decrease the amount of paint used for a savings</p>	savings on highway paint supply	Concerned 2016-01-13T02:35:30-04:30	2.764705882	17

The province was discussing putting regulations in place to mandate the type and size of private billboards placed along the highway. To reduce clutter and maximize revenue the government could install digital billboards along the TransCanada highway at strategic high traffic locations that could cycle through numerous private ads. The Government could rent out time allotments to private businesses to advertise.

On a secondary note in case of emergencies the signs could display emergency messages (text) that could assist the driving public of dangers ahead/weather events, etc.

advertising revenue from the signs

rent out government owned billboards for advertising

Digital signs could serve multiple purposes (ad revenue and Emergency awareness)

Control of the types, size and locations of digital billboards.

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Create a Newfoundland
genome database

When people go to the hospital for surgeries and healthcare they should be given the choice to participate in a provincial genome database. That persons genome could then be taken and personal identifiers removed and the genome added to an aggregate database of other Newfoundland residents. That aggregate data could then be sold or leased to research firms working on treatments for cancer and other rare genic diseases.

We take a resource they we all have (genetic information) - combine it with a large pool of genome information (obviously research and tools will have to be done in place to ensure that privacy for individuals is maintained) the large pool of data could then be used as a library reasearch tool for research and development into genetic treatments for all sorts of diseases ranging from cancer treatment to rare genetic disorders. this research tool could then be copyrighted and leased out.

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For the last seven years, Newfoundland and Labrador received no equalization money from the Canadian Government as we were considered a "Have Province".

Due to the recent oil downturn, our government tax revenues went down dramatically, resulting in Newfoundland and Labrador facing years of \$2 billion per year deficits.

To help alleviate the "oil pain" and subsequent looming major deficits, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government should swallow their "Have Province" pride and reapply for Federal Equalization Payments.

However, the big roadblock in reapplying for Equalization Payments are the Federal Government's unfair "3 Year Rule" as this province has to wait until 2019 in order to get it even when this province is in deep financial trouble.

If the Newfoundland and Labrador Government gets Federal Equalization Payments, and get it before 2019 and bypass the outdated Harper era type "3 Year Rule", that extra money will go a long way in dealing with the massive deficits we are facing without having to impose major government cuts.

Reapply for Federal
Equalization Payments and
Speed Up The Process To
Bypass "3 Year Rule"

Due to the current fiscal realities that Newfoundland and Labrador faces, I believe that this current government should advocate

	This is critical to rural Newfoundland and Labrador.					
Invest/Support Mineral Exploration and Mining	Without government supporting mineral exploration (though grants and public geoscience), new discoveries won't be made. Mines are shutting down -- they are an important long standing contributor to local economies and to provincial budgets.	Companies will not invest here if the government is not investing, without investment this source of revenue will be lost.	a_island	2016-01-13T10:18:29-04:30	1	4
Raise HST to 20%	Bring HST to 20%. Raise Income Support Cutoffs and lower eligibility for seniors programs to compensate for those on fixed incomes. People will spend and buy the same stuff.	Easiest way to raise revenue, and more easily modified in the future if situation improves.	onTheGo	2016-01-13T10:52:06-04:30	3.375	16
Set Minimum Gas Price for 6 months, Pocket any difference.	Set the Minimum Price based on a high estimate of Oil, for example, 120 in Avalon. As price drops from producers, pocket additional revenue.	Has consumption of gasoline EVER changed in the last 10 years, per person? People will take the money from something else, they have to get around.	onTheGo	2016-01-13T10:54:09-04:30	3.384615385	13
Establish a Data Center or Server Farm	The requirement for disk space, mass storage and application hosting is as area that will continue to grow and something like a Google server farm could be viable for Newfoundland Labrador. The requirements are basically land, a stable work force along with a reliable power source.	Hundreds of jobs would be created in an area that is definitely on the rise.	JP	2016-01-13T11:27:45-04:30	4.263157895	19

Cost of Government Services	<p>The government should implement a formula so that the government services we pay for - vehicle registration etc. - increases annually at around the rate of inflation. It seems as though these fees stay at the same price when times are good and when things go bad one year the fees take a big jump. It becomes more expensive each year for the government to deliver these services so why not ask the people availing of them to pay a little bit more each year.</p>	<p>It wil bring in additonal revenue and provide cnsistency to what we pay for government services.</p>	jp42	2016-01-13T12:01:22-04:30	2	5
Privatize the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation	<p>Privatize the Newfoundland and Labrador and use the revenues from the sale of the stores to pay down the debt. Then make revenue through the sale of licences to private firms who wish to sell liquor.</p>	<p>Would benefit consumers and allow the goverment to make money through the sale of licences.</p>	sac654	2016-01-13T14:33:27-04:30	2.5	8

One main reason why Newfoundland and Labrador's commercial fishing industry is struggling are due to outdated laws that are designed to protect fish merchants, but not harvesters and the province's fishing industry, "Minimum Processing Requirements".

Under Newfoundland and Labrador's inshore fisheries laws, processors are not only required to harvest and process fish in this provinces, but harvesters are also not allowed to sell their catch to fish processors in other provinces.

These tough inshore fishing laws and regulations are hurting Newfoundland and Labrador's ability to compete in a highly competitive Fishing Industry.

Furthermore, holding on to these outdated rules also hurt our province's ability to participate in future Free Trade Agreements like CETA (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement) with Europe, TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership), Canada-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement, and can also subject us to crippling fines and other punitive measures.

"Minimum Processing Requirements" are hurting Newfoundland and Labrador's ability to compete in the global fishing industry, hurting our ability to grow our economy with emerging markets as such outdated laws will hurt this province's ability to participate in future free trade agreements, and gives harvesters fewer choices on where to sell their catch.

Remove "Minimum Processing Requirements" For Newfoundland and Labrador's Fishing Industry

When I was living in Nova Scotia, anytime my parents had to pay their annual Property Tax, not only did they have to pay Municipal Property Tax, but also a Nova Scotia Provincial Property Tax as well.

One idea to generate new revenues are to establish a Provincial Property Tax determined based on your property value.

The Provincial Property Tax rate will be determined based on where you live and population levels:

Towns with less than 1,000 people - 2 mils or \$0.20 per \$100 assessed value

Towns with between 1,001 and 3,000 people - 1.75 mils or \$0.175 per \$100 assessed value

Towns with between 3,001 and 10,000 people - 1.5 mils or \$0.15 per \$100 assessed value

Towns with population between 10,001 and 25,000 people, and City of Corner Brook - 1.25 mils or \$0.125 per \$100 assessed value

City of St. John's and Mount Pearl - 1.0 mils or \$0.10 per \$100 assessed value

Establishing a new Provincial Property Tax will help the Newfoundland and Labrador Government generate more revenue in order to pay for services like schools, hospitals, roads, recreational facilities, and water/sewer maintenance.

Establish Provincial Property Tax

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Raise corporate tax rate. Look at the royalty regimes and actually charge mining and oil companies for taking our resources.

We are giving away our resources for literally nothing in some cases.

Raise corporate tax

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Make businesses pay for social services	Anyone with a job should get benefits, medical, pensions, etc. Employers need to pay for these benefits. If a business cannot afford to pay benefits to workers, it should not be in business.	It is fair and right and would make the province lots of money.	Rook	2016-01-13T18:30:08-04:30	3.88888889	9
Highway toll	Place a highway toll west of the TCH Holyrood overpass to help pay for highway infrastructure/services improvements for the rest of the province. Fee passes for vehicles registered to addresses outside metro provided at reduced rates to offset expenses for persons living in communities with fewer public services and because travel By many to SJs is probably to access centralized provincial services.	Highway infracture/services are necessary for all communities in our province. Paying for these services/infracture needs should be balanced more by tapping into the ever increasing volume of traffic on our highways. Most of that volume occurs on the Avalon because of the population size and could be an additional source of revenue for government to specifically help fund public highway infrastructure needs/services for the entire province.	Cazador	2016-01-13T18:48:45-04:30	3.80952381	21
New fees	At present, water that is tested from cabins, cottages, etc. is done free of charge for customers. Why not charge a fee of \$20. If the luxury of a cabin or cottage is affordable, then surely a fee of \$20 can be paid for a water sample test.	It is important because it will increase revenues.	Deejay	2016-01-13T19:31:08-04:30	4	6

Carbon Tax	<p>The provincial government should introduce a carbon tax similar to that in use in other provinces. This tax can of course be customized to Newfoundland and Labrador specifically.</p>	<p>A carbon tax will increase government revenues while at the same time help (hopefully) to reduce emissions from the transportation and industrial sectors.</p>	kurtbsulliv: 2016-01-13T20:20:52-04:30	3.88888889	18
Charge for costly services when people do not attend	<p>Residents of the province are offered many free health care services yet they are not accountable to them. There should be a fee charged for each time a patient does not attend an appointment. This fee should be payable by the person and only the person (not subsidized by another government program). The fee should be equivalent to what it cost for that service to be available. ie if the service cost \$20 per 30 mins of salary then the fee should be the same.</p> <p>Hold everyone equally accountable.</p>	<p>Decrease the time wasted on people not attending appointments so service can be delivered to those who need them.</p> <p>If you accepted an appointment for a CT scan but didn't go. Was it really that big an issue? and who pays for the 30 mins that the technician sits idle waiting for the next appointment? The patient should pay the bill..not the government,</p>	baygirl 2016-01-13T21:22:23-04:30	3.5	6
Sodium/Salt Tax	<p>In order to raise additional revenues, the provincial government could introduce a sin tax on products with excess salt and sugar. Research seems to indicate that the tax would need to be on the order of 20% to be effective.</p>	<p>Not only will this sodium/salt tax raise additional revenues but it will have the added benefit of reducing consumption of these products and improving the health of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians thus reducing health care costs.</p>	kurtbsulliv: 2016-01-14T08:19:56-04:30	3.923076923	13

The government of Newfoundland is currently looking at implementing a licensing structure for disabled people whereby a disabled person can apply for a hunting license and designate someone else to hunt and kill the animal. Why not open this type of program up to everyone? There are a lot of non-hunters that would pay the cost of a moose license but do not want the added expense of going hunting. Anyone should be able to apply for a hunting license and designate a friend to hunt for them.

This would not only help generate revenue but would also help control the moose population.

Hunting Licenses and Fees

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If there's one municipal tax which gives Newfoundland and Labrador a national and international bad name, its an outdated tax that mainly targets against low income earners, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and students.

Its called the "Poll Tax".

Because low income earners, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and students often don't have the huge financial resources to own and maintain real property, such as a house, this outdated and discriminatory tax like the Poll Tax mainly targets these demographical groups.

Second problem with the Poll Tax is that a person can be subjected to "Double Taxing" meaning that if you live in one community with a Poll Tax, and work in another community that also charges a Poll Tax, you have to pay this tax to both communities.

For example, if a person lives in Corner Brook which has a \$200.00 Poll Tax, and works in Deer Lake which has a whopping \$345.00, you not only have to pay a Poll Tax to Corner Brook Start offering incentives to young people wanting to get into agriculture. Also...start investigating ways to grow a variety of food in a climate like ours. Its outrageous that we have to buy things like potatoes and carrots from elsewhere.

Imposing a Poll Tax on senior citizens, persons with disabilities, low income earners, and students is a regressive and discriminatory tax, and sends a message that Newfoundland and Labrador unintentionally discriminates against these population segments as they are being punished for not having large enough financial resources to own real property.

Other problem with the Poll Tax is "Double Taxing" as a person will not only have to pay this tax in their home town or city, but also in the city/town they work. This tax should only be assessed on where you live, not where you live and work. That creates a disincentive for people to work.

Eliminating this regressive and outdated tax like the Poll Tax will not only show the world that Newfoundland and Labrador doesn't discriminate against persons with disabilities, senior citizens, students, and low income earners, it will also boost the economy as low income earners will have more money on their pockets to spend, resulting in higher tax revenue.

"Double Taxing" should also be outlawed

Because we have a serious issue with food security. And its an area that has potential to make a lot of money...even if its just feeding our own population with no exports.

Outlaw The "Poll Tax"

Feed ourselves!!!

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Increase cigarettes by 5-10 dollars per pack.	Raise the cost of cancer sticks.	They cost us so much in healthcare costs...needlessly. Putting the cost up high enough so theyre out of reach for most people.	Deevin	2016-01-14T13:47:29-04:30	4.357142857	28
Get rid of Petroleum Pricing Board	Get rid of this needless beurocratic entity.	Cost savings there plus let the market dictate the price at the pumps. We're the only place that has such a regressive beurocracy dictating prices.	Deevin	2016-01-14T13:56:58-04:30	3	3
Unincorporated areas should be taxed!	A basic tax should be charged to all residents living in unincorporated areas of the province. OR Maybe a basic tax could be instituted for everyone in the province and paid out to municipalities instead of the current property tax system.	Many people are building in unincorporated areas and are receiving many services for free. Everyone should be contributing to road maintainence and snow clearing, etc.	OlderLady	2016-01-14T15:51:24-04:30	4.04	25
Corporations	Let us finally take a look at corporate taxes and measure an increase for them.	The middle income worker population has aged. Taxing the backs of seniors on minimal income would be an ethical issue. PC's wouldn't increase corporate tax and it started to get me wondering if our government is led by corporations?	archer195	2016-01-14T15:51:45-04:30	4.1875	16
Raise the gasoline tax	Raise the gasoline tax	The price of oil has dropped, and the price of gasoline has dropped with it. Since consumers have seen so much relief at the pump, they might be more accepting of a tax increase.	tbaird	2016-01-14T19:15:49-04:30	3.25	8

Tax prostitution	<p>Would need Federal Government to act, but they could also reap the economic benefit. Safer for the service providers, safer for the users, and add to government coffers.</p>	<p>Safer for users and providers, and adds to government coffers</p>	NLBaldEag 2016-01-14T19:44:25-04:30	4.066666667	15
Charge government employees for parking	<p>Government employees should not get free parking outside of their workplace.</p>	<p>Charging for parking would raise money. It would also encourage alternative, perhaps healthier modes of transportation for government employees, reduce traffic congestion, and would encourage more efficient use of land.</p>	tbaird 2016-01-14T19:45:28-04:30	3.368421053	19
Sell Marijuana in the Liquor Store	<p>When marijuana becomes legalized, sell it at the Liquor Store.</p>	<p>When marijuana becomes legalized, the province will likely take a piece of the tax pie, no matter where it is sold. If it was sold in the Liquor Store, the province would get additional retail sales revenue through the NLC. A portion of this retail revenue, in addition to the provincial portion of the tax, would go back to province.</p>	Avalanche 2016-01-14T19:52:15-04:30	4.243243243	37

Eliminate Seniors' discounts	Some government services have seniors' discounts based solely on age. The reality is that the baby boom generation, which is the richest generation ever produced in Newfoundland or anywhere, is now entering their senior years. These are the last people who need a discount. I'm in favour of means-tested discounts, ie, if you can demonstrate that you are below a certain income, certainly provide generous discounts.	People who can afford to pay should pay. There are poor people of all ages. We shouldn't be subsidizing all seniors based on age, many of whom have adequate incomes and some of whom are quite comfortable. Discounts should be open to all ages based on need only.	Binky	2016-01-14T21:10:57-04:30	3.25	12
Wind Farms	Encourage wind farms and apply provincial taxes/fees for land leases and energy production tariffs.	Environmentally friendly and renewable energy and income source for eternity.	Realist	2016-01-15T00:18:41-04:30	3.590909091	22
Sell More Crown Land	Encourage people to buy and force current squatters to buy Crown Land.	Increase revenue.	Realist	2016-01-15T00:20:08-04:30	2.466666667	15
Increase Fees for Recreational Fishing and Hunting	Increase Fees for Recreational Fishing and Hunting especially to foreign hunters and anglers. We are basically giving our resources away for a pittance.	Small revenues but its revenue.	Realist	2016-01-15T00:21:49-04:30	3.3	10

Implement a "FAT TAX" on unhealthy foods	We should implement a tax on unhealthy foods to increase revenues and encourage a healthier lifestyle ultimately reducing the financial strains imposed on our healthcare system.	Increase revenues and encourage a healthier lifestyle ultimately reducing the financial strains imposed on our healthcare system.	Realist	2016-01-15T00:41:13-04:30	3.47826087	23
Sale of unnecessary Government Assets	We should sell all those government assets that are not required to govern.	Increase revenue, decrease operational costs.	Realist	2016-01-15T00:43:58-04:30	3.533333333	15
Driving Fines	<p>Every day the RNC are pulling over/arresting people who owe tens or thousands in driving fines. Most of these fines are related to impaired driving, driving with a suspended license, and driving without insurance. The government needs to implement a way to collect these fines and get these people off the roads.</p> <p>My suggestion is to implement some sort of "bounty hunter" system in which the government contract the collection of these fees out to an agency and allow them to keep a set percentage of all monies collected as payment for their services.</p>	This would generate revenue in that the government would finally collect on these outstanding fines and it would not cost the government anything because the collection agency would be providing the service to a portion of the collected money. If the agency doesn't collect, it doesn't get paid.	JoeRegular	2016-01-15T08:58:03-04:30	2.545454545	11

Raise the HST to 15%

and also a 2-5%

Increase the income tax on those making over 70,015.

Example:

7.7% on first \$35,008 of Taxable Income (No Increase)

12.5% on Incomes between \$35,008-\$70,015 (No Increase)

15.3% on Income between \$70,015-\$125,000 (2% Increase)

17.8% on Income Between \$125,000-\$175,000 (4% Increase)

19.3% on Incomes over \$175,000 (5% Increase)

This type of tax increase makes sense. Gradually increases on the higher incomes while not punishing those with lower incomes. Those making 6-figure salary would have no trouble absorbing 2-5% increase in taxes.

HST and Income Tax

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Get an exemption from ALC to be able to host province wide 50/50 draws. This will draw in a lot of money with someone being fortunate enough to win half the prize. It's a quick cash crunch fix.

It will bring in a lot of revenue in a short period of time to help with the short-term cash crunch.

50/50

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<p>Sell Naming Rights to Buildings</p>	<p>Companies spend a lot of money to have the naming rights to buildings. Sell the name rights to government facilities such as hospitals or schools or other service buildings to corporations.</p> <p>Also encourage municipalities to do the same. For example, sell the naming rights to Mile One Stadium. This will allow the municipalities to have more revenue and thus less dependence on the provincial government. Sell the naming rights to the Glacier and other hockey arena's as well.</p>	<p>Sustainable source of income as naming rights would need to renewed.</p>	<p>barrett85 2016-01-15T11:38:52-04:30</p>	<p>2.3</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Privatize Ferry Service</p>	<p>Regulate, but privatize the ferry services offered to the remote locations in Newfoundland. These are mostly a burden on tax payers, and if people aren't willing to resettle from these locations we have to work to make it more viable. One way is to privatize these services and stop having them supported by the tax payers dollars.</p>	<p>Protects from large expenditures such as ferry replacement, maintenance, etc.</p>	<p>barrett85 2016-01-15T11:40:29-04:30</p>	<p>2.6</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Consolidate Government Departments</p>	<p>Reduce unnecessary roles that are probably duplicated in multiple departments. Make the Public Service Commission part of the Human Resources Secretariat. They probably have very similar skill sets and could do the same work with less people if they were coordinated and managed together,</p>	<p>Cuts down on government waste. Streamlines processes.</p>	<p>barrett85 2016-01-15T11:46:24-04:30</p>	<p>3.2</p>	<p>10</p>

Our provincial pensions funds are managed in Toronto. Transaction fees on these funds are about \$300 million a year.

These investments are by their nature 'simple' to manage. They are necessarily very conservative. There is likely not a significant burden of work for the management of our pensions.

If an investment company were set-up in this province to manage the fund then that \$300 million a year could stay in the province. Even if the manager of the fund was paid an outlandish amount of money, the money would still be in our province.

Not sure of what this would look like (maybe 49% public 51% privately owned investment firm).

Manage provincial pension funds in newfoundland

This decision is a pretty quick and easy one (unless I am totally out to lunch). In one move we would put \$300 million in our province that was never there before. Seems to be a move where very few people would be hurt.

Trevor

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Although an increased fee has already been implemented it does not go far enough. \$500 is still relatively cheap for a piece of paradise. Many remote cottages and cabins in the woods today are nicer than some people's homes, so should see a hike. And yes, I am a cabin owner.

Remote Cottage/Cabin Fee

Increase the Remote Cottage/Cabin fee to \$500 per year.

This will generate additional income.

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The Turks and Caicos is a group of Caribbean islands. Wouldn't it be awesome if we had Caribbean islands as part of our province? At least some part of the province would have nice weather at all times. It would significantly raise the province's average temperature and number of days with sunshine. It would reduce the distance between Jamaica and the province, which would be handy for importing Screech. We would have an absurdly long official name: "The province of Newfoundland and Labrador and Turks and Caicos." Politicians would say hilariously politically correct things like, "As a Newfoundlander and Labradorian and Turks and Caicos Islander...(insert statement in the comments below)."

Tourism revenue would flow into this part of the province, even during the Summer. Snowbirds from Newfoundland and Labrador and the rest of Canada could flock there during the Winter without having to worry about how worthless the Canadian dollar is at the time, because they'd, of course, use Canadian dollars too. We'd make some great tourism ads for the islands, possibly featuring clotheslines.

Invite the Turks and Caicos to join
to join Newfoundland and Labrador.
Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Gas prices are lower than most of us remember seeing. The province should add a new tax--perhaps 2 cents/liter (or more)--to unleaded gasoline that is directly, legislatively tied to the price of oil. When oil returns to \$40+ barrel for a set period - perhaps 10 days, .5 cents is cut from the gasoline tax (and cannot be reversed). At \$45/barrel, another .5 cents drops off the tax, and so on until the price of oil has risen to \$60/barrel (or whatever amount is determined to be suitably stabilizing for the coffers) and the tax is eliminated.

This directly ties the revenue to the biggest factor that is causing a decrease in the provincial revenue. While no one appreciates a new tax, it places the burden on those most able to pay, since drivers are now benefitting from a drop in their fuel costs while the price of food, etc., increases. Also, those who can afford to drive are generally not from the poorest segments and are most likely to be employed (and if they lose employment, are likely to reduce their fuel consumption). Vehicles that burn diesel would be unaffected.

This directly ties the revenue to the biggest factor that has caused a decrease in the provincial revenue, is not a permanent new tax but rather addresses a crisis, and it places the burden on those most able to pay. Also, it offers environmental and infrastructure benefits.

Gas tax that diminishes as oil price increases

If people opt to drive less as a result, there

Leslie

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With an aging population, an inheritance or estate tax would be a very effective way of raising revenue for the province. This would entail taxing the fair market value of total assets for a deceased Newfoundlander/ Labradorean, including stocks, housing assets, bonds, etc.

The wealth and property left from one generation to the next often leaves the province. For example, when a parent passes, often the wealth is distributed to a child living in Ontario, Alberta, or elsewhere and provides no benefit to the province. In contrast, an estate tax would generate revenue before wealth is disbursed. A 13 percent tax on a home in St. John's could generate \$50,000 for the people of the province.

Often the deceased was cared for often at the public expense, through free health care, subsidized pharmaceuticals, and other elder care. While we do not expect them to pay many of these costs while living, a tax on their

This idea is important as it would not cost jobs nor cause undue hardship for the people of the province, and would raise large amounts of revenue for the province. This revenue could be used to offset the roughly \$3 billion in annual healthcare costs the province pays to ensure the health of the people of the province.

This is an obvious action item. Dwight Ball was wrong to not implement it

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HST increase	Increase HST 2%.	Pellmister 2016-01-16T13:46:38-04:30	4.142857143	14

Because Marble Mountain and White Hills ski resorts are Newfoundland and Labrador Government owned, in an event that they lose money as well as not generating enough revenue, taxpayers pay a price for it.

To ensure that these ski resorts operate efficiently, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government should privatize or sell both Marble Mountain in Steady Brook and White Hills near Clarenville.

When both ski resorts are privatized, the operators will receive \$2 million and \$10 million insurance policy each as transition money.

Privatizing or selling Marble Mountain and White Hills will help the Newfoundland and Labrador Government save money as well as make are iconic ski hills more competitive.

Privatize Marble Mountain
and White Hills

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Ever since I moved to Newfoundland and Labrador from Nova Scotia about 7.5 years ago, one thing that I notice on most provincial highways and even some major trunk roads are that too many drivers are driving aggressively.

Some drivers are passing other motorists and trying to cut them off along no passing zones, some drivers are "tailgating" even when another driver in front of them drives at the speed limit, and some drivers are speeding excessively along residential areas on provincial highways.

This is especially problematic along Newfoundland and Labrador's provincial highways, such as Highway 440 or North Shore Highway, Corner Brook's Riverside Drive, and other major roadways.

Other problem is that some homeowners are showing lack of common courtesy and plough show on to our highways, which could result in a serious accident.

The problem with illegal passing and excessive speeding are that fines are not high

To help crack down on aggressive driving, illegal passing, tailgating, and leaving snow on the street problems in Newfoundland and Labrador, tougher fines and penalties are needed.

Otherwise, someone will lose their life as a result of excessive speeding, illegal passing, or other forms of aggressive driving.

Higher Fines For
Aggressive Driving and
Illegal Passing

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To begin, politicians' wages should be paid based on their current assets versus the basic cost of living. The responsibility of politicians is to improve the quality of life of citizens in the province, and they have a moral obligation not to profit on that responsibility. Furthermore, politicians' pensions and other post-service benefits should be tied to their performance during their time in office.

Public Service Employee wages pose a significant and ballooning cost to the province.

Next, redundancies in the public service should be eliminated. By moving workers with overlapping responsibilities into other positions which focus on presently underserved issues, there would be a broadening of services without any economic hardship imposed on said employees.

Streamlining the the public service would result in significant savings to taxpayers, and would also provide new employment opportunities.

Only in extreme circumstances would such redundant positions be eliminated, and partial or full funding for retraining in other fields could be provided to maintain the strength of the province's workforce.

Lastly, underperforming employees across all services should be terminated without pension eligibility. Provincial workers protected by collective bargaining agreements who neglect

Cut Bureaucratic and Administrative Spending

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I know people will say gambling is a problem and people will be in worse financial shape. The bottom line is the people who are going to spend every cent they have gambling are already doing so. They have the means now at every neighbourhood bar/restaurant will VLT machines and there are many ways for people to gamble online. Look at VOXM today for example at the Newfoundlander who has made 9million playing online poker. So those with gambling issues already have a means to satisfy that problem.

A huge source of revenue would be to put a casino in the downtown St. John's area. Not only will it increase revenue for the province but there would also be spin off to all the business in the downtown area.

Simply put a Casino/Sportsbook in St. John's. People already have other means to gamble and this way the government will get their cut versus all the online gambling.

There is already the Proline aspect of Atlantic Lottery where people can bet on sports at any convenience store. Why not incorporate that into the casino like most in the US.

A casino could also keep better control on gambling having it in one central location. They usually scan every single person's ID when entering a casino keeping tabs on who is in there.

The real benefit would be to the recreational gambler who would enjoy the night out. People have a right to choose how they spend their own money. The government is not

Take back the Upper
Churchill

The Upper Churchill has generated over 20 billion dollars in revenue, right here in Newfoundland and Labrador. Of that 20 billion dollars, over 19 billion has gone to Quebec. Why don't we just cut the cable until Quebec is willing to treat us with respect? We'd be out of debt in record time and be on our way to becoming a genuine "has" province.

If a woman was making 10% of what a man was because she signed her employee agreement 44 years ago, I'm sure there would be rioting in the streets and the Prime Minister himself would step in and say "This is 2015, this woman no longer has to worry about suffering in poverty, I will make sure she is paid a fair and honest wage." but since it's only Newfoundland and Labrador and we were dumb enough to sign an agreement for 60 years with a 25 year renewel clause...what can ya do?

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Some cities and towns in Newfoundland and Labrador suffer from a major problem, too many vacant buildings and store lots.

Because current Newfoundland and Labrador laws don't allow cities and towns to track down owners of vacant buildings and other properties, they don't have a power to do something about it.

The result of Newfoundland and Labrador Government's reluctance to allow cities to address problems with vacant buildings, important shopping and restaurant areas become eyesores.

For example, many parts of Corner Brook are littered with vacant buildings which are turning this wonderful city into an eyesore, especially West Street, Herald Avenue, Broadway, Main Street, Mount Bernard Avenue, and Humber Road, and the city can't do anything about it due to provincial government regulations which bans them from sanctioning owners of these properties.

Giving cities, towns, and other communities across Newfoundland and Labrador a power to address vacant building problems, target owners, and force them to put them up to code and have a new tenant, will make their downtown and shopping areas more attractive to current and future businesses, improve public safety, attract new tenants and tourists, and most importantly, improve public safety.

Allow Cities and Towns To
Address And Deal With
Vacant Buildings

As long as the Newfoundland and Labrador Government doesn't give cities and town like

Almost daily we are hearing about people driving who owe tens of thousands of dollars in outstanding fines. Create a couple of jobs to track these people down and collect as much as possible by garnishing wages, confiscating and auctioning vehicles or cutting of government subsidies where applicable. It will also make our roads safer. It's a waste of police time and judicial services to keep running these criminals through the courts with no consequences.

Collect outstanding fines from criminals	Owners of cars, if they are driving someone else's vehicle while arrested should also get a small fine as a deterrant.	Money is already owed to government. No increase in taxes. Improved public safety.	ddavis	2016-01-16T20:17:50-04:30	4.5	18
Wage Freeze	WAGES OF ALL PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS SHOULD BE FROZEN EFFECTIVE APRIL1 2016	Wages have risen to quickly for several years.The private sector just lays people off	Knowsitall	2016-01-17T09:16:41-04:30	2.736842105	19
Land and home transfer tax of 2% of gross sale.	To increase revenue	It is done in Nova Scotia at present and while it is a difficult tax it is a good tax rrevenue generator for government	Knowsitall	2016-01-17T09:20:10-04:30	3	3

Impose an estate tax on the death of residual estate of residents who die.

Th is a tax fair to all.

It will raise revenue.

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Through Lottery Licensing, set up a bi-weekly 50/50 lotto with simple \$2 tickets to be sold through existing lotto venues. This could escalate into worthy amounts over time, and it is a way that all citizens can contribute and still see some value [and a chance] for themselves. If the ticket were \$5, it might discourage some to participate. Keep it Simple and you will see results.

Important in that the average person can see a way to help out directly. As the Finance Minister said, it is not her problem, it is our problem, and we need a plan.

A Simple Approach with Broad Coverage

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Downsize Regional Service Board such as the Eastern Board which has 20 boards members which is costly inefficient. Also, the Regional Services legislation is scant should be reviewed updated. The Eastern Board currently are not accountable to Government and there in no oversight from Dept Municipal Affairs.

This idea would save money be more efficient than current practices which are outdated.

Downsize Regional Service Boards

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Tax Vacant Land	<p>Areas of vacant land are common throughout many NL communities. If taxed the owners may choose to use the land or sell it thereby creating development such as seasonal homes, farming, etc.</p>	<p>This idea would increase land use development especially rural NL.</p>	daynl	2016-01-17T11:15:12-04:30	3.77777778	9
Better Use of Garbage	<p>Maybe we can follow in the footsteps steps of Sweden</p> <p>http://themindunleashed.org/2014/09/sweden-now-recycling-99-percent-trash-heres.html</p> <p>Other provinces or even states can pay us to take their garbage and we can convert it to energy to sell. Also helps NL cut down on waste going to our landfills. We can encourage NLers to participate by offering a rebate on municipal taxes. Problem with this idea and many other ideas is you need to spend money to make money, and NL doesn't have any money.</p>	<p>This solution helps the environment and produces energy. We can also be a leader in waste management. Of course this depends on demand for electricity and if the underwater cable going to NS can handle extra load.</p>	Johnny_Ry 2016-01-17T11:33:54-04:30	3.4	5	

Quick perspective check:

Think of the NL economy as a batch of cookies. Our government and our people are so busy arguing over the cookies we don't notice the hand in the cookie jar, and we forget that we can bake more cookies!

Why

One such 'hand in the cookie jar' are the corporations, and they are not paying their share. This is OUR province not theirs, and our laws should reflect as much. These massive companies should be paying for the privilege to operate in Newfoundland and Labrador, not taking advantage of our people with minimum wage and tax loopholes.

Raise corporate taxes significantly

Inflation!

Close corporate tax loopholes

The most common argument I hear against corporate tax hikes is the assertion that these companies will raise prices to compensate. This is where our government needs to step in with regulation to prevent the shameless

Corporate Taxes (Hike +
Loopholes)

Explore corporate minimum wage of \$15/hr

Shane

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Sell spare darts behind Holy Heart High School	As an economist, I calculated the most effective way to reduce this provinces deficit during slumping oil prices. The idea, sell spare darts behind Holy Heart High School in the centre of St. John's. This will bring an estimated \$380 million a year into the provincial coffers.	This idea is important as it is the only way to save the province from bankruptcy.	lolfromnl	2016-01-17T13:29:53-04:30	3.66666667	6
Coldplate Takeout	Weekly coldplate takeouts. Maybe a weekly Jiggs Dinner takeout if the coldplates go over well. Freeze-dry it for the starving Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in Alberta.	Haul in the cash. Even better if we could freeze-dry it and sent it to Fort Mac for the starving Newfies and Labradorians out there.	cgm0494	2016-01-17T14:05:21-04:30	3.285714286	7
Farming and Immigrants free farmland to attract Immigrants	Issue free crown land in areas of Newfoundland to immigrants where the land is fertile enough to grow crops. Also the land could be used to raise animals such as beef cattle. Advertise overseas for immigrants to come to Newfoundland with the incentive of so many acres of free farmland. Newfoundland would get an increase in population plus those immigrants would increase employment and pay taxes thus increasing revenue. We need more young people and affordable food. There is huge amounts of land in Newfoundland that is producing nothing. I'm all for immigration but there must be opportunity for them to come here to live productive lives. We can help to solve two problems here, revenue shortage and declining population.	It creates revenue for the government and helps population growth and creates meaning employment.	Rustywate	2016-01-17T14:48:09-04:30	3.785714286	14

Given the US Canadian dollar.
Approach the large US or Norwegian cruise
ship companies with the offer to lease them an
island or dead community on the water, to
turn into a destination as those companies
have done in Haiti.
Just a thought.

Lease an island or dead
community

Like the great colinet island. Really got to
diversify away from St.John's. It's trying to be
everything and ending up being nothing.

Why? Systematic and historical non
diversification of Newfoundland. One city, one
resource mentality.

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The Newfoundland government should invest all its money in inventing something really cool.

Something like teleporting or that room in Star Trek where you can make anything happen. People would go nuts for that.

Or maybe something more practical like a dog that knows how to walk itself or a beer bottle that won't run dry.

The point is, if we invent something really cool that everyone wants, we could sell it for whatever we wanted to. Cause, if we invented it, we'd be the only ones with it, and then we wouldn't need to worry about competition. Then, once we get enough money to pay off our debts, we can lower the price a bit. And if the people who bought it when it was really expensive complain, we could send them rebate checks or something.

Few more ideas.

Anti gravity machine that removes gravity so you can be like your on the moon.

Potato chips that never go bad no matter

This idea is important for 3 reasons.

1. It will help pay off our debt because the revenue made from selling our cool invention would be very high. And it would be all net, because since it's going to the government and they set the taxes we could get them to not tax the revenue.

2. It would invent a new cool thing. We haven't had a new cool thing since the ipad, (I'm not counting that hoverboard cause it's lies). The world loves new cool things, and they'd think Newfoundland was really cool for inventing it.

3. It would make us look smart. If Newfoundland went and invented something awesome, b'y's on the mainland might stop making jokes about how dumb we are. You don't see people calling Einstein dumb, because he invented physics. And if they think we're smart, more smart people would probably want to move here and that would make it easier to invent something else cool. Circle of life.

Invent something really cool.

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Each government department gets a budget to use every year. I've heard that they must use all the money or else risk losing the money next year. This should not be the case. Give a department X number of dollars. Now if they don't have to use it fine; leave it for next year; but don't penalize a department because they didn't spend it. The idea that they MUST use it or lose is costing us more.

This can save us money if we lose this "it's not my money" attitude. It is your money and mine and my neighbors. Show some restraint!

Department Budgets

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I would like to see a "reversal" of property taxes. By that, I mean, why should somebody who spends money and improves their property be taxed on an increased value? They already put money into the economy, paid taxes on the purchases, and made their piece of the province more beautiful. Somebody who has property and lets it run down and look really bad, gets a lower tax rate right now, I think THEY are the ones who should be taxed higher. That will force them to upgrade the property, generate tax revenue on the purchases, then the property looks great and as a bonus, they get a lower tax rate.

People would not be punished, in the form of extra taxes, for improving their properties, they ALREADY paid taxes on the purchases AND made the place more attractive. Slum landlords and the like would get a gentle nudge to improve the properties because they will get a lower tax bill. It is incentive.

Tax properties that do not make improvements

Jim

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Open a Weed Vending Machine Franchise	Develop a weed vending machine franchise. Weed machines can be colocated next to the pop /chip vending machines in hotels, airports, malls etc.	the skies the limit once pot is legalized.....we need to find ways to make money and diversify the economy other than oil	Taxedtode 2016-01-17T15:52:53-04:30	3	2
Chase the Ace Lotto	Hold a provincial on-line chase the ace lottery game.	we need to diversify the economy....worked for the churches who needed to fund raise	Taxedtode 2016-01-17T15:54:37-04:30	1	1
Federal Gov'n Reinstate Equilization Payments	the feds need to reinstate equalization payments asap...Alberta has said this too	we need help to avoid going bankrupt	Taxedtode 2016-01-17T15:56:30-04:30	0	0
Beer Profits For Convenience Stores	Allow convenience stores all over NL to make much more money on beer sales instead of government having a monopoly on profits.	Its important because the profits from the sale of 'Beer alone' would create the revenue for store owners to hire more employees. More people in the workforce and less welfare all around this province would definitely help our economy.	overconcei 2016-01-17T15:59:32-04:30	3	2

My idea is to have a block on the provincial portion of the income tax form to permit the tax filer to direct a portion or all of the provincial income taxes to the department of their choice. Both elected officials and civil service employees would be obliged increase the portion of their budget as per the amount of "extra" income taxes that the said government department is receiving from this form of democratic participation and it would encourage people to pay more income taxes if they have a sound say in where it is being spent.

Not only is the financial situation of the government in dire straits but there is also a serious disconnect of the elected representatives and the civil service from the people whom they are supposed to represent. This system allows a voice at least in the financing of various departments directly from the people. It would also make a raise in income taxes more palatable.

Taxes and Tax payers

Ideas

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We need just one Ferry Service from the island of Newfoundland to mainland Canada subsidized by tax payers and, I believe that one should be the one and it should be from Labrador. Either that or a tunnel to and from Labrador. A tunnel with a \$100 toll fee, subsidized by the feds.

It would save millions of dollars in tax money by consolidating the services.

TO MANY FERRY SERVICES
TO & FROM NFLD.

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Sell Labrador to Quebec	<p>Since here in Newfoundland we like to think inside the same box, perhaps its time to revisit this idea from our past. Popular with Dickie Squires and a few other scoundrels of his era was the idea of selling Labrador to Quebec. Perhaps we should reconsider ths idea</p>	<p>There are a number of things that would make this a great idea. Most of all the cash would allow the government to make all sorts of unnessary spending, Mostly unnessary capital projects for political gain, but also funding a bloated and inefficent public service. It will eliminate the problem of providing basic services to the people of labrador. The crazy talk of a fixed link can be dropped as a cover for the lack of even trying to make a reliable, 12 month ferry link to the island. As a bonus Hydro Quebec might even take over the Lower Churchill money pit.</p>	JohnSmith 2016-01-17T16:40:12-04:30	2.5	24
Floating greenhouses on ponds	<p>Lease ponds large enough for the building of floating hydroponic greenhouses. These greenhouses would draw water directly from the pond and be equipped with a water/ground to air heating system along with solar and small wind mills coupled with the latest battery technology that would supply part or all of the power needed for the facility to grow lettuce, tomatoes, celery, some fruits, berries and yes cucumbers along with fresh water fish species such as shrimp and trout for the much need local market thus replacing the imported California produce.</p>	<p>The local market all around NL is basically supplied with fresh produce from California especially in winter. With the lower CAD it is now very expensive to import this quantity of produce and retaining even a percentage of this outgoing currency would greatly improve our bottom line. It would also be a venture into an area (floating greenhouses) that is not yet exploited in the world and introduce new energy technology which we could export.</p>	Ideas 2016-01-17T17:00:14-04:30	4	5

Consider nationalizing natural gas reserves and development

Since Newfoundland and Labrador's energy projects require large infrastructure investment which has to be created on short notice, the royalty regime status quo may not be adequate to fund such critical infrastructure investment. The last government chose to borrow from private banks to make Muskrat Falls happen going cap in hand to the government of Stephen Harper to get it done. This infrastructure investment could be better paid for if energy projects were nationalized much as Muskrat Falls is today. It is probably too late to consider this for oil development but it should most certainly be considered for the wealth of natural gas that is off the Grand Banks and elsewhere. This would also serve to diversify the economy as liquefied natural gas requires significant on land processing whereas with oil it just gets shipped away never to be seen again.

It is important to look ahead and not panic regarding the state of the provinces finances. Every time a marginally different party takes power it claims the last government dealt them a big mess. The timing of these "panic" proclamations is most curious and the problems of under taxing and overspending most often gets downloaded to the public as reduced services. So yes we have learned that the cost uncertainty of oil prices cannot sustain a province. Better put the cost uncertainty of royalty regimes cannot sustain a province and any mineral development, be it oil or nickel, needs a system to pay the developers preferably in dollars rather than product. The only way to do this is to own a minimum of 51 per cent of the resource. The majority of nations do exactly this so Newfoundland and Labrador have to ask themselves why they would play foolish with the ownership of their public equity. Their heritage. Owning their own public equity and resources ensures they can build the economy and infrastructure they need to thrive.

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Use of existing hydro facilities to store excess wind power until needed by consumer.
 Another option would be to use abandoned mines as a form of hydro storage in reverse.
 Flood abandoned mines generating electricity with hydro turbines as needed and pump out the mine using wind generated electricity.

<http://m.technologyreview.com/view/510806/a-manmade-island-to-store-wind-energy/>

<https://www.google.ca/search?q=pumped+hydro+storage+biw=1536+bih=756+tbm=isch+tbo=u+source=univ+sa=X+ved=0ahUKEwj5sZPK6bHKAhUBeT4KHW4AAakQsAQIKw+dpr=1.25>

In order to introduce wind technology on a large scale there will be a need to store the excess until consumption and or price demands it even if we are connected to the North American Grid. Pumped hydro is something that is technologically available now and easily funded.

Pumped hydro to store excess wind power.

Ideas

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Increase the cost of permits.

Increase the cost of construction permits, such as electrical and fees charged for septic inspection. Fees could also be increased for motor vehicle registration and small game licenses. While the fee increase would be small to the individual, province-wide it could have an impact on our bottom line.

It is important because it would increase the amount of money going into government coffers. The amount we charge for building permits, and contractors licenses is significantly less than those currently charged in the city of St John's.

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Patent Office for NL	<p>A local Patent Office would help our economy.</p> <p>Personally, I believe people of our province have millions of ideas for inventions and solutions to our problems. This forum is a great start.</p> <p>We must get these ideas registered and available for development.</p>	<p>Plan for our future now. It great to have short term plans but long term one are very important also.</p> <p>With good ideas readily available in one place we could develop them into profitable ventures using our abundant hydro power.</p> <p>We need to prepare for the massive amounts of hydro coming our way by 2041.</p> <p>Maybe it's long overdue for us to brainstorm think outside the box.</p>	overconce 2016-01-17T20:07:12-04:30	3.4	5
Revamp welfare system	<p>Stop people from chosing welfare straight out of school and prevent long term abuse of the system. If there are no jobs in the recipients area use them on government run projects. If they are receiving government money it may be a way for people to earn there money and save taxpayers on paying for more man power on projects and it will teach people who maybe less employable skills to help them get ahead in life and contribute money and taxes into our economy.</p>	<p>I believe this to be something that can benefit many people and relax some of the strain on taxpayers.</p>	JonK 2016-01-17T20:24:55-04:30	4.04	25

Legalize and regulate Marijuana and incentivise hemp crops	I believe the province could serve as a study for the federal regulation of marijuana. Start selling licensing allow to be sold in stores and dispensaries. Tax it. This will create provincial revenue by way of licenses and tax dollars. Growers, distributors and stores opening would pump more money into our economy.	Reduce crime rates and put money into our economy. its a win ,win.	JonK	2016-01-17T20:30:41-04:30	4.315789474	19
Eliminate English School Board	The Department of Education can run the province's school system.	Duplication of services.	BillHarrisH	2016-01-17T21:17:02-04:30	3	4
Eliminate Regional Health Authorities	The Dept of Health should run the province's health system.	Duplication of services....we cannot afford both.	BillHarrisH	2016-01-17T21:18:48-04:30	4.1	10
Privatize NL Liquor Corp	Sell off assets and raise taxes on booze.	Let private operations provide this service.	BillHarrisH	2016-01-17T21:26:11-04:30	3.3125	16

Liquor Board actually makes money and will continue to do so. Also provides meaningful employment throughout province, which means meaningful income tax payments... the likelihood of replacement by minimum wage earners would result in those workers being replaced by ones who do not make enough to pay into system and can't afford to buy anything so won't help grease the rest of the economy. Also, private liquor stores in Alberta are depressing, depressing, depressing.

Because I am terrified that there will be a move to privatize as much as possible, including things that are good at generating revenue.

DO NOT privatize Liquor Board

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If Muskrat Falls is such a great idea, there should be plenty of supporters in the province willing to put their money where their mouth is.

If the province could find a way to make shares small enough that avg residents could buy a handful and wealthy ones could buy a bucketful, but the province could still retain the proxy of shareholders for decision-making (are you trustworthy enough for this??), then this could be a source of revenue that would offset some of the costs of the project... and if it can be shown that gains are likely down the road, and share-cost is low enough, why wouldn't there be massive uptake?

So Muskrat Falls shares that are sort of like war bonds...

I had considered suggesting selling MF, but I don't trust a private operator to charge us fair prices in the long run...

I fear we have spent too much already to abandon Muskrat Falls entirely even if a review proves it was a bad bet in the first place, and one can only hope that once up and running it will eventually be profitable. This might be a way to offset the over-runs at the very least, without losing control and risking a private owner holding us hostage.

This is a project that is going to prolong our
desperate economic situation and it's time we cut
our losses here. If we are going to have a
power supply that we cannot as citizens
afford, why carry this any further? We have to
spend where it is going to make more sense
and this is not it. There is enough written out
there on this topic to sell this idea. We do not
want another Churchill Falls.

We can't afford it. !

Shelve Muskrat Falls

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Introduce a Health Insurance Plan for NL Residents

Introduce a Health Insurance Plan for NL residents similar to OHIP in Ontario and other programs in other provinces in Canada including Alberta. Every resident here has equal access to our Health Care system and every resident should be required to contribute towards maintaining that system (no exception). It would be the same as insuring your home, its your decision as to whether or not to insure yourself. If you choose not to join the insurance plan you take a chance of not needing any health care BUT if you have to visit a Doctor, have a medical test or go to a Hospital, you must pay the actual cost of the service out of you pocket. By joining the Insurance plan each year your MCP card is activated, but let it lapse and you get no service normally covered under MCP. When richer Provinces like Ontario and Alberta feel they need the plans they have, then the out of control costly system we have is clearly not sustainable for us under the current our fiscal crisis which will likely last for years to come.

Healthcare is the highest cost program we have and its cost are growing at an alarming rate. It appears everyone feels that equal access to the healthcare system is a God Given Right but it also appears that the majority of residents believe that someone else should be paying the astronomical cost associated with maintaining that system. As long as people are not required to pay any user fees they get no feel for how expensive that doctor's visit is, or that lab test or that X-ray, etc. The concept of paying for each service similar to the American system is not viable given all the costs associated with billing but implementing an annual user fee in the form of a resident membership fee to access those services is a way of creating an awareness of how expensive Health Care is. The Insurance Program would also raise Millions of dollars each year for the public purse.

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Do not raise taxes including hst and income tax

Raising taxes like hst and income taxes are traditional ways to generate revenue. Yes they will generate revenue but it will also leave many individuals struggling. We all know that the majority of people are living pay check to pay check and just surviving because of the way in which society spends and buys. We may in the short term generate revenue but may also end up in a situation whereby it has an adverse affect where we have more individuals becoming dependent upon the system and its services because of the decrease in income, and possibly increase in bankruptcy

It is important to think about the impact this will have on the society in which we live which is completely different than that of 20-30 years ago. Raising the taxes may inadvertently increase the cost to government to provide or support people through the system and it services.

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We have a system of taxation and benefits that penalizes those who make the effort to educate themselves, work hard, and generally be successful. We require those who do well to pay ever higher portions on their income to fund programs for fellow citizens that they themselves probably don't even qualify for. Many programs have cut off income levels that disqualify higher income workers from participating. The same applies to their family members. For instance, students attending post secondary institutions from families who make upper middle class incomes don't qualify for student loans at the same time their tax payments go to providing not only student loans but also grants to lower income families. I support the concept of those with higher incomes paying more in total but I don't agree with those who made less wise decisions in life and did not achieve any level of success paying little to nothing. I believe we should use this time in the history of our province to think outside the box and consider finding a more equitable means of sharing the costs of running our province. The system we have now creates a constant search for ways to avoid paying taxes through loopholes, avoiding reporting income because of the

It identifies a way to generate more tax revenue for Government while spreading that burden more equitably across society and encourages those who are most financially successful to continue with their success and thus generate even more income for investments that create jobs and even more revenue for the tax man. Under the current system we have too many avoiding paying taxes while others are being penalized at excessive rates that discourage investments, job creation and growth. If we drive those high income earners to other jurisdictions, we'll be left with those with lower skills, lower ambition, lower success rates, etc. and it'll be tremendously difficult to build a diversified and growing economy with that. We need to raise Income taxes in this Province but we must be careful not to drive those who do well to other tax jurisdictions and the Flat tax proposal is a great way to achieve both objectives.

Introduce a Flat Rate
Income Tax System in this
Province

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Tax Churches	<p>We should start treating churches like other businesses and tax them. They exist to make money. It is time to separate church and state. They should be subject to all the same taxes as other businesses in our communities. Property taxes for the municipalities and income taxes for the provincial and federal governments.</p>	<p>This is important because we need this revenue. If churches make a profit they should pay taxes like all other businesses.</p>	gouldia	2016-01-18T01:43:17-04:30	4.235294118	17
photo radar	<p>Photo radar is used in other Provinces, why not in this province?</p> <p>They can be used in vans and set up on a road highway to catch speeders or</p> <p>Set up in high traffic area's for red light runners,</p>	<p>It would be a great way to create revenue, most drivers would think twice when entering a intersection to beat the light slow down, save lives take some strain off our law enforcement,.. The cost of setup will pay for itself in a short time,.</p>	inforcer	2016-01-18T07:02:49-04:30	2.333333333	6

As everyone knows, Newfoundland Labrador is far too reliant on Oil to pay the bills. Talk of diversification is great, and hopefully the cod fishery can re-open to stimulate rural Newfoundland in a few years (as I don't see a lot of other options for rural NL other than a big Mining project if a resource was found) but for the short term there's a real problem. It's going to take time to develop other streams of revenue.

I think we seriously need to consider having a Floating Tax kick in when Oil revenues go under a certain level to maintain our basic services. Maybe it's an extra 3, 4, or 5 percent? Maybe just certain sectors (on Gas, Unhealthy foods?) Not sure of what it should look like, but something that can capture some of the lost revenue in hard times.

Right now we're at 13% HST. Realistically, we need to have the 13% HST + another 5% or so to cover the shortfall.

Need to make up lost revenue due to Oil. It's not acceptable to continue borrowing Billions of dollars per year. At some point, the Credit Card limit will run out and we'll be Bankrupt. We need to start running the Province like people should be running their personal finances.

Floating Tax based on Oil Revenues

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Increase Provincial Ferry Rates	All residents of the province should pay their fair share for services. If you choose to live on an Island, residents should be prepared to shoulder a fair portion of the cost of transportation to and from their Island.
Revenue covers 5% of the the cost of operating the Provincial Ferry Service. Marine Atlantic generates approx 60% of its operating costs from fares.	A fair cost of paying for public transport is 50% of the operating cost (National Standard). Even 25% would be considered reasonable. Not 5 %.
It is normal for 50% of the operating cost of a Public Service (ie. Public Transit) to be covered by the Fare Box.	For example, if you live on St. Brendan's Island, it costs \$3.03 to walk on or \$9.08 if you take your car. (I could not find any record in Govt Estimates of the cost of operating this ferry service, only the overall opearting costs of the Prov Ferry Service).
During the Williams Administration, there was a planned significant increase in fares. Before this plan could be actioned, the Harper Govt made a significant increase in Marine Atlantic fares. To counter this and to shame Harper as part of ABC, Mr Williams rolled back the planned increase in Provincial Ferry Rates.	In addition, these are only operating costs. It does not include the cost of purchasing new ferries, which St Brendan's has or terminal operations.

We hear about the MANY dangerous drivers on our roadways each day; speeding vehicles, impaired drivers, injury accidents and fatal accidents. I travel the roadways and see the high speeds and dangerous operation of vehicles. I suggest your Government put more Cops on the highways. They can write lots of tickets, seize vehicles that can be auctioned off, and maybe reduce some of these accidents. As well, you will need to put in place a means to ensure people PAY these fines. There are many people who owe thousands and thousands of dollars to Government...these people need to pay there dues or work it of on some type of make work project.

To earn revenue for the Province and make the roads safer. We all have family travelling on the highway and they need to feel safe.

DEDICATED HIGHWAY
PATROL POLICE UNIT

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Newfoundland Labrador is full of fresh water lakes of some of the worlds purest water. A great example of this is Gisborne Lake on the Burin Pennisula. I'm sure there's many other options as well. Most of the water drains into the ocean now and is wasted. This option was explored in the past and was turned down, but the conversation should be re-opened.

A great idea to stimulate rural economies is to setup Bottle Processing Plants there to harvest the fresh water. Even the idea of tankering fresh water to places like California in the USA should be explored. The West Coast of the USA are facing droughts and are in severe danger of going completely dry threatening the North American Food Supply.

There's a huge market for fresh water.

Not only can Newfoundland become and Energy Powerhouse, but we can become a Water Supply Powerhouse.

Sell Fresh Water from
Gisborne Lake & others to
USA

Creates lots of Opportunities for Rural
Newfoundland

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Fantasy Cabinet	<p>Adapted fantasy football style game for NLers to draft/trade/set lineups for cabinet ministers with mandatory entrance fee. Shuffles every 6 months. Winner gets their picture taken with Dwight Ball and a pair of seal skin boots.</p>	<p>Because the province needs money, football is popular, and who doesn't love seal skin boots?</p>	RodneyTra 2016-01-18T13:24:09-04:30	4.285714286	7
	<p>With the tremendous opportunities available from the constant wind and wave energy potential, investing in setting up the province as a energy hub to provide the thirsty eastern seaboard is a no brainer.</p>				
Leverage the geography to make Newfoundland a renewable energy superpower	<p>Offer tax incentive and tap into government renewable energy programs to incentivize companies to set up operations in NL.</p>	<p>Given we are now entering the post fossil fuel era, Newfoundland is well placed to leverage its geography and climate conditions to really make a change in carbon emissions. Newfoundland could be the antithesis to Albertas Tar Sands and make it a high tech hub for future generations.</p>	Nabio 2016-01-18T13:26:17-04:30	3.5	6
Casinos	<p>Allow for a certain number of casinos to be built to augment the tourist industry. Government can either own a portion of the enterprise as a minority owner, or, leave it as a separate entity and simply tax the profits.</p>	<p>Despite the current hardships tourism is still a major source of income for the province, and allowing for casinos to be operated within this province will only further increase revenue.</p>	Spazanoid 2016-01-18T13:27:43-04:30	0	0

Invest in the Powerball	Danny Williams must have American Citizenship by now. Get him to send us back a few tickets...	Powerball Craz 2.0	Ftwntt	2016-01-18T13:48:32-04:30	3	4
Celebrity Auction 15 mnth date with Dwight Ball	Hold a celebrity auction in which some high roller can win a 15 month date with Dwight Ball. Let's hope he can get to second base before 2017!	Because it's important to respect the mating rituals before we all get screwed!	ShadowCal	2016-01-18T13:56:27-04:30	4.2	5
start a kickstarter campaign	seriously start a kickstarter campaign or government site where donours can contribute amounts of money directly to the debt of the province through an arms length organization that becomes a registered charity and provides tax receipts. Operate it so it has no permanant staff and get MHA Cathy Bennett to check in on it once every two weeks to make sure its going well, have her post it around facebook or something.	I don't think i am being sarcastic, heck some guy did it for the greece debt and another guy for potato salad, that was popular; they raised a lot of dollars.	JP_friendly	2016-01-18T14:04:39-04:30	3.285714286	7

Cost Recovery - Infrastructure	<p>Unincorporated areas and local service districts should be collecting fees from residents to recover the cost of services provided similarly to municipalities. This model is applied in ALL provinces except for this one. I live in a municipality and pay property taxes towards roads and other capital projects in this municipality. Where I live. My provincial taxes are being put towards the same thing in other communities who do not pay anything towards these capital projects that are implemented ... in a place where I do not live.</p>	<p>Because it is a fairer way to fund and provide services for these areas. And it will enable some means of cost recovery by the government for services that should be delivered by a local government body of some sort. Road maintenance and upkeep / repairs replacement, snowclearing, water / sewer are all costly services.</p>	sh123	2016-01-18T14:28:58-04:30	4	1
Tourism? ?	<p>I don't know newfoundland is pretty and stuff, make use of what you have.</p>	<p>Because obviously were having money issues, some places thrive on tourism. Why can't we?</p>	ghostramp	2016-01-18T14:31:50-04:30	0	0

It's no secret that tech businesses that operate via the internet can operate from anywhere and bring revenue into the province from global sources. Prospective entrepreneurs need financial support in idea discovery and nurturing. Simply look at the success some local business have had bringing jobs and revenue into the province, such as Verafin, Celtx or Solace Power, just to name a few. Partner with grass-roots initiatives such as StartupNL and Common Ground Co-working and give them funds with reduced red tape. People need the freedom to create and innovate without the restriction of "red-tape" boxes.

This will help diversify our economy. There are literally unlimited industries that we can innovate in given the correct culture (which StartupNL and Common Ground Coworking have already done an incredible job fostering) and access to finances. That way our world doesn't fall apart with the collapse of a single industry.

If you need examples of new startups that have huge potential and could really turn these finances into ROI, look no further than Sentinel Alert or Hey Orca!.

Invest in Entrepreneurism
and Start-up Community

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OK, Pot is going to be legalized. We are hearing about the expensive costs of Fruits and Vegetables. Well, let's look into our past. If the Sprung greenhouse had of been growing pot, it would have made a fortune (instead of being political disaster). The principle is this. A mega Greenhouse that will grow half Marijuana (for domestic sales in NFLD once it is legalized), and the other half of this mega compound could be used to grow vegetables for local sale. If there is marijuana left over, we could export it to the states (or anywhere else in the world). The fact that our economy is so bad and the dollar is so low only makes the idea better for us as exporters. The profits from the pot could be used to subsidize the vegetables also grow at the mega greenhouse. Or the government could just grow pot and keep all the money? Pot is already a very profitable commodity, but currently just for criminals. Now, when this is legalized, use the money for providing services like roads and healthcare to Newfoundlanders. And, I am not a drug user, but I think if it is going to be used anyway, it might as well benefit us as a province.

It will provide the province with money, lower food bills for families and provide a customer for Musgrat Falls?

Sales surtax on vehicles over \$50,000 and homes over \$500,000	levy and additional 2 or 3% surtax (basically, a luxury tax) and vehicles over \$50,000 and homes over \$500,000	<p>There is no shortage of trucks that people add lots of options and extras to over the base model, and then come in at 60k and 70k for the vehicle. If you can afford to shell out 70k for a vehicle, then you have enough money to pay a luxury surtax on the vehicle also. Similarly, all the monster homes and MacMansions we see going up everywhere costing in excess of 500k should also be charged an additional luxury tax. This will generate significant revenue at little administrative cost.</p>	Handliner 2016-01-18T15:22:06-04:30	3.75	12
Cut Government Salaries	Cut the Premier and Government MHA's salaries by 50% or more.	<p>It's important the elected officials demonstrate to the general public that they also are willing to sacrifice a little as well. These elected Government officials are making triple the salaries to what some poor people are making. One has to only look at the demand that is on the local food banks to realize the state this Province is in and will only get worse.</p>	veryconcer 2016-01-18T15:26:48-04:30	3.4	5

Tax every household in unincorporated communities	(Mistakenly published this in the wrong area before). The Provincial Government should levy a tax on households in unincorporated areas to recover the costs of servicing those communities.	Residents of unincorporated communities pay no taxes, yet their roads are paved, plowed, salted; they are given emergency funding when there are issues with drinking water etc. Basically, they are freeloading on the backs of other hardworking, tax-paying NLers. Eliminate this freeloading by taxing every household in unincorporated communities, with penalties like denial of some government services for those who do not pay. Revenue generated will be significant.	Handliner 2016-01-18T15:30:35-04:30	4.476190476	21
Hemp.	With the eventual legalization of marijuana Newfoundland should take advantage of this new sustainable resource. Growing hemp will put many local people to work, helping put money into our economy. Hemp then could be exported harvested for ourselves for things like clothes, food, animal feed, soaps, paper, many more everyday things. This is one of the more sensible solutions as hemp is a better solution than tree paper products, as it grows fast can thrive in harsher environments. in conclusion we can help the people of the province the environment too.	Newfoundland is too hard on resources, we need a resource that can be used infinitely that does unlimited things putting more of our people to work without having to move away to find work. Newfoundland deserves this break, it can potentially erase our debt increase funds in this province. We deserve to be a have province.	Beckcat 2016-01-18T15:52:37-04:30	4.454545455	11

Resettlement	Provision of services to many very small isolated communities is prohibitively expensive, particularly those that require ferry service. Lower the percentage threshold (from 90% to 70%) for people in those communities who may wish to resettle.	Impractical to service small isolated communities.	Taxpayer	2016-01-18T15:52:33-04:30	4.071428571	14
Promote Atlantic textbook publishing using public school funding	Use public school funds to invest promote local textbook publishing and writers. Our provincial public schools pay big \$\$ for textbooks (as well as online learning resources) -- let's publish these materials regionally using our grads.	Currently, our public schools pay big money for textbooks written, edited, and published in Ontario, New York City, or abroad. We've got lots of talented grads locally who could do the job.	AndySarso	2016-01-18T15:54:13-04:30	3	2
VOCM Radio Bingo	Make NL a recipient of funds from VOCM Radio Bingo. Follow up with 50/50 tickets as required.	More mad billz.	keystone	2016-01-18T16:04:25-04:30	0	0

People like to live in big homes as a luxury - not as an accessory. First, we should increase tax on energy. Then, we should calculate a minimum amount of heat required to live reasonably in a 600 square ft apartment** and credit that amount of energy to everyone's utility bill. People who are living modestly should have lower power bills. People cranking out the kWh will have to pay more for their indulgence in this luxury. This will also have the added benefit of further encouraging people to conserve energy and use more energy efficient technology (heat pumps/better insulation) in their homes.

**Increase the minimum 600 square ft amount for people with a few kids.

Modify the Utility Bill and Gas Price Formulae

A similar ideology could be applied to gasoline through the income tax refund system to apply more taxes to those who use gas as a luxury for entertainment (either through using unneeded gas guzzlers or going out for a spin on a recreational ATV/skidoo). This may have some rougher administrative logistics that need to be worked out.

The government needs to bring in revenue without raising tax on those in need. Although the government will need to grow businesses it appears that some form of tax increases are inevitable, and, therefore, at least the increases as suggested will target more luxury spending - sorry to the businesses that sell recreational ATVs/skidoo :(

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Invade Saint Pierre, Cape Breton, the
Magdalene Islands, Anticosti, the Quebec
North Shore, and Baffin Island. This will give
Newfoundland more resources to pillage, at
the expense of the environment and local
communities, because it has worked so well in
Labrador!

Newfoundland has relied for too long on
Labrador resources. It is time to find other
regions to exercise economic colonialism over.

Invade the neighbours

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The illegal marijuana use in Newfoundland is already a huge problem. Let's face it, it's not exactly a booming city with tonnes of things to do. The vast majority of young people from the area do it as something "fun" to do, why shouldn't we control the substance and educate young people on safe, controlled use?

The obvious point to bring up is economic growth. Countless job opportunities for all lines of work. Infrastructure for new dispensaries, Research and development potential will bring thousands of jobs to new and unemployed graduates of science degrees, hundreds of storefront jobs. I'm unknowledgeable in the farming aspect but I'm sure if it can be grown with an easily attainable licence it will also produce many jobs.

This has been said before but I'm going to reiterate it from a non-Newfie, university student standpoint.

One of Trudeau's / Liberal's big platform point was to legalize marijuana... Why not use Newfoundland as a "pilot" province for legalizing the substance? The economic growth from legalizing marijuana in ONLY Newfoundland first would be huge. Now here's a short little list of the cold hard truth about

Tourism will increase to unimaginable amounts. Let's face it, no great new theme park or crazy new technology will bring tourists to Newfoundland. It's a beautiful province but legal marijuana will bring people from all over the country if not from further away.

Geographically New York state is closer to NL than Colorado, so why wouldn't they come to

why this is an excellent solution:

ATTN TRUDEAU: LEGALIZE IT

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The point of this plan to

#1- cut the tax rate to 0% for foreigner wanting to invest money here.

And then:

- Build lavish banks, like in Switzerland
- Invest in huge resorts for the rich
- Create a currency based off gold
- Build an international stock exchange

Eventually, the amount invested in Newfoundland will create middle class jobs, in which a 10% middle class income tax rate should be enough for the entire province. The rich can spend/invest like no tomorrow. Newfoundland will break off of Canada and be renamed a cool name like Monaco. I have proof this idea works, just look at Monaco, Bermuda, Macau, Switzerland... we can do this guys!

^^^ reference above

Create an International
Tax Haven

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With the recent decline in the Canadian dollar vs the US, you will see more Canadians staying closer to home in 2016 (including myself and family who spent the last 2 years enjoying an Orlando holiday). You may also see tourists from other countries taking advantage of a cheap Canadian dollar and choosing Canada as a top tourist destination for 2016. The new tourism strategy that was released today will showcase more of what NL has to offer. I think this is great but we need to take it a step further to attract tourists. I think some ideas that could add additional benefit to a NL vacation are:

1) Extend the recreational food fishery for the entire summer. This would provide a wider window for tourists and ex NL'ers to enjoy and help space out visitors a little better over the entire summer vs 3 weeks in late July/early August.

2) Negotiate with the federal government for a reduction in Marine Atlantic ferry rates between North Sydney and NL. Rental cars are a scarcity in the summer. Promoting the ferry routes and offering incentives would attract additional visitors.

I think NL needs to take advantage of the multi billion dollar tourism industry at a time when you will see more visitors coming to Canada due to the attractive dollar. We need to find innovative ways to attract visitors and use the resources at our disposal to make it work without spending tons of cash.

<p>Make labour costs on Home Renovations Tax Deductable.</p>	<p>Allow homeowners to deduct the labour cost of a home renovation from their income. In this way a whole blackmarket of labour in the economy will become taxable and the gov't will gain those revenues at a minimal cost while also raising the demand for skills trades labour back in the province pulling unemployed and underemployed tradesmen (and women) back from the mainland.</p>	<p>The idea increases the average wages in the population by encouraging skilled labour to settle here with the promise of local work as people seek to do upkeep on their homes..</p>	<p>Ronknowli 2016-01-18T18:53:31-04:30</p>	<p>3.33333333</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Bell Island ...a new business.. prison / casino</p>	<p>I think that having a business over on Bell Island either a prison or a casino</p>	<p>will recoup a huge loss that we have been supporting this island for years ..It has its own air strip ..not sure what shape its in ...it will employ a huge amount of peoplethe housing will go up,taxes in return will increase....and the ferry can paid for itself and moreBell Islanders are proud people and I think it will be a great increase in the revenue ..</p>	<p>ideawoma 2016-01-18T18:53:38-04:30</p>	<p>3.4</p>	<p>5</p>

lower the government and politicians wages/pensions, why would anyone need over 100,000 a year in pension..... or over 150,000 per year as government

put wind turbines in the wreckhouse

get on the legal weed

welfare recipients use a government visa / bank card, so we can see what their money spent on.

tax the high incomes more and the lower incomes less. (lower income people need it)

Lower Government
employee pay
rates/pensions. + some
other ideas

invest in bacon stocks

thought for food

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Settle land claims	<p>settling land claims - NunatuKavut/Innu Nation - minimal cost to the province for huge gains. also the right thing (and legally correct) to do</p>	<p>health care, social assistance, education, infrastructure, emergency services, environmental and other enforcement costs, capital investments etc all come out of federal coffers instead of the provinces.</p> <p>SElf governing Aboriginal communities also contribute greatly to local economic diversification and investment. all borne out of Aboriginal government, industry interest in this kind of development, and federal capacity and capital investments.</p>	OurLabrad 2016-01-18T19:30:21-04:30	3.4	5
Raise tuition	<p>The tuition freeze at MUN is not sustainable. Students used to pay about 45% of the real cost of a degree. Now it is closer to 12% and still falling. The freeze is a subsidy for student from wealthy families, who are more likely to pursue a university education in the first place, and a massive transfer of wealth to out-of-province students.</p> <p>It is time to hike tuition, and to institute tuition fee increases that are in line with inflation. Some of the additional tuition fees can be used to increase grants and scholarships to students who truly need the financial assistance. However, the free ride of the "tuition freeze" has turned MUN into a diploma mill. This policy needs to end.</p>	<p>The post-secondary tuition freeze was not sound policy even during the "boom" times, and is not sustainable now. It is a transfer of wealth to the well-off and to people from out of province. It was never affordable in the first place, and is even less so now.</p>	realist 2016-01-18T19:37:59-04:30	4.181818182	22

Casino!	Permit the Miawpukek First Nations to open a casino and resort at Conne River. This could help increase tax revenue for them and the province and drive tourism as a whole.	Revenue increase. Tourism driver.	ShyContrib 2016-01-18T19:45:09-04:30	1	2
Provincial Airlines Contract	In 2013 the Government signed a 3 year contract with Provincial Airlines requiring all Government workers to fly PAL at a government rate. This does not allow workers to fly seat sales on other airlines or even fly at a more competitive rate with another airline. Also due to PAL schedule workers have to spend longer traveling resulting in hotel and meal costs.	Canceling the contract will allow workers to travel at the lowest price available thus saving on travel costs.	skyisfalling 2016-01-18T19:48:33-04:30	3	2
Increase Tuition	The time has come to increase tuition across the board at MUN and CNA. With A moderate increase, NL would still have the lowest tuition in Canada while allowing MUN and CNA to stay competitive.	Increasing the tuition would bring in much needed revenue to MUN and CNA and allow MUN and CNA to have the funds to continue to be innovative and creative with new and traditional programs.	NL8986 2016-01-18T19:49:12-04:30	4.2	25
Junk mail tax	Create an additional tax that Canada Post will have to collect for anyone wanting to deposit junk mail into our mailboxes. This would result in additional revenue and also less junk mail, so it's a win-win.	Because we need more revenue, and junk mail is not only annoying but it adds to landfills	crewbert 2016-01-18T20:14:25-04:30	4.66666667	6
Have another tax bracket	Follow the federal government and add another tax bracket for people who make over \$200k a year.	Because we need more revenue, and the rich should pay their fair share.	crewbert 2016-01-18T20:17:09-04:30	4.181818182	11

	<p>Move marine atlantic offices from St.Johns to Port aux Basques. This can immediately save tax payers 200K a year. Maybe invest these savings into lowering the cost of marine atlantics service so we can make coming to our province more affordable. This would increase tourism and out more money into our provinces economy.</p>									
<p>Move Marine atlantic</p>		<p>It will save tax payers a significant amount of money. Pass the savings on to travellers so we can up tourism in our province.</p>	<p>JonK</p>	<p>2016-01-18T20:26:54-04:30</p>		<p>4</p>				<p>2</p>
<p>No more welfare cheques</p>	<p>People on social assistance should not get spending money. They should get food stamps, clothing stamps (for used clothing stores) and free housing from NL Housing, along with reimbursement for certain bills like heat and light.</p>	<p>People who refuse to work should not get spending money to pay for cigarettes, booze and drugs. Same goes for television and other privileges. They should get the minimum that is permitted to survive until they can contribute to society.</p>	<p>crewbert</p>	<p>2016-01-18T20:36:30-04:30</p>		<p>2</p>				<p>4</p>
<p>Personalized licence plates</p>	<p>Other provinces have them. Charge \$200 for a personalized licence plate. People will spend money on that crap, and it's not like it costs the province anything to do it.</p>	<p>It's not important, it's just a small idea that could increase revenue to the province.</p>	<p>crewbert</p>	<p>2016-01-18T20:45:35-04:30</p>		<p>3.88888889</p>				<p>9</p>

Joey's Castle	<p>Government should convert the west block of the Confederation Building into a residence for MUN. They could turn the east block into a luxury hotel or Executive condos. Think of the money you could charge to use Danny's old bathroom.</p> <p>You could let Government workers work from home. Layoff all secretaries and administration staff. Give everyone else a laptop and BlackBerry. The parking lot can also be converted into a bus Depot for metro bus.</p>	<p>Think of all the potential earnings with these initiatives. Happier University students not living in the old dorms. Government workers able to work in their Jammies all day and no lining up in the cafe for cold coffee.</p> <p>Who doesn't want to sleep in Joey's castle?</p>	skyisfalling 2016-01-18T20:54:51-04:30	3	2
Nalcor Offering	<p>In times of trouble it's better to give up equity then take on debt. Offer a percentage of Nalcor shares for sale to provincial residents (no institutions) with a maximum and minimum purchase limits. Let the people become partners in sharing the risk and when things are better share in the reward. A solution "by the people for the people". Would be a worthwhile home grown crowd funding exercise.</p>	<p>Let's people of the province take a stake in the fiscal situation, and let's them be rewarded for their risk down the road. The province still keeps control of the company but can draw on investors to sure up the appointed board.</p>	Derek 2016-01-18T20:54:53-04:30	3.66666667	3

Have welfare recipients take physicals before they are eligible to receive money. Those who pass physicals and are able bodied and healthy will be put to work.

Based on the amount that a person pays into taxes, they get services from a healthy and able bodied welfare recipient. Have your driveway shovelled, lawn mowed, patio stained, house cleaned etc...

I think this will cut back on the number of people on welfare, because if they have to work for their welfare cheques, it's just as well get a real job.

Cuts to welfare

Fully able welfare recipients step up

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The Health Care Corporation has to be changed from the ground up in a dramatic and meaningful way. A good place to start is with culling the overwhelming number of meaningless visits to family doctors. Time to charge a basic fee so people will think twice before just calling their doc for a "script". Tax rebates can be given to seniors and low income earners but there has to be some charge that allows for a sober second thought before just calling and booking a doctors appointment.

The obvious up front revenue is important, but what the real benefit here is the reduction in costs the happen all the way through the system by cutting back a percentage of the 1000's of unnecessary visits each year.

Fee per visit GP

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Toll Booths	<p>To have toll booths set up to go in and out of the city. \$2 to leave or enter the city. It will increase the amount of money going into the city causing everything else to lower. How many people from outside of st.johns come in for jobs and to use the services and facilities our city offers from everything to the hospital to shopping centres. I think it's about time the people living outside the city who have lower taxes then us start paying up for our high taxes in order to keep the city running.</p>	<p>My idea is important because it would easily slove or cut down on a lot of the expenses people are facing right now since the budget has been released. Let's be like every other in province in Canada.</p>	Mel	2016-01-18T21:34:26-04:30	0	0
Increase fine amounts for ticketable offences	<p>Current fine amounts for most ticketable offences are laughable compared to other provinces. For instance any ticketable offence under the Wild Life Act is 86.80 for first offence. A loaded firearm in a vehicle is a 86.80 fine when in other eastern provinces it can range from 172.50 to 400.00. The same may also be said for various offences under the All Terrain Vehicle Act and many more. Surely this wont get NL out of debt but every little bit helps.</p>	<p>Increase in generated revenue for the province and it can be implimented with little to no cost.</p>	newfoundl	2016-01-18T21:36:39-04:30	4.166666667	6

It seems that this process would be better done with people who have studied the field of economics and have a comprehensive understanding of the multiple factors at play. Many citizens at this point believe these consultations alone are a complete waste of government funding which will later be used to justify austerity measures and other measures which were not suggested in consultations.

Have an open and transparent consultation with economists. Invite members of the public to attend if necessary. Give the economists full disclosure of government workings and departments as to facilitate their understanding of the current circumstances surrounding our debt.

Ask the people who may know the answers to these questions, or have suggestions. Instead of those in the public. Clearly you can't ask the politicians because they got elected there and now have no sweet clue what to be at. Common sense b'ys..

It utilizes the people who are best equipped to answer the huge questions our province is facing.

It is common sense and often the first step other provinces and countries take when considering new revenue and cost-cutting measures.

Increase the tax on junk and fast food to 30%.

other C ountries do it and guess what? they are much healthier.

People are eating crap day in and day out. This self abuse is costing us big in Health Care. How many people do we have waiting for gastric by-pass? Then there's that article about our kids with old people ailments...joint problems, diabetes, gallbladder issues?

If they are going cause these problems, make them help pay for it...like smoking

Feeding your kid this stuff is child abuse. Consuming it yourself in excess is self abuse. A treat is ok once in a while, but it's become "treat yo' self" all day everyday.

Diet and exercise is an important longterm way to reduce health costs. The avg person is too stunned to realize their stake in being healthy is their "health". At least a tax per use helps everyone and may actually deter some from buying junk. Maybe they will even buy some untaxed real food.

30% Fat Tax

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Don't see why no one has looked at doing so. They are making a fortune in an underground economy. Just look at any Buy and Sell group on Facebook!

No taxes, no remittances equals lost revenue for the province.

Watching others not paying taxes hardly inspires others in small business to be honest.

Tax small businesses on Facebook

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Why must we spend a fortune on imported toilet paper when we have paper mills that are going out of business? The mills should be converted to produce tissue paper instead of newsprint. This would boost the economy.

We need to be more self sufficient as an island. We import too many unnecessary goods when we can produce them ourselves.

Toilet paper

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Charge a tariff on any product with origins outside Canada that come into Newfoundland. This has two benefits: one, it gives a short term tax on consumption; two, it gives incentives for local production.

A 30-50% tariff on imports for 5 years will probably suffice.

Couple that with a cut on income tax (down to 15% for the highest tax bracket) with a 100% removal of write offs and tax breaks. This changes taxation to what people spend instead of what they earn or save.

Then set a provincial sales tax at 10%. People who save don't get taxed, people who spend do.

Finally increased corporate taxes to match income taxes at 15% and remove all deductions and write offs.

The streamlined tax code will simplify budgeting, save businesses and citizens money on accounting fees, and capture a higher revenue for the government.

Cutting costs only goes so far in balancing a budget. Eventually you have to increase income. A simplified tax code and tariff system will streamline revenue generation, bringing efficiencies and an easier to adjust income model.

In this time of declining revenues we need to encourage investment in new industrial developments within our province. Despite the importance of Royalties from the Oil industry to our Provincial coffers there is a very vocal minority who are pushing with all their might to discourage oil exploration on and near land in our Province. Western NL in particular has significant potential for shale based oil that would require hydraulic fracturing to economically produce but despite the millions of oil wells drilled throughout North America with little environmental damage, this group has spoke of the Armageddon that will come with the use of Hydraulic Fracturing here. The group keeps referring to some factual and some incorrect information that relates primarily to experiences in the early days of Hydraulic Fracturing as the industry was going through its learning curve. If one tenth of the claims that have been made were accurate, the United States would have been destroyed by now with the large number of wells they have fractured. Fear mongering is costing us money from our economy.

The approval of Hydraulic Fracturing has the potential to open up a vigorous oil exploration and production industry on and near land within our province and we surely need the jobs, the revenues and the royalties that would bring.

The largest cost block in Newfoundland is healthcare. The largest age demographic using healthcare are the aging (Boomers) and the elderly. This is a way to capture funds from the high net worth users of the system to offset costs without a two tier system.

Approve the Use of Hydraulic Fracturing by the Oil Industry

We have an expert panel studying the concept for Government now but we know

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Estate Tax

Set up an estate tax of 75% for the paet of estates that exceed \$2,000,000 in value.

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Fix the Cadastral Record and Assessed Property Values	Spend the money up front (create a few jobs) and create accurate property records and a cadastre for the entire province (elevating us out of "third world" status). Then demand a 2-year appraisal cycle using modern appraisal methods (desktop review) and collect fair and equitable property taxes from all. There are tens of millions waiting to be found!	Fairness, uniformity, quality and modernization. All valuable goals with a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. And who can argue "fairness"?	Skiziks	2016-01-18T23:20:38-04:30	3	2
Brothels	This is pretty self explanatory. Legalize, tax, and licenses brothels, ensuring prostitute safety and a revenue stream for the government.	Sex sells. May as well tax it.	MarcusDR	2016-01-18T23:34:56-04:30	4.590909091	22
More graduate programs at MUN	MUN doesn't offer a wide selection of career paths. If MUN offered more graduate programs such as physiotherapy, chiropractor, dentistry, law, architecture, etc., or even more undergraduate degrees it could increase revenue. Some graduate programs are hard to get into across Canada because they're only a hand full of University's that offer these program, or because the entrance requirements are so difficult. Added another university to the list in which students can apply to when looking to do a graduate program would increase students interest in enrolling at MUN, even if they are not from Newfoundland.	I know from personal experience trying to get into any physio program in Canada is extremely difficult. If another university, such as MUN, offered this program that's one more university I could apply to, and that would increase my chances that I will be accepted into one of the programs I applied to.	MUNstude	2016-01-19T00:10:51-04:30	1.875	8

Moose are kinda cute, but also kind of annoying when you hit them with your cars.

Why not start capturing them and selling them as pets to people who don't know any better?

Or maybe even start a project to breed mini moose!

This idea would remove many moose from the roads, and would bring in massive revenue because of how cute a mini moose would probably be.

Start breeding moose to make mini moose to sell as pets

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1. The provincial marginal tax rates of the other Atlantic provinces differ substantially from Newfoundland and Labrador in that they charge higher marginal rates on the upper brackets of income. For example, the highest bracket in:

NL-15.3%

NS-21%

1. Consider increases to provincial marginal tax rates over \$55,205 to be more consistent with other Atlantic provinces.

NB-25.75%

PE-16.7%

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/fq/txrts-eng.html>

Increasing the top marginal tax rates to comparable levels would provide more revenue and should not be seen as regressive in nature (hopefully, no loss of competitiveness or jobs).

2. Consider increasing HST one or two percent.

3. Consider reducing size of government public sector to be more consistent with the rest of Canada.

2. Increase the HST rate by one or two percent. Again, the other Atlantic provinces have higher provincial HST portions:

NL-8%

Relative to other Atlantic provinces

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Ok so if this attached link is looked at Colorado has made from January 2014 to January 2015, Sixty one million three hundred seventy two thousand three hundred seventy six dollars in tax off of legallizing and taxing marijuana! (\$61 372 376.00)

Tax revenue from
Leagalized Marijuana

Did I mention the \$61 372 276.00!!

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Newfoundland, and Canada, in general, has many commodities that could sell in China and around the world, but they'd have to be branded as Canadian products, possibly including a small "Made Right Here" logo. Canada has a very prestigious reputation abroad, while Newfoundland is generally unheard of (I am from Newfoundland and I've been living and traveling around the world for 6 years now, including 3 years in China. Currently I am studying a Master of Population and Development at HSE Moscow). In China, and many other countries, items are sometimes bought based on prestige alone. One thing I have easily noticed from my comparisons of cultures around the world is that Newfoundland generally has a narrow focus and is not very ambitious. There are so many people with enough money to start small businesses and all they worry about is their retirement.

Items I believe Newfoundland can benefit from increased production and global trade are:

Increased Production and Foreign Trade	Blueberries (In China they sell for roughly \$5 for 2 handfuls)	Diversity, globalization, playing to Newfoundland's strengths.	PatrickW 2016-01-19T08:30:54-04:30	0	0
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We have had a population of a half million people since 1967. we have been raising taxes to generate income from that half million people ever since. The fact that we still have only a half million population is an indication that we hahe 5to change our approach.

I suggest that we eliminate the payrole tax on all business owners.The currently pay 1.4% tax on employee taxes. This is a deterrent to business to hire more staff infact it encourages automation and down sizing in some areas.

Encourage business to hire more employees and expand by eliminating this tax and you will increas income tax from more people working. It will cause small business to grow and allow more people to move here for work insted of moving away for work.

We need to lessen our dependancs on oil and create a situation where investors from other countrys and provinces will want to come here and start up business in manufacturing our raw materials into finished products .

Business Groth Incentive

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Charge oil tankers an inshore transportation fee ... Placentia Bay has more tonnage of marine traffic then any other port in eastern Canada ... Call it environmental call it what you want its revenue ...and its there. I pay taxes for roads to transport my arse around oil companies should pay to transport in our waters.

Show me the money... Show me da money...ore going in and out of long hr... Oil in and out of come by chance... Smarter Newfoundland ...Is all we needs not more taxes on the hungry!

Enviro fees

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Toll Booth (Willy)	<p>Follow the other provinces. Have toll booths located around the province. The portion of the money collected for those areas is spent in that area.</p> <p>Main stops can be Salmonier Line, Clarenville, Gander, GrandFalls, Deer Lake, Stephenville, PAB, Marystown, St. Antony etc</p>	<p>Will be a easy and viable way to increase funds for trasposrtation and works for road infrastrucure. In addition it allows communities to work at becoming more self sifficient instead of travelling everywhere.</p> <p>So as not to reduce or increase costs to companmies shipping product to those areas they are exempt.</p>	BamWam 2016-01-19T10:12:17-04:30	3	2
Power Generation	<p>Remove the restriction of being able to sell power to the light and power and Nalcor by private citizens. This was put in place by the Dunderdale Government and serves no value to the province. It would be better if you encourage private power generation by home owners and then purchase the power at 50% of the going rate. You then sell the power on the grid for 100% profit and you didn't have to pay someone to generate it.</p> <p>Allow new industry to harness local water ways for power generation for cheap power to run their business.For example the paper mill in Grandfalls had a generation plant in Bishop Falls this in now a crown property.</p> <p>Offer subsidies to home owners who want to install some form of power generation. Example a percentage of cost or tax free on purchase price of the system.</p>	<p>This is an incentive to draw new employers to our province .</p> <p>It increases the power in our grid during peak demands with little or no cost to Government.</p> <p>It allows home owners who can avail of this to save more money to spend on other taxable products they want to enjoy.</p>	stringer 2016-01-19T10:15:13-04:30	3.8	5

Invite a tender to privat companies to build a fixed link to the main land on the northern peninsula. The company can recoup the cost of the project over time in toll s collected . the cost of the tolls would have to be on a par with PEI Bridge to eliminate gouging our people like the ferry service. The province would collect a portion of the fees to generate a continus revenue.

Make our Province more attractive to outside industries and tourisum .

Help reduce cost of bringing outside goods and services to the Province.

Reduce or eliminate the need for a ferry service on the Golf.

Fixed Link stringer 2016-01-19T10:24:53-04:30 4.22222222 9

Make home care private make it an example and the best ... Newfoundland tourism has to start focusing on retirees coming and staying they have money to spend weather here is mild year round and they are becoming a larger part of our population... Retire here not there and we have the private homecare and health care here...don't just visit stay and breath fresh ocean air... Come on Newfoundland lets get smarter...

We need people spending money every week not just July and August ... Soon going to invoice you Mr.Ball

Seniors Omg 2016-01-19T10:46:39-04:30 1.5 2

hi there , regarding the current situation of newfoundland and labrador , the best alternative to overcome the crisis is to develop business , especially small businesses , the key to empowering the economy back is present in these ideas:

1. focus funding in sectors that are more important to the economy (oil and gas) rather than sectors like arts that do not bring anything

2. Reduction of taxes for small businesses , most people have the money but are afraid to open a business due to the high cost , also a high cost spent by owners of businesses means higher prices which in the end leads to a pretty low amount of money spent by customers. Basically speaking if it is cheap more people will spend money and there will be a flow of money

3. Funding of small businesses trough several agencies that assure success in short and long term.

i personally think they could be important because it could give a different approach and alo for experiences i have lived , thanks , hope i was useful.

income through business development

4. Promotion of tourism , it is barely seen on the streets or news , the only time i have ever

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I said it all ...we don't need businesses that can't stand on its own revenue.

Make work projects cheaper

No more pulp paper grants

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This is important because:

1. Provides much needed revenue to the gov't.
2. Has the spin-off benefit of encouraging some people to drink less pop, which has positive health benefits for our citizens.
3. If some of the money was used to subsidize milk prices, it would be more affordable. Many people choose pop over milk because of the price!

We are the fattest province in Canada. With the highest rates of obesity and diabetes. How many Cokes and Pepsi's are drank each day in this province? Tax it!! Maybe some of that money could be used to bring down the price of milk and the rest the government pockets.

Tax soda pop!!

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With all do respect to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, they are not economic experts. They voted your party in with one word in mind. Change. I don't think a 15 month survey is what they had in mind.

You built a platform on keeping taxes at 13%, you say you aren't going to cut any spending, and you aren't going to borrow because you the interest will drive us into deeper debt... What's left?

You claim you are taking "decisive actions". Decisive actions is speaking with experts, not baymen. Choosing an action plan for better or worse, not creating an excuse that it was what NL wanted when it fails. And putting it into action as soon as possible to make the immediate changes needed, not waiting 15 months.

"The era of procrastination, of half-measure, of soothing and baffling expedients, of delays is coming to its close. In it's place we are entering a period of consequences." Newfoundlanders and Labradorians voted you in to create change. You are now the leaders of this province. You no longer have the luxury of just opposing policy. It is time to make your own stand, and create change before the province falls into deeper debts, and bankruptcy. You said you were ready for this job, it's time to prove it, for better or worse.

Take action now, no 15 month consultation.

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Make the developer of Giveaway - sorry, Galway - pay the true value of the land they acquired, retroactively.

No more giveaways!

Fair value for public land

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I moved to Newfoundland to attend MUN after visiting my boyfriend's home and falling in love with the province. During the years I lived in NL, the government dependence on oil always made me uncomfortable - it's an environmentally detrimental, nonrenewable resource without a stable future.

The Government of Newfoundland Labrador should make tourism and cultural exports a top priority. These industries bring in money from elsewhere and create/maintain jobs. An innovative strategy to increase the revenue from tourism and cultural exports (in an authentic and responsible way) will make the Province stronger.

(Accidentally posted this idea in the "Saving Money" category a few days ago - didn't see the "Revenue" category on the mobile app)

In my opinion, Newfoundland and Labrador's most valuable resources are its people, culture, and landscape. Finding new ways for locals to profit from these resources should be a top priority for the government.

Examples:

- Figuring out how small-town artisans can export their products more effectively on a larger scale.
- Advertising extensively in targeted American cities to take advantage of the low Canadian dollar.
- Finding ways to entice parents of out-of-province and international students to visit NL (instead of sending their children home for the holidays).
- Increasing winter tourism and making seasonal jobs year-round positions

Build a big building, give tax breaks, free rent, whatever you need to tech/research/marketing/information companies that agree to a 5 year contract in Newfoundland. Employers bring employees or hire Newfoundlanders, they get paid, they buy houses, they buy cars, they buy coffee. No physical resources need to be shipped to the island, no physical resources need to leave.

Invest in Low Physical Resource Industry

We will never be able to compete with other provinces in transportation costs.

Shipping is too expensive off the island. We need to invest in industries that do not have that erroneous cost.

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A live, up-to-date website that shows the basic financials of our government. This would add a level of accountability that we should see in a democracy in the tech era.

If we could see how much is spent on funding universities versus hockey arenas, then we could really have a dialog.

Let we the people see all the numbers

It's impossible for the public to make an informed decision when we don't have access to our governments financials.

The financial benefit isn't obvious at first, but this would expose all wasteful spending, and also illuminate new oportunities for revenue that aren't currently used.

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* Service charges: people living outside municipalities be taxed for services provided. We can no longer expect tax payers in municipalities to allow those on the outskirts to use our facilities without payment.

* Taxes: increase taxes on tobacco. Liquor, legalize marijuana and tax it like liquor.

* Fees: increase park and museum fees to be comparable to those in the private sector, thus reducing governments competitive price advantage as well as increasing revenues. Most users of these facilities are either non residents or in the case of parks, people who can afford to spend tens of thousand of dollars on trailers and hundreds of dollars for their weekend beer allocation.

We must deal with our rural areas in a realistic way. We can no longer cater to individuals who choose to live a lifestyle that contributes nothing to society, either financially or otherwise, but continues to drain on the public purse.

Given the financial challenges facing our province, what three things do you think government could do to raise money (increase revenue)

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Fines and penalties under some provincial acts are very low and probably haven't been changed in 20 or 30 years. Some ticketable offences especially related to forestry are not high enough to deter anyone from not obeying certain laws within the forestry act.

Increased penalties on offences would help deter people from breaking the law and tickets and fines that are issued will increase revenue.

Increase Penalties for Ticketable offences

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Garnish wages/welfare payouts for those who have outstanding fines to motor vehicle	Garnish wages/welfare payouts for those who have outstanding fines to motor vehicle	Garnish wages/welfare payouts for those who have outstanding fines to motor vehicle	BamWam 2016-01-19T14:07:08-04:30	4.263157895	19
Forced Resettlement	This suggestion is controversial no doubt. Little communities have alot of heritage, define our culture, etc. However, from an economic standpoint, isolated communities such as McCallum (or any community only accessible by ferry) are a huge drain on the government. Wharfs, ferry expenses, the cost of school upkeep and maintenance. The list goes on and on. Develope hard criteria and when they are met, it's time for resettlement. Nobody said it would be easy.	Pretty straight forward: we need to save money. This will do that.	JDoubleU 2016-01-19T15:54:24-04:30	4.558823529	34
Increase "sin" taxes	Increase significantly the tax on cigarettes, booze, gas, and lottery tickets (if possible).	Needed to increase revenue	Amberdog 2016-01-19T16:08:45-04:30	1	1
Increase "sin" taxes	Increase significantly the tax on cigarettes, booze, gas, and lottery tickets (if possible).	Increase revenue	Amberdog 2016-01-19T16:10:17-04:30	3.625	8

It is time to tax the proceeds of insurance payouts at the death of an individual .

The tax need not be large buut a flat tax of say 1/2 %on the proceeds would be good.

CPP taxes the death benefit

REVENUE GENERATOR

tax life insurance

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I think the government had the perfect opportunity to let the 2% HST hike remain in place. Stopping this increase at this critical time in our history was and is a mistake.

increase the HST by at least 2%. Not too many years ago we were paying almost 20%. It may have been an election probise but this is one that you can't afford to make and the people would have forgiven it for sure.

This is a no brainer....raising taxes in tough economic times is what people expect. Do we like it, no, but it's the right thing to do.

RAISE THE HST....NOW!!!!

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millions of tax dollars are lost by allowing accountant,,lawyers,doctors

and other professionals to incorporate.

Forbid professionals from incorporation	cut out this program or at least apply a flat sur tax to it.	revenue generator	moonman 2016-01-19T20:05:33-04:30	0	0
		Revenue based, got to do it!!!!			
ADD GAS TAX	Place at least a .20 cent tax on each and every litre of gasoline and diesel fuel. Prices are down now and we have been used to paying much higher prices at the pump.	Do it NOW!!!!	lakemelvill 2016-01-19T20:05:51-04:30	1.8	5
		The present big game draw has produced an array of applicants, many of whom have no desire to hunt. That group includes little old ladies, crippled old men, and wimpy wives. It exists that way to increase the chances of families getting a license.			
Change Wildlife Hunting Process	Sell licenses to any qualified hunter wishing to purchase one. Adjust the hunting season to control the moose population.	In the existing draw a family may receive two licenses rather than the one they desire. In many cases, an animal gets killed by someone other than the little old lady, crippled old man, or wimpy wife. Policing these people over an extended period is a nightmare and major expence.	crunchtime 2016-01-19T22:21:59-04:30	3.666666667	3

Startup Newfoundland Labrador is a community of entrepreneurs, advisors, mentors and those that seek to make the Province a better place for startup enterprises. The value of the people who make up this community is in our determination, insight and ability to seize on opportunities in a worldwide economy.

For too long funding schemes that focused solely on the promise of job creation have dominated government's role in economic development. This is a system that has proven again and again to underdeliver. Rather, what we propose is investment directly in people; specifically, those that exhibit entrepreneurial promise. By offering Startup Vouchers to startup founders who have good ideas and the desire to act on them, the Province will have many more companies created. Startup Vouchers will be micro-investments, small amounts of financing that will give entrepreneurs the incentive to take those first steps and build the products and services that a technology-hungry economy needs.

From what we have seen and experienced at Startup Newfoundland Labrador, our

Startup Vouchers are important because they offer a way to increase the amount of startup activity in the Province. Other jurisdictions that have taken this approach have seen a dramatic increase in company formation and often these companies experience incredible growth, attract significant private investment and develop new-to-the-world products and services. The groundswell of startup entrepreneurs looking for a way to start means that this type of program would unleash their significant and world-class talents to the benefit of the Province.

These are two industries that could be thriving in our province, but over regulation makes them hard to get off the ground. People need to know that if they decide to invest in something like this, that it will be something they can operate without too much intrusiveness. With all the extra space we have around, I think it would be more than fair for the government to sign lengthy cheap leases for land to set these type of operations up on. We import way too much of our food, lets try offset that by making some of our own and selling the rest.

In order for these industries to startup and survive, they need to be more self regulated. Getting them started also needs to be streamlined.

Agriculture/aquaculture
regulation relaxation

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Alright, I got it. This is the idea.

Everyone knows that right now Superheroes are everywhere at the movies. You got Avengers, Batman, the Hulk,...the whole lot of em. And they're movies are making millions of dollars. You just put some fella in a cape and make him fly around, and bammo, you got yourself a payday.

So I suggest we use our own superhero, Captain Newfoundland, and shoot a movie based on him. We've all been there, bleary eyed from a night of DT with a feed of Mary's, watching NTV at 2:00 o'clock in the morning when all of a sudden Captain Newfoundland starts having a CGI adventure. It's captivating, to say the least.

Plotwise, I don't think you need to get fancy. Aliens or something, probably. And all those people out of work since RoD went off the air could like, hold the cameras and edit and stuff.

Anyways, it's a goldmine idea. We'd make millions and probably win an Oscar or two.

This idea is important because not only will it solve our financial crisis, it will also put Newfoundland on the map in the world of movies and entertainment.

If the Captain Newfoundland movie does good, then maybe he could join the Avengers and then you'd have Robert Downey Jr. and Samuel L Jackson down here to shoot the sequel and you knows the kind of money they're going to spend.

Also it will showcase our arts community. You could involve all of them, painting sets and making special effects. You've seen the end of one of them Marvel movies. They got like, ten thousand people working on em.

Captain Newfoundland
Movie

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The Newfoundland and Labrador Government and City of St. John's are currently in a dispute over a provincial government owned and built highway, Team Gushue Highway.

Even though the Newfoundland and Labrador Government owns Team Gushue Highway, City of St. John's and one of their council members, Jonathan Galgay, and threatening to barricade this highway and close it to the public even though its provincial property.

Taking full ownership over Team Gushue Highway and stripping the City of St. John's of its right to control it will not only save money on further construction related delays, but will also force the City of St. John's and Jonathan Galgay to be quiet.

If the Newfoundland and Labrador Government takes full responsibility over all provincial government highways, especially Team Gushue Highway, we will no longer encounter threats from municipalities closing provincial highways, especially from the City of St. John's and Jonathan Galgay in their attempt to barricade Team Gushue Highway.

Take More Control Over
Team Gushue Highway

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Eliminate severance in the same way the feds did. There will be a significant one time cost to payout current obligations but significant future savings.

The economy will also be stimulated because many of the people receiving severance payouts will spend it.

It is a win, win, win situation. Most provincial government employees will be happy with the payout, it will save money in the long run, it will stimulate the economy in the short run.

It is a win win win. Most government employees will be happy with the payout, it will save money in the longterm and it will stimulate the economy.

Win Win Win

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Place coin operated outhouses from Saglek in Labrador to the Connor Rock in Lawn Newfoundland. Construct them from local materials whether it be seal skins, moose hides, spruce and fir slabs.

This project will bring much needed revenue to local municipalities and lessen the burden on the provincial coffers. It would work well with other make-work programs used to tap the federal E.I. All required materials are locally available. It would lessen the demand placed on our existing aging sewer systems. It would also act as a place where Sears' catalogues could be used to their full potential.

Coin Operated Outhouses

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This is a small example of how the Province's reliance on oil revenues is manufactured. Newfoundland and Labrador does not have access to revenue streams that other provinces take for granted.

Gander Air Traffic Control Centre is an operation that provides services for thousands of aircraft daily. Nav Canada, the crown corporation that runs Gander Centre, charges up to \$93.25 for every aircraft it comes in contact with while providing separation services. The tax revenue from the international flights goes directly to the federal coffers.

Churchill Falls is the obvious example but there are many more. Alberta receives 100% of its oil revenues, Newfoundland and Labrador gets 40% after the Atlantic accord signing. The fishing is nationalized so the Province has no control over its most valuable resource.

Newfoundland and Labrador should collect some of the tax revenue from this operation.

Newfoundland and Labrador is on the verge of bankruptcy if now is not a good time to fight for fiscal equality in Canada no time is. The example above is a small step in that direction.

Gander Air Traffic tax

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Finance someone to produce a weekly discussion program centered on the ideas presented in this dialogue initiative. A small panel consisting of at least one comedian should be considered.

This idea has the potential of a top television program that would weight the pros and cons of ideas presented while being riddled with comedy.

Television Sense/Senseless Hour

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As everyone is aware, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government has a major problem with motorists have large outstanding fines.

Some individuals even have outstanding fines as high as \$50,000, and our current provincial government seems to do nothing about it.

As a proactive measure to address the outstanding fine problem, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government should implement a limited time only "Fine Amnesty":

1. If a person owes between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in outstanding fines, the fine amnesty is "1 for 1" meaning that for every dollar paid in fines, one dollar is waived.

For example, if you owe \$5,000 in outstanding fines, and that person pays \$2,500 in fines, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government will waive the remaining \$2,500.

2. If a person owes between \$10,001 and \$20,000 in outstanding fines, the amnesty is "3 for 1" meaning that for each dollar paid in outstanding fines, three dollars is waived.

To address the outstanding fine problem in Newfoundland and Labrador, our government needs to take a proactive measure including a "fine amnesty".

Having such a program will give those with large outstanding fines an incentive to pay it.

This "fine amnesty" will not apply for federal offences.

For those assessed the Victim Fine Surcharge or "Punishment Tax", giving individuals assessed this tax an option to work it off is a good way to address this outstanding fine problem to put Newfoundland and Labrador in line with the rest of Canada.

Limited Time Only "Fine Amnesty" For Those With Large Outstanding Fines

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increase taxes for high income earners

Take a page from the federal Liberals book and maybe look at increasing the tax rate for the wealthy.

Take a page from the federal Liberals book and maybe increase the tax rate on the wealthy.

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Toll Booths	Place Toll Booths on the major roads entering St. John's.	All of the tolls collected would be used to provide maintenance, repairs, and improvements for the roads used to access St. John's.	FrankSenic 2016-01-20T12:25:43-04:30	3.714285714	7
Raise Tobacco Taxes 20000000%	Raising the tobacco tax through the roof so that people cannot afford to smoke. Those that do, are burdens to the healthcare system therefore should pay more. Additionally, you can cap the healthcare money spent on smokers to 10% of what non-smokers get. Let the people pay for the devil they play with!	Encourages healthy living. Reduces healthcosts provides revenue streams to those who want to continue to smoke.	NLMoneyS 2016-01-20T13:03:32-04:30	4.2	5
Higher Taxes On Junk Food/ Convenience Foods	Need higher taxes on chips, chocolate bars, soda pop, candy . This should be able to alleviate the costs associated with healthier food choices and also be able to reduce in the future, the health issues we are now faced with. Also need to increase tax on take out, liquor, cigarettes, ...these things we know are detrimental to our health. It may be enough to discourage or lower use/ purchase and therefore, again improve overall health in the province...	increase revenue for the province. potentially reduce costs of healthcare as people make better food choices increase tax on "bad" foods will provide ability to reduce costs of better food items	blueeyes 2016-01-20T16:25:24-04:30	4	5

Major lottery winnings through Atlantic Lottery can be taxed as a source of revenue. Right now, these winnings are tax free. Set a limit on the amount of money that can be won tax free (i.e. \$50,000) and then tax anything above that at an escalating scale.

Tax Windfall & Lottery Winnings

While it may not be a major source of revenue, it can be definitely be a source of revenue.

Opens an additional revenue stream from those what win money via the lottery.

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Select a few salmon rivers some lakes to privatize for strict tourism operations.

Privatize Lakes & Rivers

Auction the rights off to the highest bidder use these to attract tourists / businesses in this industry.

Revenue from the auction, start-up businesses ongoing tourism.

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As long as gas is less than \$1/litre, there should be a top up charge that brings it to the \$1 mark. So if gas is at \$0.90 a litre at the pumps the gov will get \$0.10 a litre. The amount of revenue will fluxuate as the price of oil does, but it would be an extra something. We've been paying well over \$1/litre for a long time now, so it wouldn't feel like a hard hit for the public to take. If the pay at the pump price goes to more than the \$1 mark the government won't get that tax anymore, but if the price has increased that much it should mean oil revenues are on the rise anyway. A year ago, everyone would have been very excited to be paying only that much for gas!

Its important because it will generate some of the revenue lost from the low oil prices , but the tax payers won't be on the hook for a permanent fee once oil prices rise.

Flat gas fee of \$1/litre

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A goat is a very versatile creature that will eat practically anything, including drawers off a clothesline. Amazing is the fact that a goat can convert everything that it consumes to milk and fat. Milk can be scalded and consumed as is or churned into butter and buttermilk (both useful products). The meat of a goat is not bad, certainly better than a muskrat.

Our history records a rather limited use of goats, but nevertheless Newfoundlanders have been privileged to have laws permitting goats and other animals to roam freely. Only in cities and towns with bylaws have their use been restricted.

It would be in the province's interest to introduce large numbers of goats. Laws exist to allow their free roaming and the recent introduction of refugees represents a market that just loves goats. Incidentally, there would be no further need of them to wear yokes to prevent them from going through fences (there are no fences anymore).

This idea will create a surplus in our province and allow politicians to retire with a decent pension.

	Every household and place of work (including the House of Assembly) is required to have a swear jar, whose proceeds will be forwarded to St. John's on a quarterly go-forward basis. Which will reduce the annual deficit by several hundred thousand dollars.					
Swear Jars	Thanks to Steve Kent for inspiring this idea.	Revenue is good; cuss words are bad.	realist	2016-01-20T17:49:03-04:30	3.285714286	7
Legalize Marijuana	Be the first province in Canada to legalize marijuana as per the liberal election campaign. Tax it and enjoy the economic boost that it will generate as well as he decrease in cost of persecuting it though the legal system.	It will help he economic situation of the province in two ways by generating income and decreasing costs of the legal system. It was also a part of the liberal campaign so it probably will happen sometime, why not jump on it and NL be the first and enjoy the economic windfall.	WilliamJ	2016-01-20T18:01:10-04:30	4	4
Quadruple Ferry Rates / 100% Cost Recovery	There's no need for people to live off the island unless it's on mainland Canada. There's no fishery, industry, jobs etc in most of these small island communities. Why does the entire province have to subsidize the ferries in these areas?	Force the residents of these island towns to pay 100% of the cost to operate the ferry services, no government subsidies, no fly-in/fly-out when the ferries break down. Millions in savings. Sell the ferries for money!	NLMoneyS	2016-01-20T18:54:31-04:30	4.307692308	13

This is a service provided by the private sector.

Private sector can grow and sell flowers and save government money wasted here.

Sell the campsites etc to the private sector.

Botanic area can easily be looked after by private sector.

it will save money and get rid of an asset better in private sector hands

SELL PIPPY PARK

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The province has an opportunity to gain a North American advantage in the development of green infrastructure using the Mineral Commodities of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Monazite-(Ce) deposits located in Red Wine Mountain Area could be used to extract neodymium (Nd), a cornerstone in green technology.

Every MW of wind requires 170 kg of Nd.
Every electric vehicle requires 1 kg of Nd.

Assuming 5 GW growth rate in North American wind generation, 850 Tonnes of Nd would be required every year.

If 5% of all vehicle sales were electric, the annual demand for Nd would be 3,500 Tonnes.

If the province collected a royalty of \$50,000.000 per tonne, the annual revenues would exceed \$200 million.

If we don't source these commodities from our own backyard, we will have to continue to import them from China.

Staples for Green Infrastructure

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Introduce a nominal and affordable co-pay for using MCP. Based on household salary those who can afford to pay a nominal fee for routine doctor visits could.

May reduce unnecessary visits to a medical health professional and those who do and can afford it can help offset the costs to the MCP/medical expenses.

Introduce Co-Pay for MCP

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Increase Royalties	Increase royalties or tarriffs for all non-renewable resources that is shipped out of the province. The less secondary processing, the higher the tarriff. These funds can assist with a "Legacy Fund"/Rainy Day Fund for future generations.	Important to be fairly compensated for our resources.	Realist	2016-01-20T21:16:59-04:30	4.5	4
Invest in a BS detector	Reading some of these comments, I feel that many suggestions are presented in a manner of self promotion and not the better of everyone in our province. We need to move away from the fish baron mentailty that benefits only the few with extreme capitalist mentality. My 2 boys would love to call Newfoundland home in 10 years. So please, no BS just good ideas.	The old way of doing things doesn't work.	divad	2016-01-21T00:03:19-04:30	0	0
Yak Farming	The introduction of a non native species has sometimes proven sussessful; one being the case of Newfoundland's moose. The government should now look at introducing yaks. Yaks are highly appreciated because of their fur, fatty milk, meat and dung (which is used as a fuel). One need only search "facts about yaks" to see the possibilities.	The introduction of yaks would allow for sustainable employment, increase revenues through the production of food, clothing, and fuel. It would also add to our tourist attractions.	crunchtime	2016-01-21T08:18:29-04:30	1	2

Increased revenue	<p>The fees should be increased on a small game, trapper's, salmon (resident and non-resident) licence as well as a trout licence. Also, a fee should be implemented for non-residents in order to fish trout.</p> <p>The guide license fee should also be reviewed.</p>	<p>The increased fees would certainly increase revenue as a large majority of Newfoundland and Labradorians either fish or hunt due to it being a part of our culture and heritage. Plus, we have many tourists who come here every year solely to fish and hunt as well. The current cost of a salmon licence for a resident is \$17.00 which gets you 6 tags and potentially 6 salmon. You can't even buy 1 salmon in a grocery store for that price any more.</p>	kpayne	2016-01-21T10:33:33-04:30	4.33333333	6
Technology Startups!	<p>Offer financial support and government resources to the start-up community! Through the offer of a grant and access to resources, both of which are the hardest things to secure in NL as an entrepreneur, the fostering of the lucrative and rapidly expanding technology industry would be a quick and easy jump-start to the small business community in NL. We have no shortage of entrepreneurs in NL, and certainly no shortage of ideas, we simply have a lack of programs offering funding and resources to help solidify small businesses and make them competitive in the industry.</p>	<p>An investment in the technology community in NL would be a long-term investment in the sustainable growth of the NL economy. By making companies in NL more competitive in the national and international markets, the rate of growth of the technology sector in NL would modernize and expand the sector to put it on par with other areas of the nation.</p>	DanielEsco	2016-01-21T10:38:30-04:30	4.55555556	9

Wind Farms	<p>I'm sure we have enough wind, why are we not trying to obtain more energy from it? Then use that energy to power the province in a clean environmentally friendly way and even sell some of that energy outside the province, not give it away like the leaders of NL have done since it's existence.</p>	<p>I think we need to look at how to sustain energy from the wind in the future, green energy is becoming more and more important globally. We should have the people and resources to get something moving on this front, well for now anyways...</p> <p>BUT WE CAN'T GIVE ALL THE ENERGY AWAY FOR 35 YEARS for nothing, OR BASE THE PRICE ON A SET AMOUNT .. LIKE OIL FOR 80\$ A BARREL</p>	neotrout 2016-01-21T10:50:30-04:30	3.4	5
Gull Farming	<p>Gulls are beautiful creatures (much moreso than chickens). They are masters of the air with the ability to fly and glide. Take away a few of the feathers, which is a painless act, and they are as grounded as a 747 on a foggy day. It's quite easy to contain them in a fenced areas. Our ancestors often captured them, reared them, and served them like chicken on sunday. Also people harvested their eggs at known nesting sites.</p> <p>There is no shortage of gulls and the government should explore the idea of putting them to use as pets, as an ingredient in soup, as a fast food takeout joints, etc.</p>	<p>This idea would provide a clean diet for gulls that presently eat at Robin Hood Bay or next to KFC on Kentmount Road. Newfoundland could start a new trend comparable to KFC...NFG (Newfoundland fried gull). The potential here is well beyond my imagination.</p>	crunchtime 2016-01-21T10:56:28-04:30	2	3

	<p>In light of the recent Victorian Order of Nurses cuts throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, including the closure of their "Adult Day Program" for seniors and persons with severe disabilities, some cities and towns like Corner Brook no longer have any day programs available for them.</p>	<p>Unlike other provinces, Newfoundland and Labrador doesn't have sheltered employment or adult service centre facilities, especially in larger service communities, meaning that persons with severe disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities whom don't have a job, have little or no options for day programs.</p>		
	<p>To add insult to injury, many Newfoundland and Labrador cities and towns don't even have sheltered and community employment facilities for persons with disabilities, putting them at a vocational and social disadvantage, meaning every single Newfoundlander and Labradorian will pay a price for it.</p>	<p>For example, when Victorian Order of Nurses, or VON for short, recently cut the adult day program in Corner Brook, many persons with severe disabilities, especially those with intellectual disabilities whom are not employable, lost access to day programs, which dramatically increased the cost of having additional caregivers and also took away the already limited day program options for them.</p>		
	<p>Therefore, in addition to existing Community Employment agencies, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government should also establish adult service centres for persons with severe disabilities, especially those with intellectual disabilities.</p>	<p>In partnership with the Newfoundland and Labrador Government, non profit organizations, community employment corporations, and the private sector, sheltered employment facilities or adult service centres should be created.</p>		
<p>Establish Adult Service Centres for Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p>In case you're not familiar with adult service centres and their functions, they not only provide day programs and sale of manufactured good made in a sheltered employment setting for persons with</p>	<p>Proceeds from goods and services sold at these centres will be used to support their</p>	<p>NLMoose 2016-01-21T11:18:00-04:30</p>	<p>0 0</p>
<p>Royalty Rates - Royalties from Resources</p>	<p>Royalties paid on resources such as timber and oil can be increased. And probably have never been increased since the respective acts came into law.</p>	<p>A slight increase in timber royalties could create millions of dollars in extra revenue.</p>	<p>neotrout 2016-01-21T11:39:37-04:30</p>	<p>3 3</p>

There are many sources of funding available for Government Departments and Divisions to Cost Share pieces of work with other government agencies and Non Government Organizations. The budgeting process, however, actually results in a disincentive to departments to seek these opportunities out. Here's how it works... Unlike all businesses out there, Government budgets are based solely on the expenses side of the income statement. Any revenues that can be earned by that department are collected and accounted for in "General Revenue" rather than being recognized by the division or department in which they are earned. This is true of both fee for services collected as well as any revenue that can be earned through cost shared initiatives throughout the budget cycle.

Government, through its less than ideal relationship with the Federal Government in the past 10 years has left significant sums of money on the table.

While this accounting treatment stifles the motivation of staff and managers to earn more revenue from services, it is downright counterproductive to earning revenue through Cost Sharing Initiatives.

Either through in kind contributions or through partnerships that result in real revenue to Government, there is significant value in partnering with other jurisdictions / NGO's to stretch the money further and get more work done for the same amount of money. These opportunities have been squandered in the past.

Remove disincentives to identifying new revenue sources

Some departments have a separate budget for cost shared initiatives which gets voted on

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Time for government to make use of crows. They destroy garbage and irretate the public by caw cawing at the most inconvenient times. Few get killed on the highway because the one on watch is always shouting "car car". We can easily come up with a product to render this nuisance immobile (a dose of alcohol in a slice of bread should work) and matter of fact this could be the start of a new industry...a crow capture product called "crowbars". Of course once you get your hands on a real crow, no need to waste good meat. Turn it into crow bars.

Our province should take advantage of all it's resources. My mother taught me to waste not, want not. I've survived on that policy, why can't all of us?

Crowbar Factory

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Eating dried squidsquaw is highly nutritious and it contains a lot of good substances. Even though harvested for their collagen, that harvest is very small. Our ocean has an abundance of squidsquaws or jellyfish (a term used by less educated people). At present the main harvester of this product is turtles and in fact it is their only diet. Turtles make great soup. If wasps can make paper out of wood and we have learned and reproduced that process, there is no reason why we can't learn to make soup from squidsquaws without the need of involving turtles.

We can become the only squidsquaw soup producer in all the world. The tourist would flock here to sample our product. We could revolutionize the soup kitchen business and give the Salvation Army a much needed break.

Squidsquaw Harvesting

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Enforcing that fines from ticketable offences are paid	In addition to newfoundlandstrong's suggestion of increasing fine amounts for ticketable offences enforceing that these fines are paid would help as well. We hear on the news alot of someone getting stopped by Police with thousands of dollars in fines, they should be forced to pay these fines. Maybe use the same sort of sytem as Support Enforcement uses.	My idea is important to help increase revenue. Why have these fines if people are not required to pay them. I'm sure those who do not pay them must think "what a joke". Government spends alot of money on purchasing ticket books, employeeing the people to issue the tickets and make a big deal out of the offences but yet people don't have to be held accountable to their actions.	Evian	2016-01-21T14:35:49-04:30	0	0
Junk Food Tax	Tax items such as junk food at a higher rate, items such as pop etc. which only adds to our already obese and unhealthy population and in the big picture puts strain on our health care sytem.	Try to curn people away from unhelathy choices. Healthier eating habits will lead to healthier people with less health proplems.	Sunny	2016-01-21T14:36:44-04:30	4.333333333	6
Auction Liened Properties	Auction off properties in the province that have liens placed on them by the provincial governement.	Recoup revenue that is owed to the governemtn through taxes etc.	Sunny	2016-01-21T14:41:19-04:30	4.166666667	6
Crown Land Sales	Why is it so difficult to purchase a piece of Crown Land?	Revenue for province, money into the economy when someone develops land, builds a house etc.	Sunny	2016-01-21T14:47:37-04:30	4.25	4

Collect all monies owing to GNL including former MHA's	Enforce collection of overdue fines, fees, etc from the general population. Collect in full from former MHA's who filled their pockets from the public purse	While collections can be a difficult process to enforce, enforcement and diligence is key to recouping overdue fines and fees owed to the province.	Cbear	2016-01-21T14:54:28-04:30	4	4
Better use of water	We have thousands of lakes and rivers. Why not pass legislation that any bottled water and any windshield wash sold in the province be manufactured here. There are millions of litres of this product sold here and all is shipped in from the mainland. If these products were produced here we could have manufacturing jobs as well as cutting down our carbon footprint	It would create jobs and subsequent business and income taxes	Angus	2016-01-21T15:44:21-04:30	4.5	2
Review sick leave	scrap the practice of letting civil servants build up sick time and take it before retiring	This situation doesn't happen in private business and shouldn't happen in government. Employees should only have a set amount of sick days and these should be wiped out at the end of each year. This would save millions of dollars	Angus	2016-01-21T15:52:55-04:30	4.466666667	15
Put HMP inmates to work	Offer low risk inmates the chance to get out early by having them work clearing brush on roadsides and picking up garbage from ditches and medians. For every day doing this work they would get a day off their sentence	this would make our roads safer and more attractive and inviting for tourists as well as releasing workers who normally do this to do other work and also save money with less road accidents and cut back on the cost of keeping these people locked up	Angus	2016-01-21T16:21:35-04:30	4.090909091	11

Down load welfare money to vlts	Give welfare people a pin# and they can access their money through VLTs. This would save on banking and mailing costs and some may be gambled back into the machines	Just another way to save and generate a few bucks	Angus	2016-01-21T16:29:38-04:30	3	2
Gaming Corporation	NL should get out of the middle ages and start a game Gaming Corporation and legalize GAMBLING and have it as a partnership with the Prov. Gov. and the Prov. that will raise tourism dollars and any body that afford to partake will contribute to the Prov. coffers.	Because it has bin proven over alot of years and will raise alot of money in a short period time.	Cornish	2016-01-21T17:35:03-04:30	2	2
Return taxes to 2004 levels	If these tax cuts didn't happen the Gov could have collected \$4.2 billion extra dollars between 2004-15. This was a short sighted move that we couldn't afford as it was done based on oil staying high forever.	We cannot count on oil revenue. We will still have competitive rates at 2004 level but will close the gap of our deficit	jcm709	2016-01-21T18:01:33-04:30	4.111111111	9
Increase workers, increase tax revenue	The government needs to get serious about increasing the size of the workforce. Working Newfoundlanders and labradorians contribute tax dollars to the province's purse. With our aging demographics the working age population is shrinking, it is crucial that we reduce any barriers keeping people from entering the workforce, reduce outmigration, and attract newcomers to our province.	The government needs to think long term and create strategies aimed at increasing the size of our work force. A strong workforce with good jobs will pay the taxes needed to increase revenue.	Anon	2016-01-21T19:49:01-04:30	3	2

Danny Williams had it right - we need yet *another* Labrador hydro dam - to sell electricity to the New England states and the rest of the US.

Hydro dams and wind turbines = big \$\$ from the New England states

Wind turbines along the NL coast would work just as well. But we need to build these right away, before the States build their own and we have no one to sell to!

Renewable energy can create great jobs for NL'ers - from engineers, technicians, accounts, managers, and so on. It is the replacement for oil we need.

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For many tourists driving to our province is prohibitive for reasons such as time involved, cost, distance, having to take the ferry, or even the stress from a long drive. This leaves flying; but when they get here they still need a car. It has been my experience that unless these decisions are made early you are out of luck in either obtaining a vehicle, it has become to expensive, or not available in the time frame you require. Drop off fees are also extremely high. This has the net effect of turning away visitors. It has happened to me and I have read several blogs from travelers expressing these same sentiments. Tourism is an industry we need to build on; not make it more difficult for people to get here.

Increase the availability of rental vehicles during the tourist season

I have witnessed now for the last several years the very short supply of rental vehicles during the busy season. By whatever method feasible, doable or acceptable, by mandating, working with existing rental companies, or encouraging new startups, increase the availability of cars during this time.

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	<p>Implement a zero corporate tax on new businesses that setup here in NL that occupy some of the sectors that can drive diversify the economy such as manufacturing, information technology, high tech industries. These companies MUST be in NL for the entire 10 years otherwise they will be charged corporate taxes.</p>	<p>This will encourage businesses to setup shop here in NL, especially those that are going to create jobs and not just suck money from the enconomy.</p>		
<p>10 Year Tax Hiatus on New Businesses in Some Sectors</p>	<p>Then after 10 years, implement a gradual escalation of taxes in year 11 to the current corporate tax rate (whatever that is).</p>	<p>The government benefits from increased employment and increased tax revenue from that employment.</p>	<p>NLMoneyS 2016-01-21T21:03:30-04:30</p>	<p>2.5 4</p>
<p>Raise the HST!</p>	<p>Raise the HST like the PC's had planned. Let's all share the burden through the tough times and the good.</p>	<p>Will generate much needed revenue.</p>	<p>Timetorevi 2016-01-21T22:27:30-04:30</p>	<p>4.434782609 23</p>

If you live in an incorporated town like St John's or Clarenville its only incorporated because it allows the town to apply for government operating grants... So let's say your town collects a million in taxes and then gets a million in operating grants from government really your town has given zero in taxes to our province we need less incorporated in debt towns and more service areas lets just say one could be long hr to goobies 8 or 10 towns under one services area.

Because small towns are our heritage and our future and our tourist.

Tourists come for our small towns not our cities ... That 's why St.John's is always begging curise line to come and visit...out small towns cost government little or nothing excluding the ferry helicopter crowd, but I am sure the government will crunch the numbers.

Townie vs Baymen

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The Chinese have made an art out of using waste and growing rice. The beautiful white rice, we buy and use in cooking and that's tossed at weddings, had its start in a rice paddy where human excrement was used as fertilizer.

Our climate is not conducive to rice but it will support the growth of cranberries and we have no shortage of human excrement. This idea could create employment, increase revenues, and potentially rid St. John's of the need to pollute the harbour.

Cranberry Farming

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All fees need to be reviewed and where practical increased including various registrations; licenses and permits.

With gas and fuel prices at all time low, implement a fuel tax to marginally increase and adjust as oil prices rebound (if and when). Most consumers will pay a little more at the pumps to maintain some degree of stability in the Province.

Review Natural Resources policy and licensing; forestry, mining and fishery. Businesses to be pro-rated on annual revenue and licenses adjusted accordingly. The privilege to utilize a common resource has to come with reasonable return to the Province and not just to company owners/shareholders.

Will spread out the increased cost to those that can best afford to pay and the total benefit would be a significant increase in Provincial revenue.

Increase Revenue: FEES,
Gas Tax, Natural Resource
Tax

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Run a program similar to the Canada Savings Bond system.

It is a foregone conclusion that the government is going to incur debt over the next few years. Instead of going to the open market, consider allowing residents of NL to purchase bonds to make up some of that debt. The interest rate payable would probably be higher than currently available GIC's, but lower than the rates charged on the open market.

To make the bonds more attractive to investors, consider making the interest payments exempt from provincial income tax. Cheaper debt, happy investors.

Newfoundland and
Labrador Savings Bonds

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Presently there exists a problem in national parks due to destruction to trees caused by an over population of moose. Accessing the problem is not easy because the federal government won't allow the use of ATV's. They will allow the use of horses. The problem is so severe that aircraft have been used at the expense of government to ferry hunters into the area.

The provincial government in co-operation with the federal government should finance the startup of a "moose safari" in which Newfoundland ponies are used. Obviously we are dealing with rough and timbered terrain so to have a successful hunt the provincial government will need to ease off on the restriction of using aircraft to search for the quarry. Drones are now becoming popular and could fit in here nicely.

This idea has a dual purpose...increase finances and alleviate a moose problem. And as the saying goes "It will kill two birds with the one drone".

In 2010, the Government of NL released a feasibility report regarding housing data centres within the province (http://www.nlbusiness.ca/documents/viability_data_centers.pdf). The results of this report were positive and favorable. Investing in this sector has the potential to be very equitable. Operating data centres can 1) help increase private sector investment in the province through infrastructure projects, education/training, etc.; 2) create more high paying technology-based jobs (and hence aid in economic diversification); and 3) Muskrat Falls can be used to power the data centres - creating another potential revenue stream. There are obvious complexities (taxation, governance, data custodianship, etc.) and this would be a long-term solution but the potential is there. Recently, a company called Teslagistics were looking into setting up a data centre in old WWII bunkers in Argentia. I think we (the province) can build on this momentum and become a major player in the data centres scene.

This idea is important as it has the potential to diversify our economy and reduce our high dependency on the volatile energy sector. As highlighted above, investing in this technology can benefit in high paying job creation, and increase private sector investment into the province.

Data centres require a high amount of power operate/cool. Power generated from Muskrat Falls can be used to help operate such data centres. This is doubly equitable as the government is currently looking for additional markets to sell the power. Investing in data centres have an added benefit in providing an additional revenue stream for Muskrat Falls.

There are many places in the world where herding, farming, and domestic use of camels has proved successful. Camel milk is a rich source of proteins with potential antimicrobial and protective activities; these proteins are not found in cow milk or found only in minor amount. Camel milk has enough nutrients to sustain a person through the day. In many countries, camel milk is given to babies suffering from malnutrition.

Compared to cow, buffalo and ewe milk fat, camel milk fat contains fewer short-chained fatty acids, but the same long-chained fatty acids can be found. Some researchers claim that the value of camel milk is to be found in the high concentrations of linoleic acid among other polyunsaturated fatty acids, which are essential for human nutrition. Camel milk has more fat and protein than cow's milk. Cholesterol in camel milk is lower than cow or goat milk.

Camel milk has a high vitamin and mineral content and immunoglobulin content. Camel milk is three times higher in vitamin C than cow's milk and 10 times higher in iron. It is also high in unsaturated fatty acids and B vitamins

This idea means a new employment opportunity, fund raiser, food source, and potential cure to the troublesome moose in our parks.

Camel Farming

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Lottery, Junk Food, Liquor and Tobacco

TAX this stuff to the hilt Makes for unhealthy society in many ways and causes strain on health care

increase revenue and decrease spending

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NO PLAN	Hey Cathy, why not organize a province wide game of chase the ace!	joke	Fred	2016-01-22T12:00:36-04:30	0	0
Remove student loan grants	I think that NL should get rid of the grant system that was implemented last year for the NL portion of student loans. I think it should go back to a merit based system where students are forgiven a portion of thier loan if they pass thier courses. They could even base the amount forgiven on the person's grades. If you get a 90% average, 90% of your loan is forgiven for the semester, etc. This will motivate students to do better in classes and still reduce thier student loans. There could even be a system where student with special circumstances who do poorly in a semester get more forgiven (e.g. death in the family, illness, etc.).	It's important to balance the need to generate more revenue with the need to ensure students aren't overburdened with debt when they graduate.	NLComme	2016-01-22T13:59:25-04:30	3.882352941	17

Presently tour boats in NL can not retain any fish for our tourists customers outside the Recreational season. This is only 3 weeks in our season. All other provinces in Canada has a license to retain fish for tourists. We need to grow our businesses and presently we are refused a license from DFO to access any marine species outside the cod season.

We need to grow our businesses. Tour boat operators in NL have been looking to access small quantities of fish for our tourists who want the full experience of ocean fishing.

It time to give us a policy to support rural NL tour boat operators.

It will grow our businesses and increase employment.

Ocean fishing tours

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Over the years government has moved from a democracy where free enterprise is celebrated to a socialist state where anyone with an idea- whether for small fish processing facility- dinner theatre-freedom to catch a cod for the dinner table- is met with either a blunt NO or tremendous red tape that discourages private initiative - ,esp in rural areas. The pendulum never stops in the middle.

Bring back free enterprise- bring back liberty- and allow people- no encourage people- to make their dreams a reality without the impediments imposed upon them by bureaucrats trying to justify their positions .

If I want a small fish processing facility- I should be able to establish such and government should not have to seek permission from the large fish companies. If I want to pass my fishing enterprise on to my son or grandson, I should be able to- rather than to have to pass it on to a corporation or back to the federal government. Let's get some common sense again. Get the kids back in the boats- allow people the right to catch a fish or two any day (with restrictions of course,) and restore a sense of freedom. Allow me to ride in My idea is important to stimulate free thinking and restore free enterprise.

Remove restrictions on
Free Enterprise

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If there's one major barrier Newfoundlanders and Labradorians face when it comes to employment, its "Double Taxing".

In Newfoundland and Labrador, if you live in a community that charges a Poll Tax, and you work in another city or town which also has this outdated Tax, guess what, you have to pay this tax to both towns or cities, which creates a disincentive to work.

For example, if you live in Gillams and work in Corner Brook, you have to pay this outdated tax not only to Gillams, but also Corner Brook, which amounts to "Double Taxing".

To eliminate the "Double Taxing" problem, Newfoundland and Labrador should implement a law requiring residents to only pay the tax where you live, not where you work.

In other words, if you live in Gillams, you only have to pay a Poll Tax to Gillams.

The Poll Tax should only be charged on where you live, not where you work.

Gas is at its lowest price in years and sure everyone is happy but everyone was still driving when it was 1.49. So up the gas tax from 16.5 cents to 26.5 cents - then tie it to the cost of oil so when oil goes up again the tax will gradually be reduced since in theory the government won't need the revenue then.

Provincial gas demand is 600 million liters - an extra 10 cents per liter is \$60 million dollars.

Increase gas tax and make it variable

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If the government taxes the influx of people "moved" to Labrador, our revenue will increase dramatically. Here's what would happen:

Either A: they pay tax as NL'ers, thus increasing revenue,

or

B: they admit they don't live in Labrador, and contractors will do the right thing and hire people who contribute to the local economies AND pay tax in this province.

That's what was supposed to happen, right?

Follow up on claims of residency

It will increase revenue.

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I'm back with another good idea, and this one is a doozy of a good idea.

We turn the whole island into a giant theme park.

Here's what I'm thinking. We can't fish no more, and apparently oil ain't worth anything either, so we cut our losses and go back to the one thing that's always worked. Tourism. Nobody, and I mean nobody, dances for a nickle like a Newfoundlander.

We divide the Island up into zones. You know, there'd be Fish World and Hunting World and Celtic Music World...maybe a Harry Potter World if we can get the license. People could come from all over the world and get their fill of nature and roller coasters and 3D laser hologram shows.

As for the folks who already live here, we move everyone off the Island. We can move them onto all them drilling rigs we got that aren't doing any good. We'll ferry people in everyday to work the rides and sell tickets and concessions and of course, reenact famous moments in our provinces history for money.

This is a great idea because it would mean billions of dollars added to the Newfoundland economy every year. It would give all our wonderful actors and singers and dancers and heads of park security a stable job, something sorely lacking in those industries.

Also, by moving the entire population of Newfoundland to offshore oil rigs, we'll save even more money. Services will be concentrated in a centralized locations.

Theme Park

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Fine Tim Hortons For
Littering

Our country is being turned into a garbage
dump. Tim Hortons should be charged as an
accessory to a crime. If that is not practical,
government should insist that any take out
cups be edible.

Anyone who can't figure out the importance
of this has been drinking too much coffee.

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In common law, a writ of qui tam is a writ whereby a private individual who assists a prosecution can receive all or part of any penalty imposed. Its name is an abbreviation of the Latin phrase qui tam pro domino rege quam pro se ipso in hac parte sequitur, meaning "[he] who sues in this matter for the king as well as for himself."

Qui Tam lawsuits can occur in the US, when an organization such as an oil company defrauds the US federal government. A whistleblower, the one that files the suit, sues on behalf of the US government. Provided the suit is successful, the individual receives a cut of the penalty, with the remainder, often 75 to 85 percent, going to the US government. Newfoundland does not have similar legislation.

With so many oil workers being laid off, it would be an opportune time to see if a situation in the link below occurred in Newfoundland, through the Newfoundland Government enacting similar legislation.

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/mobil-oil-companies-pay-us-322-million-resolve->

It may be a significant source of revenue or may amount to nothing.

Today we have many products made of pigskin. It is used in wearing apparel like gloves and jackets, and on seats of saddles. What we don't have is a product that replicates a pig's nose and anyone who has had dealing with pigs can attest to the fact that a pig's nose is indestructable. Just ask someone who has watched a pig unroot trees and sods.

The government should financy research into a synthetic product that is soft and durable as a pig's nose. Such a product would revolutionize the footwear industry.

This idea could lead to an industry making competitive footwear (something we never had in the past). It would mean employment and elevate us to a new level of prosperity.

Pig Nose Research

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Many are not aware that wild boar hunting is carried out in Canada. In 1994 Wild Boar Adventures of Saskatchewan was developed as an opportunity for the average hunter to hunt an exotic species right here at home in Canada. We should consider the idea of introducing them to Newfoundland and more specifically to our two national parks. Parks Canada already has a program that pays the cost of flying hunters in to kill moose. There is no reason why hunters shouldn't have the opportunity to bag a boar at the same time.

This idea while costing little to implement, would be great for tourism and serve as an alternet source of food for our populace.

Wild Boar Hunting

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Govt must provide an honest accounting of longterm govt role and services then make a fiscal plan to get there.

Taxes were lowered bc of oil wealth. No more oil wealth means those taxes need to go back up.

Continue the review of govt services and decide what is needed and wanted, and make efficiency changes.

Determine number of retirements over next few years. Will this meet new size of govt?

What's the timelines? Layoffs may be necessary but not the low hanging fruit of last in; first out, aka Dunderdale's plan.

Most importantly is the goal of matching general revenue with general cost. Oil wealth should be separated from this. If and when it comes back, use it for debt payment, capital expenditures, and a wealth fund. (Paying down debt is a guaranteed return on investment.)

Lastly, begin planning for a healthy aging population. We are the head of the gray tsunami and we need to get this right. The more people we keep in their homes, mobile and healthy, the cheaper it will be for everyone. Reducing poverty now will go a long way to making this happen.

Good luck sweet Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. This govt is afraid of doing

Long-term Plan

Read other part

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Tax Commercial Fishing Enterprises	<p>Most incorporated towns around the province have property and business taxes in place. Commercial Fishing Enterprises use government facilities to operate from and for that are subjected to insignificant yearly beritage fees by local harbour authorities. Other than federal income taxes, these enterprises get off scott free. These enterprises are big money makers and should pay a fair property and/or business tax.</p>	<p>If fishing enterprises paid a fair share of business taxes it would mean a substantial amount of revenue for government.</p>	justice4all 2016-01-23T13:46:20-04:30	4	4
MHA pensions	<p>Mha pesnsions should be reviewed to increase pension premium contributions to a level which is at least is the same as other unionized public servants. Mha pensions payouts should be reduced to at least the level of other unionized public servants using the same formula they currently have. Mha pensionable years should be increased to qualify for pension payouts. Mha medical, life and dental premiums should also be increased...</p>	<p>This idea is important as Mha's for far to long have reaped additional benefits because they chose to become politicians where other public servants have not. I also believe that politicians should not get anymore pension benefits then other unionized public servants.... I also believe this will result in additional premium revenues to pay pensions when they retire from politics or are voted out.... raising premiums will also save valuable funds to use elsewhere. This innitiative will also reduce the payouts to politicians as well...</p>	Poisoned 2016-01-23T14:56:21-04:30	4.590909091	22

MHA salaries.....	Mha salaries are taxed at 50% of their income. All Mha's should be taxed at their full income...	I believe this idea is important as Mha's currently enjoy high wages and can certainly afford to pay full taxation. No employee in the public service or the general public gets such taxation advantages on their wages... They should be treated just like all other employees and pay legislated income tax rates as every worker does.....	Poisoned	2016-01-23T15:04:57-04:30	4.565217391	23
Designate Robin Hood Bay A Mortuary Site	Getting buried is an expensive venture through normal channels. The government should permit the disposal of bodies at Robin Hood Bay without the expense of normal coffins provided they are bagged, tagged, and pre-approved. A flat fee can be applied and paid for in advance.	This would mean increased revenues for government and less hassle for next of kin.	crunchtime	2016-01-23T20:17:14-04:30	0	0

Went for a walk a few weeks ago along one of the major roads. And I couldn't believe the amount of people using their cell phones while driving. This would be a great way to provide revenue, giving out tickets to these distracted drivers (IMO fines should be increased as well). Hire a couple of additional RNC officers if need be and have check points setup everyday in different locations throughout the cities and towns. It seems that there are check points for this occasionally but only occasionally.

Adding to that, they should crack down on careless drivers who don't use their signal lights changing lanes or turning off onto off-ramps. If people because scared about getting tickets, they will start to use their signal lights again.

Will provide a boost of revenue to the Province's coffers and when people see that Police are clamping down, they will think twice about driving and using their cell phones at the same time.

Setup more random checkpoints to catch distracted drivers

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Our province, every person who live or have lived in this province should file to sue the Government of Canada for \$20 billion.

As a result of the 1992 Cod Moratorium, we lost approximately 30,000+ jobs overnight - the largest single layoff in Canadian history.

While most provinces have enjoyed increases in population, according to Census, we lost 72,214 people since 1992 - largely to the moratorium on Cod. If we take the annual average earnings from 1998 from all Industry classifications, and the loss of 30,000 people form the fishery directly and apply it to those numbers, we get the following statistics:

An average wage of \$571 per week for 52 weeks or \$27,408/yr

The calculated loss of wages would be \$822,240,000.00 per year

The total loss of wages over 24 years would be \$19,733,760,000.00 (almost 20 billion dollars). Other factors that trickle down from this loss, such as - taxes, retail sales, construction, teachers and schools, our

Canada has failed its obligation under Confederation and the Terms of Union under the Newfoundland Act, to effectively manage the Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries, and to ensure its sustainability.

Ottawa's dominate say and remote control of our fisheries has greatly decimated the ecological sustainability of the resource, our social, economic and cultural benefits. Under Confederation and the Terms of Union, the federal government is supposed to protect and sustain our fisheries - not destroy it or license us to extinction. We certainly deserve more than Canada labelling our heritage fishery as "recreational".

Simply put - the closure of the ground-fishery changed the self-reliance of Newfoundlanders and Labradoreans and the future of our province. No province in Canada has suffered the social, economic or cultural consequences as we have, as a result of federal control of our resources.

The people of Newfoundland and Labrador have a historic and economic right to the fishery and a food resource. The fishery is a

Sue Canada for 1992
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Haul Up Tax	<p>Our coastline is littered with boats that are stored on government property free of charge. Some involve just winter storage; others are derelict and become eye sores. The government should set fees for all boats stored on government property.</p>	<p>This idea would increase revenues as well as tidy up our coastline.</p>	crunchtime 2016-01-24T10:07:22-04:30	1.5	2
Foreign student recruitment	<p>Universities and schools across Canada have experienced steady growth in the number of foreign students. These students typically pay \$10,000 yearly tuition plus \$800 per month home stay fees. Recruiters typically get \$1500 per student.</p> <p>it is a big business in many provinces and MUN is catching on. Our school system needs to start getting a bigger share of the market. There is plenty of room to fill seats given the declining enrolment in recent years.</p>	<p>Recruiting foreign students is a money maker and increases cultural diversity.</p>	Redmaple 2016-01-24T14:22:31-04:30	3.4	5

Increase the RNC presence to allow more summary offence tickets and traffic violations to be fined.

Add red light/speed cameras to increase revenue.

Give government more authority to recoup money from fines by going after people's salaries, etc. Send them to collections agencies, do not allow them to have an MCP card, do not allow them to get vital documents from government such as licences, hunting licences, wood cutting permits, birth certificates, etc. It was reported that the NL

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government is owed over \$30 million in fines in June 2014. I'm sure that has gotten much higher now.

Because it's quite simple, and creates a significant revenue to the province.

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After travelling in BC and paying the rates for their ferries \$60 \$70 \$80 \$100 for one way trips I can see how ridiculously low our rates are, and as a tourism operator I hear comments from guests all the time as to how low they think our fares are. To only pay \$14 return car and driver for a half hour sail to Little Bay Islands is ridiculous, its not worth the wage they pay the purser to collect. Locals and residents could purchase bulk tickets for sailings at reduced rates, but tourists and one-time users should be paying much, much more. A two tier system would be fair to the residents while increasing revenue from the tourism industry.

Scheduling of the sailings should also be reduced. Ships should not be sailing empty. Three trips a day in the winter, seven days a week for 35 households on Little Bay Islands is unnecessary when one trip three times a week would do the job. I would imagine the fuel savings alone would make it worthwhile without any hardship to the residents. Or a reservation system set up that would have the ferry sailing on a as needed basis, maybe.

Increase ferry rates to be more reflective of the service. Implement a system that decreases the fees the more you use the ferry. This will insure that residents pay less than tourists and no hardship is placed on those in the outports who rely on the ferries. Also reduce sailings to the islands to reflect the requirement.

Reduce sailings and increase ferry rates

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NL Lotto	<p>Why dont we as a provience have our own Lotto. At the beginning the jackpots wont be as big but overtime they will grow, then all the profits will go to only Newfoundland and Labrador. You have to be a resident to purchase and play!</p>	<p>With time more people will by our NL Lotto tickets because they have a better chance in actually winning!</p>	roxy	2016-01-24T19:53:00-04:30	4	5
Deignate The House of Commons a Heritage Site	<p>The House of Commons (Bill Piercey's old fish store) in Hearts Content welcomes one and all to pull up a chair around the old woodstove and share a yarn or two. The store gets its name from the many heated debates that have taken place there over the years. It is time the provincial government recognize it as a heritage site.</p>	<p>This facility should be added to the attractions available to tourists visiting our province.</p>	crunchtime	2016-01-24T21:32:17-04:30	1	1
stabilize price of gas.	<p>have a variable tax rate for gas instead of set 16.5% when oil is low raise the tax. when oil is high lower the tax. this will stabilize the price of gas for consumers to keep at a more predictable rate. We love 85 cents a litre but hate 1.50 a litre but can live with around 1.00 a litre...</p>	<p>its one change of many that could be made to improve financial stability and predictability.</p>	highflyer	2016-01-24T22:07:22-04:30	3.666666667	6

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This is a true solution and it wouldn't take much technology and innovation to implement. In four years from now, given the smart, creative and powerful people we have in the province, we may have found the solutions we've been looking for to overcome the economic challenges of the day!

People would be much more informed, much more engaged and much more interactive with the topics of the day. We've given up that right to the politicians and the media, and

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The Daytona 500 is a 500-mile-long (805 km) Nascar Sprint Cup Series motor race held annually at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida. As an attraction and money maker this is huge.

Our government should consider something along the same lines for Baytona on our province's Northeast coast called the "Baytona 500". Obviously Newfoundland doesn't have the cars, nor does Baytona have the roads to carry off such a grand event as Florida but with a few minor adjustments a comparable event could be in place for the summer of 2016. Instead of cars we can use the common woodlouse (carpenter cow). Instead of a racing track all that is required is a chalkline on pavement.

Here's how it works...500 privately owned woodlice (each with a number on their back) are released in the center of a circle on a parking lot. The chalkline circle has a radius of 805cm. The first woodlouse to cross the chalkline is the winner. Contestants will be charged a fee for entering, the audience will pay a fee for watching, the winner gets a share, government gets the benefit of sponsorship and revenues from the influx of

This idea would cost very little to implement, yet potentially make millions.

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Raise the HST by 2%

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To whoever is reviewing this- you must look at the following report done by Spiegel of Iceland. Iceland is an island and a country. I know we are no longer a country but we once were and we need to get back to taking care of our "country" of Newfoundland. The report is called " Out of the Abyss: Looking for Lessons in Iceland's Recovery"

We have become accustomed to not standing alone. We have taken on a spirit of entitlement versus independence.

Please review the following and consider:

1. Our fishery and should there be more fishing for the island people so that they can live off the ocean not deplete its stocks. We should be able to put fish on our tables and not wonder where we can get fish or if there is going to be fish.

2. Our local crafts that are becoming a dying art. We have middle schools and high schools across the province that are offering courses that are not teaching our cultural heritage. We have so many crafts that are also quite practical that should be taught to our children

Our island needs to become more self sufficient and work on a more sustainable environment. Instead of "lamb" coming here from New Zealand - we should have lamb for our people. We should be living off our island and only bring in what we can not do. With technologies now we can grow alot more in a longer growing season.

We have become used to a lifestyle that our fore fathers would not be proud of.

If we continue on in the way we are right now- we will never ever recover.

Collect outstanding fees and fines	The province needs to place more emphasis on collecting outstanding fees and fines particularly as it relates to delinquent drivers on our highways.	It boggles the mind how often we hear of delinquent drivers owing thousands of dollars in outstanding fees and fines. Just wondering whether more stringent measures can be taken to ensure collection of these monies. I refer to the previous government's adamant determination to collect from retirees outstanding money from pension overpayments, yet there are those in society who continually escape repaying thousands of dollars in fines only to be brought to public attention by VOCM after such individuals happen to be stopped by police. While I agree with the current administration's forgiveness of retiree pension repayments since, for most of these affected individuals, if not all, their pensions have become miniscule with the rising cost of living over the years, it is time for government to step up and focus on collecting fees from delinquent drivers.	lassybuns 2016-01-25T12:38:31-04:30	4.66666667	12
Wharf Owner/operator Permit	Newfoundland and Labrador's coastline and inland shorelines are riddled with an array of wharves and stages. They are located on government property and, while they pose a danger to the environment from spills, they serve no economic value to government coffers. Owners/operators of these facilities should be taxed and issued annual permits for display.	This idea would create revenues for government to improve new or existing roads leading to harbours.	crunchtime 2016-01-25T13:15:28-04:30	0	0

This is something that has been talked about for a long time but nothing has come of it but right now I see it as being something that should be considered. A casino can create both revenue and jobs for people and the province. It could also increase tourism here. I believe we are the only province in the country without 1. People can say casinos could increase addiction and while that may be the case have a certain portion of the proceeds from the casino go towards addiction programs. This is an idea who's time has come and I hope it is considered.

Good for tourism, job creation, would also be a good new source of revenue.

Casino

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In 2012, smokers in this province smoked in the vicinity of 16.5 million packs of cigarettes per day. The average smoker smokes around .6 of a pack every day. This is money that is not spent on healthy food, or other necessities. It is basically slow-motion suicide being committed by nearly 80,000 of our residents. A larger percentage of us smoke than any other province.

A 5 dollar per pack surcharge on cigarettes would, if it forced no smoker to quit, generate between 85 and 90 million dollars for the treasury each and every year. For every smoker that decides to quit because the cost is so prohibitive, that number is reduced by a little over \$1,000 each year: a pittance compared to the potential savings in our health care system from not dealing with sufferers of lung cancer, stroke, emphysema, etc, etc.

Introduce a \$5 surcharge on each package of 25 cigarettes purchased in the province. \$60
5 dollar surcharge on each pack of cigarettes on a carton.

The obvious challenge is the potential rise of bootlegging of illegal cigarettes from Quebec

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		Increase revenue from profits			
		Stimulate local economy			
	Lower taxes to 0% for foreign investors. Become partners with large amusement park, hotel and casino companys. Model newfoundlands new economy on Las Vegas and Dubai's economic model.	Create jobs Tax casino win win win!			
Casinos in NL			mm2580	2016-01-25T15:12:26-04:30	1.5 4
	Put a Minimun cap on Gas! Even if gas goes down really low keep it at a minumun cap. IE if it goes down to 90 cents a leter at the pumps but put a minumum of \$130. Have it so it can only go to \$130 even if its much cheaper. People still need to purchase it.				
	Put Tole Bridges on all By pass roads including the outer ring.				
	Raise taxes				
	Remove NLC, have them be privatly owned and Tax it!!!				
Cap on Oil		Help save the economy and keep jobs in place.	Benellisv1	2016-01-25T15:39:25-04:30	3 4

On January 1, 2016, Ontario was the first province to test automated vehicles and related technology on-road. Currently there are nearly 100 companies and institutions involved in the connected vehicle and automated vehicle industry in the province. The pilot will enable those companies to conduct research and development in Ontario rather than in competing jurisdictions, as well as support opportunities to bring automated vehicles to market.

With its extensive road network and limited traffic, Newfoundland and Labrador should aim to become the world leading winter driving test location for the development of autonomous vehicles. Companies would send R D teams here / or hire local researchers and increase spending in the local economy. Economic diversification in new knowledge based sectors. Less dependence on non-renewable resources for GDP.

Autonomous Vehicle Testing

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All we have heard about is government's need to reduce spending. This government does not have a spending problem - it has a revenue problem. First and foremost, there are too many tax give-a-ways to business and especially the resource based industries like mining and oil. Secondly, far too many business owners pay little or no tax on their perks - everything is a write off.

Government must increase its revenue; slashing the public service is not going to solve the cash flow problem. Assess minimum tax rates on gross income before the rich get to apply their loopholes.

It's time for the Avalon Peninsula to stop subsidizing rural Newfoundland. Either pay their fair share, or get the hell out of Bung Hole Tickle. Spending hundreds of millions of dollars on ferries and infrastructure to service a very small number of people is wrong. If you want to live on Two-tree Island, pay the full cost of ferry service. Bell Islanders pay less than \$3.00 for car and driver, return. Actual cost is closer to \$25 return. Start charging fair market price, it won't take long to resettle the place. It is a balanced solution. Everyone must pay their fair share.

Increase Corporate
Income Tax

Corporate Income Tax, besides Fees and
Fines, is the lowest contributor to the
government coffers.

If all options are on the table, then taxation
must be considered. If the solution is to be
shared by all, then an increase in the corporate
income tax must be considered. Given that the
discussion document places this source of
revenue as contributing only 5.8% to
government coffers, it is significantly lower
than other sources of revenue. Time for the
larger and wealthier corporations to contribute
their fair share.

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Small to medium size companies are struggling to survive in the province.

If we could have people on UI and Welfare come and job shadow and learn the skills needed while on UI, it would train people, mitigate employers risks and in all probability lead to a job. There could be a bank of business from which to choose from so that people could choose from areas of interest which would be far more sustainable.

If I could have 3 people on UI for 9 - 12 months and didn't have to pay them - I would train them in business development and I would hire them if they became competent in that time frame. I would do that every year and continuously build my work force in this way.

I am very sure most other companies would do the same.

We are starving for business breaks in this province. This solution would work well for UI and Welfare programs. It's a great job integration program!

It would support people in coming of UI and Welfare.

It would support small business in Newfoundland and Labrador.

It is a sustainable project that supports training and long term employment.

It is a solution to all the people at home with no life's purpose which leads to depression.

It would be exciting and energizing for the entire economy.

Turn Unemployment Insurance into Business Support Insurance

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Wikipedia defines this as:

"A free trade zone (FTZ) is a specific class of special economic zone. They are a geographic area where goods may be landed, handled, manufactured or reconfigured, and reexported without the intervention of the customs authorities. Only when the goods are moved to consumers within the country in which the zone is located do they become subject to the prevailing customs duties. Free-trade zones are organized around major seaports, international airports, and national frontiers—areas with many geographic advantages for trade."

Given our location at the extreme eastern edge of North America, the high likelihood of free trade deal with the EU, and our location along commonly used air routes to the EU, we should explore this option.

Manitoba has already created such a zone to attract business.

This could be away to attract business and trade to our province.

Creation of 1 or more Free Trade Zones

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Vehicle Sales Tax	<p>Replace the HST on vehicles to a new car sales levy. There are too many "wanna be Micmac" that are getting their vehicles, quads side by sides tax free!!!! If it's a levy then maybe they can close the loophole that gives natives a tax free status</p>	<p>It is important because there are people on the west coast buying cars for neighbors and putting it in their names. They are first to complain about the state of the roads but don't pay taxes to support it.</p>	IMWhite 2016-01-25T21:06:38-04:30	4.2	5
Index Tuition Fees to Foreign Students with the CAD-USD exchange rate	<p>With the Canadian dollar tanking to 0.70 USD, the price of MUN tuition to foreign students just went down very significantly. Not long ago, we had CAD-USD parity. Tuition fees for foreign students should more realistically reflect the CAD-USD exchange rate, because the benchmark currency is the USD. Particularly US students are laughing even more all the way to the bank....</p>	<p>The cost of funding MUN is absolutely astronomical. Larger and larger numbers of foreign students and out-of-province students come to MUN, because it's such a good deal. How much money are we leaving on the table?</p>	KeenNLEnt 2016-01-25T21:06:04-04:30	4.25	4

Incentives to Shop and Support Local NL businesses

Support and provide incentives and education/promotion programs to get consumers to shop local rather than spending most of their income at large retailers such as Costco, Walmart, Canadian Tire, etc.

Grow locally owned and operated NL companies that provide goods and services to Newfoundlanders.

Personal income tax revenues will decrease because the NL economy is so dependent on resource based industries that are cyclically volatile. We are and will be for some time at the bottom of the cycle. We have lost most of the diversification of our NL economy. Without oil and minerals, we are \$* ^% ! We no longer have much pulp and paper, fish harvesting, fish processing, and the many minor industries we had only 20 years ago. Meanwhile, more than ever, most Newfoundlanders ship all their money to Kansa and New Jersey, with only a few low paid service jobs left locally. You see the 100's of million spent every month at Costco, Walmart and other big US or mainland companies going straight out of the province all the time... If we support our own, it wouldnt more expensive really. Our relatives wouldn't have to expatriate themselves to the Alberta's of the world to make a living and support their families. BUT the penny-pinching mentality of going to Walmart has to be changed. Otherwise, it's simply a collective economic suicide. And we see the results now - without the strong resource sector, we have very little. It's time to diversify our economy.

We have been paying increased prices for gas since the Iraqi war many years ago. Since then we have seen gas go from 70 cents a litre to as high as 1.47 a litre.

With all this fluctuation over these many years people are still gassing up. They gassed up at 70 cents and at 1.47.

Now we are in a period of 88.9 cent gas.

So here is the plan:

Tax gas as though it was still at 1.05 a litre even though it is in the 88 cent range. The difference between the two prices (17 cents). The taxes generated from the price difference goes to service the debt, and only the debt. If gas goes lower the province mays down more on the debt but when the price equals that of a 1.05, this plan ceases.

People are used to paying for gas at different prices over these years. Complaints yes, but they still needed gas.

It is like saving for your future. If you get a percentage of your cheque taken every month before it gets deposited you get used to not "seeing" that money.

This plan to tackle the deficit would work the same way and affect all income brackets in the province because most of the province drives cars.

I would not condone using this for home heating fuel for obvious reasons that should not need explaining.

Pay debt down at the pumps

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You would think we were awash with money, resurfacing hundreds of kilometers of highways AFTER sections have become a hazard to our lives every time it rains. The health care dollars spent on Hydroplane victims every year can be directly attributed to the surface erosion caused by studded tires. People use studs because of a terrific fear of black ice, but consequently are exposed to numerous episodes of hydroplane risk every month they drive at highway speed.

The only people loving our eroded road surfaces are the construction companies. They are laughing all the way to the bank.

I have driven in every province, and have never seen the depth or extent of top cap erosion evident in Newfoundland,

It will take several years to realize savings, but in the long term will make for less hydroplane deaths, accidents, health care costs, and the huge expenditures on highway resurfacing due to top cap erosion caused by studded tires.

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When oil was 135\$ per barrel, gasoline was \$1.50 per litre. It was a great time for Newfoundland. Institute a graded tax on gasoline to this price. The maximum allowable price as set by the Government appointee still applies, but this applies only to the portion the station can charge. The rest goes to Government coffers.

This way, as the price of oil fluctuates the Government makes an inverse amount of profit. Being sadly very Oil Dependant for our viability, as the price goes down, the government realizes an increased revenue from oil consumption. (As described by another, yes leave home heating out of it.)

As the price of oil increases, the price of gasoline increases, reducing the government revenue from this source, but at high Barrel prices, we dont need it as we are gaining it from royalties

This acknowledges the integral nature of oil in our economy, and can attenuate the lost revenue from royalties due to world market fluctuations .

For people who spend their time trying to discredit solution providers on this site, fine them \$1000. Issue this fine for having the intent to discredit, divert, demfame, or damage the suggestion or person writing the solution.

This platform has no place for anonymous, "twitter troll behaviour". It's a waste of time, effort and it's degrading. People who do it should be fined.

Apply this to the public media as well. Anonymous, trolling comments, that are irresponsible should also be fined. We all know the ones that are purposely trying to harm.

When people throw garbage on the street they are fined for littering. This is the exact same thing. It's garbage in the digital world.

We could prevent a lot of drama and diversion from the true solutions. Given the number of people doing this, we might just have a gold mine!

Fine Trolls \$1000 - Stop
Commentary litter!

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The questions of the people are asked authentically

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The solutions of the people are considered and majority solutions get implemented. The system avails of "collective" intelligence. Many minds make light work. This system had integrity because it truly and ultimately has the people creating the future.

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The "people" VOTE on current issues

Imagine a platform where people had access to that information in live stream and the

This will go over like unpleasantness in church. It is not possible to cut 30% of the public service over three years without serious cuts to health, education and essential road maintenance. In the absence of a very rapid and substantial increase in oil revenues (unlikely within eighteen months), we are going to have to accept that tax increases are unavoidable. I submit that we implement an Ontario style OHIP on all those employed. The tax would be collected through payroll deduction to a maximum of \$40 per pay period and an average of \$20 per pay period for an annual revenue of \$123 Million. Reinststitute the GST 2% increase for an additional \$280 Million and raise an additional \$50 million from high

Health tax, higher income tax (high earners), raise GST

income earners. Total revenue generated \$453 Million.

We have to accept that tax increases are required at least in the short term.

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Newfoundland and Labrador is the only Atlantic province not to have bi-annual Motor Vehicle Permit renewals.

Currently, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have to renew their Motor Vehicle Permits every year as opposed to every two years like other Atlantic Canadians.

If we had an option for bi-annual Motor Vehicle Registration renewal, it will reduce the costs of processing Motor Vehicle renewals.

The fee for bi-annual Motor Vehicle Registrations will be set at \$280.00.

Allowing Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to renew their Motor Vehicle Permits every two years as opposed to every year will not only save money, but will also put this province in line with other Atlantic Provinces, particularly Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Bi-Annual Motor Vehicle Permit Renewals

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While Newfoundland and Labrador has ferry services to Nova Scotia via North Sydney or Quebec via Blanc Sablon, we don't have a seasonal ferry service linking this province to Northern New Brunswick via Miramichi or Bathurst.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Government in partnership with Marine Atlantic should establish a seasonal ferry service between Miramich, New Brunswick and Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Such a ferry service will not only increase tourism, but also reduce the costs of goods as we will have another option to transport goods to Newfoundland via New Brunswick.

Having a ferry service between Northern New Brunswick, such as Miramichi, and Western Newfoundland will not only increase tourism, but give transporters an option to ship goods to Newfoundland and Labrador via Corner Brook as opposed to Channel Port aux Basques.

Seasonal Ferry Service
Between Newfoundland
and Labrador and
Northern New Brunswick

I see speeders all the time in St. John's. I see abandoned lots filled with litter. I see code violations. There are many laws on the books that aren't being enforced. Not only does this result in lack of revenue for fines, it sends a message to the population that they can do whatever they want with impunity. Enough of this entitlement! You could simply start with a speed trap on Elizabeth Avenue in the Rennie's River School area where drivers speed through the 30 km/hr area even though a sign tells them exactly how fast they are going. Add a second on Prince Philip Drive and thousands of dollars of revenue per day could be added to the province. Of course, enforcement on payment is required, so start impounding vehicles that exceed speed limits by high amounts as Ontario does.

Safety is important to all of us, and law violators put their convenience ahead of our safety. The appearance of our city is important for tourism and civic pride, so illegal dumping and lack of property maintenance needs to be addressed. And teaching the entitled that they can't just do whatever they want will help to build our nation with people willing to put in a little effort to be a productive member of society. We all win.

Enforce existing laws

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Enforce the laws. Cell phone use, texting, speeding, driving without liscence etc.

You can gain revenue by actually having the police force do there job. Just think how much money you could get a month if they fined people for use of cell phones and speeding and actually collect the fines. millions in revenue. If you have someone who owes 40k on fines either lock him up or make him work to pay off debt. If this doesn't work, draft them into the military. This should change there attitude.

Collect all fines

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Privatize Medical
Diagnostic Services

Create privatized, regulated medical
diagnostic service companies.

It is clear this government cannot safely deliver diagnostic services to the province. We have had so many enquiries and errors by radiologists and pathologists because too much money is wasted on unnecessary middle managers in the Health Boards. In addition, there is so much testing being sent to the United States that the exchange rate alone is killing us. In the United States, medicare now pays private companies managed by doctors and scientists in an efficient cost effective manner. We educate hundreds of medical scientists and technologists who leave the province for work in the US or other provinces. MUN also has a world class business school that could merge with the medical school and CNA to create diagnostic companies, who can do testing for other provinces in Atlantic to generate revenue. We are underutilizing our graduates by limiting their ability to practice and sell their skills in the province.

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Establish ATV tax	<p>ATVs are tearing up our dirt roads and environmentally-sensitive areas. LSDs / municipalities / government bear the cost of repairing those roads / areas and pass that cost down to people who do not have ATVs but must endure their incessant noise and pollution and pay for the destruction that they cause.</p>	<p>Given the increasing number of ATVs on our roads, this will raise revenue to repair those roads and reduce the burden on others.</p> <p>Hopefully, over time, people will stop purchasing these machines for their children (mechanized babysitters) and actually spend some quality time with them, making cabin country enjoyable for all.</p>	ILoveNL	2016-01-26T10:38:54-04:30	3.727272727	11
Snow Clearing Fine	<p>Right now if someone needs the services of a plumber or electrician or lawyer (and the list goes on), he or she has to pay through the nose. Through these services the government collects a large amount in income taxes. The government should enact legislation preventing snow clearing by people other than professionals. Anyone caught shoveling out his or her own car should be fined.</p>	<p>This idea would create employment, increase revenues, and lessen the burden on health care due to heart attacks caused by unqualified shovellers.</p>	crunchtime	2016-01-26T10:39:49-04:30	1	4
Yearly Licence for Snow Machines, recreational boats and ATV's	<p>A yearly licencing fee for the numerous ATV's and snowmobiles would be a great revenue generator. I currently licence my motorcycle so why not all motorized vehicles.</p>	<p>A yearly licencing fee for the numerous ATV's and snowmobiles would be a great revenue generator. With the added revenue the government could put more resources into trail maintenance and enforcement</p>	cornerbroc	2016-01-26T11:33:33-04:30	4.444444444	9

We got used to spending \$1.25 per liter on gas. The current cost is less than \$0.90. Why not introduce a sliding scale taxation rate on gas as long as the PUB maximum is under \$1.25 per liter?

For example, if the current PUB maximum is \$0.90, add \$0.35 taxes per liter to bring it to a maximum of \$1.25. When the maximum price set by the PUB hits \$1.25, go back to the current rate of taxation - in all likelihood, the cost per barrel of oil will have gone up and the Province will be seeing the benefits of the barrel increase.

Revenue generator that makes NL's investment in oil a money maker.

Gas revenue

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This revenue could keep the mainatenace schedules on task and continue to provide the snow clearing required in the winter months.

I have experienced in other cities, provinces and states the use of Toll Booths to assist in revenue generation for bridge and new road maintenance.

I certainly would rather that than have massive cuts to our provincial programs and services.

Thanks

Toll Booths

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My Apologies. I posted this in Saving Money by mistake first.

This is a tremendous opportunity for both NL resident tourism and non-resident tourism. Our tour operators should be able to build the "Day Fishing on the Bay" and "Evening Cod Scoff" into their brochures. It's something unique and culturally relevant to our province and would provide an experience that tops off an already world class "back to nature and culture" tourism product.

As far as we locals are concerned, pretty much everyone nows that it often costs more to motor out and catch a few fish than it's worth but it's all about the experience for us too. And it keeps us connected to, and proud of, where we come from. Besides, all the money spent (by those who can obviously afford it) goes back into the economy.

For us locals who don't own a boat, a full time recreational cod fishery would provide the consistency to allow local recreational cod fishing operators to pop up and serve a new industry. Everybody wins, unless you are a

This is a natural resource that scientists say will not be noticeably impacted by such low harvesting practices and it could very well result in:

- 1) Increases foreign tourism
- 2) Increased local recreational spending
- 3) New business start-ups
- 4) An even more unique cultural NL tourism experience
- 5) better full season catch data for scientists.

Tax Churches	<p>Make donations payed to churches taxable income for the churches. I may be misinformed but I believe people are getting a charitable donation tax write-off for donations to churches, so make that donation as taxable income and collect taxes on it accordingly.</p>	<p>Would generate additional revenue for public coffers without affecting current levels of service.</p>	simplesolu 2016-01-26T14:39:34-04:30	4.545454545	11
Be smarter with the CNA	<p>The CNA currently has the lowest tuition fees in Canada. While the cheap fees are a major factor in the College's mandate, they don't need to be so low it cannot function. Also there are opportunities for efficiency if the staffing of the college was restructured to place focus on the teaching instead of the administration. recently a major layoff happened, during which dozens of instructors were laid off but no administrative staff were lost. since then many new positions have been filled. The CNA is top-heavy, underfunded and inefficient.</p>	<p>Fix this and it could save the province millions as well as investing in the future. As a province we need to diversify and the start of that is education.</p>	monkeysui 2016-01-26T15:09:18-04:30	4	7
Hst	<p>Keep the 2% increase as was the plan it's a small amount but allows for a large revenue</p>	<p>Will allow small pay in by everyone without hitting one group</p>	Clara123 2016-01-26T18:28:18-04:30	4.5	16

Reduce program funding	Consider what depta put forth for reduction of programs	Those that work close to agencies programs know best. Too much political fear or reluctance to make tough decisions if programs do not fit mandate need ability to reduce or amend	Clara123	2016-01-26T18:30:19-04:30	2.333333333	3
Amalgamate smaller towns	This will decrease multiple funding trends.	Very small towns can reduce funding when come together as larger towns. Also the latest helicopters cost was extreme in this environment	Clara123	2016-01-26T18:40:10-04:30	4	6
Berry picking permits	Most Newfoundlanders and Labradorians pick berries. Ya need a permit for everything else, so why not berry picking too.	More revenue	Dack99	2016-01-26T22:00:34-04:30	1	6
Listen to the Opposition	For some strange reason the opposition thinks all government ideas are wrong and vice versa. Well all politicians should wake up. No one has a monopoly on good (or bad) ideas. Work together for a better tomorrow. PLEASE!!!!	No one knows it all. Working together would be more beneficial to everyone.	Dack99	2016-01-26T22:09:16-04:30	1	2
Up the price of alcohol	Up the price. It will never cost what it's worthđŸ~€	More revenue	Dack99	2016-01-26T22:12:10-04:30	4	8
Stop paving!!!	What they are laying isn't worth crap anyway. It would save a fortune.	Would save a fortune	Dack99	2016-01-26T22:14:07-04:30	3.666666667	6

Build Provincial ATV Trail
Network linked to NL
T'Railway to Attract
Adventure Tourists.

Make available to qualified ATV trail associations, up to 1 million annually to construct a provincial ATV trail network. The money can be found by legislating annual registration of all ATVs and UTVs in the Province. In all of Canada, our Province has more wilderness close to populated areas than any other. Adventure tourist will come to ride our ATV trails in summer just as they come to ride snowmobile trails in winter. Give me an hour of your time, and I will tell you what needs to be done and how you can do it. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/463279763840078/>

One day, the last drop of oil will be gone. Presumably, we will still be here. Our economy will need to be maintained to provide us with the high standard of living to which we have become accustomed. Tourism, if developed properly, and maintained effectively, will sustain many rural NL communities for many generations to come, perhaps forever. NL wilderness is easily accessible, unlike in other parts of Canada. ATVers will flock to this Island to ride our trails. But first we must build the network, one that is linked to the NL T'railway. Thousands of jobs in ATV sales, servicing, bed and breakfast operations, gas stations, food outlets and so many more would be the result. This is the sort of economic diversity we need. One that is long term and will sustain itself, once the trail network is in place.

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At one time, Newfoundland and Labrador had one of the highest minimum wage levels in the country at \$10.00 in 2010.

However, after 2010, the minimum wage increased to 25 cents per hour in 2014, and 25 cents per hour in 2015, meaning that we no longer have Canada's highest minimum wage.

In fact, our minimum wage is now the same as Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island, meaning we are the third lowest in the country.

Once other provinces increase their minimum wages, Newfoundland and Labrador will have the lowest minimum wage level in the country, even lower than British Columbia

The result is that Newfoundland and Labrador not only has one of the lowest minimum wages in Canada, but also not indexed to the Consumer Price Index like other provinces.

Mathematically speaking, the minimum wage should be at least \$11.27 per hour in 2016, which is equivalent to \$10.00 per hour in 2010 using the Future Value Formula and 2%

Increasing the minimum wage from \$10.50 per hour to \$11.27 per hour based on 2016 figures will put it close to \$10.00 per hour in 2010 figures.

Furthermore, increasing the minimum wage annually based on Consumer Price Index like other provinces will put Newfoundland and Labrador in line with the rest of Canada.

If this problem is not corrected, Newfoundland and Labrador will end up being second to British Columbia in having Canada's lowest minimum wage levels.

Increase Minimum Wage and Adjust It To Inflation

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Three ways to raise \$	<p>1. increase the price of beer</p> <p>2. increase the price of liquor</p> <p>3. Increase the HST by the 2 points (PC plan that you cancelled)</p>	easy ways to create much needed revenue	easymoney 2016-01-27T15:33:28-04:30	4.461538462	13
collect outstand fines	collect all outstanding fines from those drivers owing thousands and thousands of dollars	additional revenue from deadbeat drivers that for the most part gets written off	easymoney 2016-01-27T15:39:22-04:30	4.454545455	11
Taxation	<p>Should look at the preferential treatment on the tax regime established by letting professionals set up professional corporations. Secondly the use of discretionary family trust gives preferential treatments.</p> <p>Third professional individuals who are on payroll but also set up corporations basically sheltering income from the same source from the employer.(You are on salary also have a contract with the same employer).</p> <p>Governemnt should also look at the underground economy.</p>	This is tax benefits given to high income producers . They shouldn't have any better tax situation as the working individual.	Newfound 2016-01-27T16:23:27-04:30	4.666666667	3

While the NLC has brought in more craft beer (Duvel, Chimay, Muskoka, Unibroue and others) in recent months, craft beer selection in Newfoundland and Labrador is lacking when compared to the craft beer selection and quality in other Canadian jurisdictions. While the supply lacking, demand in NL has never been stronger riding on the coat tails of the global craft beer revolution. Evidence of this is evident by how quickly the hundreds of Beer Advent Calendars sold at a price point of approximately \$170 for 24 beer during Christmas 2015 and the 4,000 members in the NL Artisanal Craft Beer Club (nlacbc.ca) who rush to NLC locations whenever a new craft beer hits the shelves. The same beer club members also provide expression of interest data to NLC on future craft beer offerings. Simply put, excluding curious casual beer drinkers, you have at least 4,000 craft beer enthusiasts who are eager to try just about any new craft beer and are willing to provide pre-order data to NLC on how much of each product they are interested in purchasing to avoid products going stagnant on NLC shelves. If NLC doesn't have the beer expertise in-house, I'm sure NLACBC founders (Mike and Tom) would be more than willing to provide

While it won't take a huge bite out of the current / future deficit, it will contribute positively to the province's bottom line and is low risk for Government to implement.

NLC - Increase Craft Beer Selection

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Promote activity based tourism	The current NL tourism ads promote this province as a beautiful, peaceful and serene, which is true. However, NL also offers tourist opportunities for active people who enjoy more extreme activities. Such as zip lining at Marble Mountain or Petty Harbor, River Rafting in Badger, Skiing and Snow Boarding at White Hills or Marble, Hiking the East Coast Trail and snowmobiling on the westcoast or Labrador. I think if some ads featured these types of activities we could attract a broader range of tourists and generate more revenue in this sector.	Appealing to a wider range of tourist promotes NL's images generates income for more locally owned businesses and generates more revenue for the tourism industry overall. It could also attract more tourists to visit during the winter months.	Night	2016-01-27T21:29:49-04:30	4	5
Sell a stake in Muskrat Falls	If the project isn't going to be halted or temporarily suspended, sell a portion of Muskrat Falls to a private entity.	It will generate an immediate influx of capital to the government coffers.	NLMoneyS	2016-01-27T22:18:23-04:30	4.111111111	9
Unemployment Insurance	Layoff 3500-5000 public service employees temporarily, allowing them to collect unemployment insurance, Federal revenue. Re-hire these employees after maximum collection period has been paid out, then layoff another set of 3500-5000 employees and continue this process for 3-4 years.	This would create both a revenue stream and reduce spending, especially if the Federal Government will not change the equalization payment policy to assist us during this difficult period.	kilbride727	2016-01-28T07:58:14-04:30	2.333333333	6

<p>Tax unincorporated communities for services they are provided</p>	<p>If government is going to provide services to unincorporated communities, then those communities should be required to pay for those services.</p>	<p>This is a way of raising revenue and levels the playing field for residents of the province.</p>	<p>sbtiller</p>	<p>2016-01-28T09:50:46-04:30</p>	<p>4.428571429</p>	<p>7</p>
	<p>There are examples across Canada (starting with Nova Scotia) where tolls are charged to use the TCH and other public roadways. Already our friends who live in ferry- serviced communities pay a toll to travel to and from work/etc, so it seems reasonable that all users of our principle highways pay as well.</p>					
	<p>With respect to the tourism industry, many tourist who come to the province, especially from the United States, are quite familiar with highway tolls and accordingly the imposition of a highway toll system would not deter them from visiting our province.</p>					
<p>Introduce a toll system on our major highways.</p>	<p>My suggestion as a minimum is to have toll stations at several points on the TCH, the Northern Peninsula Hgy and the Bay d' Espoir HGY.</p>	<p>This suggestion is important as it is a new initiative that is already in vogue in provinces throughout Canada, and this province is missing a good revenue source.</p>	<p>Condo303</p>	<p>2016-01-28T09:53:56-04:30</p>	<p>2.666666667</p>	<p>6</p>

If you want to get from one part of Newfoundland and Labrador to another, you have to use a main highway and there are no alternating or trunk highways similar to other provinces.

Not only does it make the costs of goods more expensive, but it also makes Newfoundland and Labrador unprepared for major disasters such as hurricanes, blizzards, or even flooding. It also hurts the economy.

With help from the federal government, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government should build the following trunk roads.

1. Corner Brook/Massey Drive to Buchans - Expand Highway 370 from Buchans to Corner Brook or Massey Drive
2. Jackson's Arm to Roddickton - Expand Highway 420 to connect to Highway 432 or "Grenfell Loop" in order to have an alternate thoroughfare to the Norther Peninsula.
3. Rose Blanche to Burgeo - Expand Highway 470 to connect to Highway 480 or "Burgeo Highway to have an alternate route to the

Building new trunk roads will not only stimulate the economy as motorists will have more route choices as well as prepare Newfoundlanders and Labradorians for major disasters, but will also reduce the cost of shipping goods throughout the island as you reduce travel distance.

Even when some communities will have some concerns and opposition to this idea as they will worry about increased tourism, have alternate trunk routes will benefits Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in the long run.

raise the cost of car registration, birth certificates, electrical permits and other services to increase revenue. birth Certificates have been 20 dollars for years, why not charge 40 dollars each? Also changes of names are only 25.00 dollars, why not increase that fee? just an idea!

Will increase the cost of services to the government can gain revenue.

Increase Fees for Services

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According to StatCan figures, net sales of gasoline in NL was approximately 741.5 million litres in 2014 (for road motor vehicles only). If the NL government increased the excise tax on gasoline by just 5 cents per litre, we could see an increase in revenue of over \$37 million annually.

As we know, the price of gas is not directly correlated to the price of crude, but does show a somewhat strong correlation, with the price of each following the same approximate trajectory but more volatility in crude. As the price of crude is low, gasoline will also be low, allowing consumers to afford this additional excise tax. Once the price of gasoline rises to a point where the additional excise tax becomes a burden on consumers, the price of crude should also have risen to the point where the excise tax is no longer needed.

Of course, a larger increase in excise tax to could be explored. Assuming 741.5 million litres, an increase of 13 cents could offer \$100 million in incremental revenue.

Because it would reduce the deficit! People can afford it as long as the price of oil and gas are low.

Increase Excise Tax on Gasoline

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Surcharge on Fast Food Tax	<p>Introduce a surcharge on fast food to contribute towards the cost of running health care in the province. We have way too many overweight people with health problems contributing to the never ending drain of public money through the health care system. How is this any different than adding taxes to tobacco and alcohol?</p>	<p>Discourage poor eating and reduce the costs associated with treating the ailments associated with obesity.</p>	CommonIV 2016-01-28T18:02:57-04:30	4.444444444	9
MHA Tax Exemptions	<p>Eliminate salary tax exemptions for MHA's.</p>	<p>They are hired to do a job like anyone else. They are not the only ones with stressful jobs. Why should they get special treatment? Lead by example. We may all suffer because of their ineptitude so why should they receive exemptions others don't get. Every bit helps.</p>	lassybuns 2016-01-28T18:12:27-04:30	4.4	10
Invest in rural NL	<p>Invest in our small communities. They are the images used in government ads to attract visitors to NL. They are a treasure trove and an invaluable asset to our economy.</p>	<p>Protect such valuable culture, heritage, tradition, and natural tourist attractions. The people are hospitable and are more than welcoming. We must begin to view our distinct culture as an asset. Unfortunately, much of NL is becoming too americanized.</p>	lassybuns 2016-01-28T18:30:01-04:30	2.818181818	11

Drastic times call for drastic measures. For all the private sector workers chomping at the bit for a pay cut in the public service, here is my idea on how you can help pull your weight.

Cut private sector wages by 20% This will increase revenue because employers will have more money left to pay payroll taxes that will simultaneously increase by 20%. So, less money for workers and more money for Government. Sound familiar? Careful what you wish for.

It will increase revenue and the private sector can chip in. Why should the full fiscal burden be on public sector workers?

Cut Private Sector Wages by 20% and increase payroll tax 20%

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The provincial government could find ways to reduce waste in the federal government and in return the money saved would be passed on to the provincial coffers for a period of five years. As an example, the CBC in NL is now pretty much redundant as anyone can see from the reduction in local programs and the Here and Now news hour. Centralizing this service in Halifax to serve all of Atlantic Canada could save several million dollars and in return this savings could be passed on to the provincial government for such vital needs as Health Care or education.

Another example would be the elimination of the provincial ferry services through resettlement. The need for Coast Guard ice breakers would be reduced and eliminated and this savings could be passed along to NL government to help in the resettlement of the Island liveires.

Not only would there be a reduction in spending but the savings would be passed directly onto the province.

Reduce federal monetary waste and retain savings provincially

Ideas

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My idea is important for a number of reasons:

2017 marks 150 years for Canada. By offering no fee marine crossings to the general public during this tourist season will drive tourism and the economic benefits to our province would be astounding!

Our ad campaign could be something like :
150 years to celebrate, GET ON BOARD TOUR

Considering the 150 year anniversary It would be a great time to pitch this idea to the federal government for funding and support.

Just imagine all the people in Atlantic Canada alone who would take advantage of this.

Please take time to review this idea as I believe it will set new records for tourism in our province.

thank-you

(1) It is a great opportunity to increase our patriotic beliefs and strengths in Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador.

(2) It would increase tourism to unheard of levels.

(3) People would not only come to our province for a holiday and spend their money but a great number would invest by buying real estate and business assets. Some would even come back here to live.

(4) The 150 anniversary of Canada is a prime opportunity to gain the fiscal support of the federal government and show case our province to the world.

(5) Tourism is a proven valuable resource that has an enormous economic value.

Come on get on board tour

Free transportation across
the gulf for 2017 tourist
season.

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It's tough to make the switch to anything new and stick. We always hear about the benefits of buying local as well as the challenges. So, why don't we just commit to give it a try and see what happens. Maybe we will come away saying that "it tasted better or worse", it was "too expensive", "I couldn't find what I was looking for", etc. But, if we give it one committed weekend, I think that many of us will be surprised by what we find and maybe we will decide to even keep buying one of the products we try. That's an improvement. It's a step in the right direction.

Switching to something new is a struggle to do in any aspect in life. All of us consume products that are made here, even if we don't always realize it. For one weekend, let's make a conscious effort to sample as much NL product as possible. You don't have to commit to switching, just try as much as you can for one weekend. I'll bet that some of what we try will stick for life.

Buy "Made Right Here"
Weekend

Halfway

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Our scenic coastlines are being eroded, not by nature, but by people building huge houses on the scenic side of coastal roads, effectively blocking these views from the general public, as well as the many visitors who come to our province to see those very views.

There are many examples throughout the province, but here's one: Arnold Drung used to be a pull-over lookout over Conception Bay with Bell Island across the way. Now, you can't pull over there, or see the view, because it's been blocked by houses that have sprung up there in recent years.

Another example is the controversial house in Logy Bay that not only blocks off a significant portion of that fabulous coastline, but the owners have done everything in their power to prevent people from hiking the well-established trail there, because it comes too close to their house.

As a government, we have spent many millions of dollars advertizing our breathtaking views, open spaces, clean air and relaxed lifestyle, but we allow that asset to be eroded for the benefit of the very few.

A premium land tax will provide revenue to the province that, in the long term, will mitigate the lost revenue from tourists who no longer visit the province because the views have disappeared.

Hopefully, it will also discourage people from building on the scenice side of coastal roads and opt, instead, to build on the other side of the road where they can enjoy the same view while letting others do the same.

Charge premium land tax for building on scenic side of coastal roads

Increase provincial ferry rates	Increase dramatically the cost of the provincial ferry system.	Marine atlantic does not fool around with its cost operations and neither should the provincial feery fleet which has far too many vessels servincing far to many areas. People still live in these places becasue it is convenient and cheap to get back and forth.. They also live there because taxation and land are cheap. There needs to be a cost recovery model for thses ferries.. Sell annual passes or somthing . It should not be a free or close to free service.	kcassell	2016-01-29T11:21:11-04:30	4.333333333	6
Implement a tourist cod fishing lisenze	This would have to be done in conjunction with federal fisheries, but there should be a summer long cod fishing lisenze available to commercial tourist operators. Require the operators to purchase a Boat lisenze that needs to be displayed (for a cost of \$100-500 per season) and also require on top of that a tourist to purchase a "tourist lisenze" that would have tags. The cost of this privilage to harvest 2 cod fish per lisenze would be \$25 dollars.. allow an operator to sell only 5 of these per day. New tags will only be issued to the operator once the purchased and dated tags were returned to an agent of the government..	This is important for several reasons.. It allows the operators to extend their season in a way that is not available to them now.. They can charge an increased rate including the fishing package. It would increase government revenue, as well as ensure compliance	kcassell	2016-01-29T11:35:33-04:30	4.75	20

Raise post secondary
tuition

The cost of education has to increase. There
needs to be an immediate 10% increase in
tuition across the board. That would equate to
only an additional \$300.00 per year for tuition.

Mun has a crumbling infrasturcture. It also
has low revenue. It has to be able to increase
its revenue through tuition hikes. It makes no
sense for the student union to one one hand
protest tuition increases and then on the
other hand protest a reduction of journals in
the Library. Surely the leaders of tomorrow can
see how rediculous this is.. With a modest
increase in tuition there will be very little
impact on the student but a huge increase for
the university. It will also increae the value of
the education. The best way to value
something is for it to have a cost..

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Newfoundland and Labrador has a treasure trove of place names that conjure up all kinds of images. Tourists take great delight in having pictures taken next to signs and objects of interest during their travels. The provincial government should embark on a program to accentuate place names all across this province.

If one were to scan through the names on one of our road maps, he or she would find many places such as Anchor Point, Bacon Cove, Beaver Cove, Black Duck, Black Head, Bottle Cove, Bull Cove, Butter Cove, Cape Onion, Coffee Cove, Cow Head, Fox Harbour, Goose Cove, Hare Bay, Hatchet Cove, Hawke's Bay, Herring Neck, Jerrys Nose, Kettle Cove, Lance Cove, Lobster Cove, Nicky's Nose, Pigeon cove, Plate Cove, Plum Cove, Seal Cove, Scallop Cove, Shoe Cove, Virgin Arm, and so on. Each could be represented in the form of a large image and placed near the entrance of the town it represents. Also, each could have a plaque indicating the history of each town's origin.

This idea would place smiles on every tourist and encourage them to advertise for us.

Placename Accentuation
As a trial case, a large erect image could be placed near Dildo. The PM could be invited to

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Recycling Levy

add an additional 2 cents per recyclable container that would not be refunded and would go directly to the government coffers. This money would be administered and directed through the MMSB

Infrastructure is currently in place to make this happen. According to the MMSB stats there are about 165 million containers recycled per year and much more sold and never recycled this could amount to over 3 million dollars per year for the provincial government.

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NL's agriculture potential is grossly undervalued. The opportunities that exist here are tremendous and within reach. Contrary to what most may think, the NL agriculture industry is quite diverse, having small organic farms, as well as some of the largest dairy and poultry operations in all of Canada. Above and beyond the traditional NL plate, we have farmers who produce a variety of fruits and vegetables that you would never expect could be grown here (i.e. kale and cantaloupe). While our climate has challenged us, we are no different than any other place on Earth that shares the same latitude, yet those places have shown great success in agriculture because they place value on it. Still the same, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians import 90% of our food requirements, and these imports come via marine transportation, which we all know is constantly subject to adverse weather, making it unreliable year-round. This puts us in a very precarious situation with respect to food security, as we currently have 3-5 days' supply of fresh food to feed our residents. We import food from around the world, and we expect these products to be readily available and at reasonable prices; however, reoccurring food recalls and

This idea is important as it will diversify our economy and place more emphasis on a renewable resource. Investing in the enormous potential that agriculture has to offer will provide economic return through job creation, rural development, and significant contributions to the provincial GDP, all while providing our people with safe, nutritious and accessible local food. If we do not act on this opportunity now, food scarcity will only escalate in the coming decades.

Invest in Agriculture

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Raise the HST	<p>go back and re-think the Harmonized Sales Tax.....the stop of the implementation of a higher rate should never have been stoppedwe were already expecting it to come anywaysif you raise it just 1% then it wont be much impact on the individual but will still bring in a good cash flow and the liberals can still save face and say they didnt go as high as what the PC's were going to raise itwinwin solution</p>	will bring in revenue without a big negative impact	theadjutan 2016-01-29T20:08:52-04:30	4.285714286	7
Raise Provincial Income Taxes on Private Sector Workers	<p>Why should the public sector bear the responsibility of balancing the budget and losing jobs? It's time people in the private sector pulled their weight since we are all in this situation together. People never wanted the HST so how about this!</p>	It will allow the private sector workers to help contribute to the deficit without hurting public sector workers disproportionately.	commonce 2016-01-29T21:33:15-04:30	4.555555556	9
Implement a forced RSP in Private Sector	<p>This will help the private sector workers plan for retirement. Without planning, they will be a burden to social programs down the road. Also, Government can spend the money at will like a slush fund similar to the Public Sector Pension plans over the years.</p>	Cash flow for Government and decent retirements for all.	commonce 2016-01-29T21:35:08-04:30	3.8	5
cap tax credit for church/religious donations at \$1000	<p>No reason the state sgould continue supporting religious institutions</p>	revenue	rummager 2016-01-30T07:03:45-04:30	0	0

Pilot Project for Legalization of Marijuana	Make an offer to the federal government to pilot the Legalization of Marijuana in Newfoundland.	I cant think of any other single means of increasing revenue while at the same time decreasing expences of policing and court costs. Legalization and control of marijuana will take revenue out of the hands of the black market, lessen exposure of youth to hard drugs via the dealers, and provide a safer product.	EmpowerN 2016-01-30T08:42:47-04:30	3.333333333	3
First Province to Legalize marijuana	Will bring in a lot of revenue and provide and provide people with safe sources!	Increase revenue!	cathyarow 2016-01-30T09:46:16-04:30	3.714285714	7
Yearly inspections for vehicles over five years old.	All vehicles over five years old should be required to have yearly inspections. The government could gain a significant amount of money from this. Added benefits would be the creation of jobs and removing unsafe vehicles from our streets and highways.	I would prefer to see needed money to come from generating income rather than cutting services. I am also tired of seeing vehicles on the road long after they are safe because the owners are not required to do necessary repairs.	Western 2016-01-30T10:12:56-04:30	3.166666667	6
Register Boats	Every boat, owned and operated in Newfoundland and Labrador with an engine greater than 9.9 horsepower, should have a provincial number attached. The baby boomer's accounts are bulging with funds (I'm one of them). They are all retired or retiring (many buying and selling vessels). The system allows for taxes on the purchase of new boats, but unlike cars there is no taxes paid when one buys and transfers ownership of a used boat.	Increases revenues and decreases idiots on the water.	crunchtimε 2016-01-30T11:14:46-04:30	3.666666667	6

Eliminate gov
infrastructure investment
in largest centres

As some may think that they are self sufficient and not a burden on the taxpayer,then consider a hiatus on government monies for infrastructure in the larger centres. Why receive the funding if you don't need it? Invest it in our smaller rural communities and island communities to maximize our greatest tourism assets. Instead of destroying our rural communities and our heritage, develop this natural resource which gives us our distinct culture. When the fiscal situation improves, then once again review the infrastructure funding process.....but only if affordable.

Saves millions in unnecessary politically motivated handouts to satisfy wants instead of needs and we finally invest some of the savings in the tourism expectations created and portrayed in government ads.

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	<p>Tourism growth and investment are prime candidates for needed economic diversification.</p>	<p>Basing ferry rates to and from our Province and within our Province on the equivalent cost of road travel on an equivalent per km traveled is fair and equitable</p>			
	<p>The island part of our Province to both the Labrador section of our Province and to the Canadian mainland in Nova Scotia are linked by ferry services as are close to 40 ferry travel reliant communities within the Province itself .</p>	<p>It will open an enormous opportunity for greater economic diversification by attracting vehicle traffic instead of impeding millions more to travel from North America mainland points to and within our Province. It will allow our "in province" economies to grow especially on our ferry bound islands within the Province such as Fogo Island and Bell Island (where the service carries more traffic per year than the Marine Atlantic Gulf service</p>			
	<p>There are over 400,000,000 people living in North America (we are just 500,000) and they are a captive audience especially for our tourism industry to grow by greater access and use of ferries. Affordable attractive rates are needed and will serve as an investment to attract North Americans to travel by car to Newfoundland and Labrador and within .</p>	<p>This policy of equivalent cost of road travel rates for ferry routes to, from and within the province will grow the Government of NL revenues in tourism and reduce costs for residents and for businesses to grow and prosper with lower rates being able to be plowed back in more funds available for private investment and an improved competitive advantage</p>			
<p>Grow tourism - Ferry rates - equivalent cost road travel</p>	<p>Marine Atlantic (a Federal Agency) just announced further increased rates for 2016 . Over the 178 kms route to Port Basques a vehicle will now cost in 2016 one way \$113.28 plus \$43.46 for its driver or \$156.74 . That works out to \$0.88 cents per km one way</p> <p>The same Federal Government on Dec 15,</p>	<p>We are an island Province and are also separated from our Labrador region by</p>	<p>felix2503 2016-01-30T18:43:41-04:30</p>	<p>4.4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Raise the HST 3%</p>	<p>Increase the tax.</p>	<p>Fairest way for everyone to contribute. Can lower it by 1% when oil rebounds.</p>	<p>toeknee 2016-01-30T21:21:36-04:30</p>	<p>3.285714286</p>	<p>7</p>

Higher taxes for part-time doctors	NL has the highest number of doctors per capita in it's history. However, many work part-time. I propose that we tax part-time doctors at a higher rate and generate revenue. It will also be an incentive for them to work more and thus, help wait times!	It will create revenue and incentivize doctors to see more patients.	commonce 2016-01-30T22:29:20-04:30	2.33333333	3
Raise HST to 20%	We paid 20% before and we can pay it again. Also, times are probably worse right now!	Create revenue.	commonce 2016-01-30T22:36:08-04:30	3.2	10
Resident Trout License	As done in many if not all other provinces and territories, why don't we require a trout license for residence inland fishermen? Surely most Newfoundlanders like I all go out fishing at one time or another for a few trout. Why not implement a trout license for residents as well?	Generated revenue for the province by simply requiring residences to purchase a trout fishing license.	newfoundl 2016-01-30T23:00:07-04:30	4.5	8

The first proposal is that the NL provincial government should gather all interested parties from all the federal, provincial and territorial governments and apply pressure to the federal government to abandon its collection of the GST and HST portion of the national sales tax to allow the provincial and territorial governments to collect the balance of the GST sales tax and in return, the federal, provincial and territorial governments would abandon the system of equalization payments that in the past, at present and in the future are such a cause of national friction. The second proposal would be for federal, provincial and territorial governments to increase the transfer payments for areas such as health care, education and other "national" programs on condition they be applied directly, efficiently and immediately in those areas based on a new formula of need and population.

The provincial government needs to collect new taxes but any new tax is going to be met with opposition from pretty much all interested groups. This system would allow the federal government to abandon the GST while pretty much making the hated equalization programs (ie western Canada) obsolete and instead forcing any increases in federal funding to be applied directly to social programs.

Following the example in Ontario where a portion of Hydro One has been privatized to help raise revenue for the Ontario Government (in excess of \$1.5Billion in the first IPO round), a similar approach could be adopted in Newfoundland with respect to Nalcor. Privatizing a portion of Nalcor of between 15 to 25% could help raise significant revenue (a portion fo whcih could be used to pay down some of the Nalcor debt) and retain a strong majority ownership within the control of the Government (on behalf of the people of the province).

See the link from the Globe and Mail related to the Hydro One offering.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/hydro-one-ontarios-privatization-plan-explained/article24743446/>

It is an opportunity to raise revenue which can be used to help pay down debt and provide funds to use to invest in other infrastructure initiatives.

IPO a portion of Nalcor

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Raise Post Secondary Tuition and Eliminate Grants	<p>While I admire the provincial government for maintaining the lowest tuition rates in the country, we can no longer afford to do so. In addition, eliminate the provincial grants. I had to go through university on full loans and pay it back over a 9 year period following graduation. I had to pay for my education and I don't think I should be subsidizing future generations.</p> <p>Increases revenue.</p>	CommonIV 2016-01-31T19:08:46-04:30	3.75	12
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The province of Newfoundland and Labrador was handed a gift of high revenues during the years of high oil prices. Rather than prudently save for a rainy day, the government had a party and spent it all!!! What is more, they spent more than they got. Its all gone and we are in debt.

Norway is praised for its fiscal responsibility, stability, and future thinking in dealing with oil revenues. Oil and gas revenues are set aside as a fund and carefully managed. The Norwegian government of the day can only spend what the fund generates in income as well as a small portion of the revenue.

The problem is that a particular government may only be in power for 4 years. Another party may get control after the next election so there is no incentive for the current government to save money. The agenda of the party in power is to spend oil revenue so the current government looks good while in power, and things are harder for the next government ... basically make the competitor look bad.

Oil and gas revenues in Newfoundland and Labrador should likewise be set aside and carefully managed to the long term advantage of the people of the province. No one party with a four year term should be able to spend absolutely everything during winfall years of high oil revenues ... to the detriment of the future of the people and our children.

Norway decided at the outset of offshore drilling that money from oil and gas cannot be trusted as general revenue of the government. Rather that money is set aside as a separate fund, and protected for the present and future. Only interest and income from investment as well as a small amount of the actual revenue is provided in any year for any particular government to use. That

Oil revenues managed for long term benefit (Norwegian Model)

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I apologise for not taking the time to put this in a well developed paragraph but here is my idea. Our province has the most dense population of Moose in the world and they are a bit of a problem. Why not make an industry of them? We could be selling Moose meat on store shelves in provincially, nationally and even internationally. It's a food source that we could take advantage of. Not only can we profit off of the meat, but how about the furs as well? Making things like Moose fur coats, and hats. We could make leather from Moose as well. Moose Antlers could be a great profit as well. Imagine selling sets of Moose antlers, or objects carved out of Moose bone. We could do so much with the Moose. Waste absolutely nothing when harvesting them, to insure maximum stability and profit from the animals. It would be a world first for us to turn Moose into a money machine. It was introduced to the Island for a reason and I say it's about damn time we use it to our benefit. There are so many things we could do with the animal. Maybe farm them as well and have Moose milk as a tourist attraction? Or try to tame some Moose from a young age and treat them like horses and have rideable Moose as an attraction. It's time for our Newfoundland

This idea is important as it shows how we can take Moose, which are a nuisance and turn them into a sizable part of our economy. The real question is why haven't we done this already? We control Moose populations and profit off of it as well. It's bloody brilliant

<p>Infrastructure tax on bottled water</p>	<p>Millions of bottles of water are sold annually in the Province - a tax of a couple pennies on each would generate millions....revenue could be re-invested in water infrastructure projects</p>	<p>Large companies are making a fortune off bottled water which is a frivolous luxury when you consider all of the safe drinking water that is available through municipal water supplies, developed at taxpayers' expense. A lot of this bottled water is only tap water anyway. Tax this luxury</p>	<p>Also less plastics in the landfills</p>	<p>Hardchoice 2016-02-01T09:24:19-04:30</p>	<p>3.66666667</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Sell Provincial Parks</p>	<p>There are an abundance of privately owned/operated parks throughout the province and Government is only competing with them during the camping/tourist season. Government could sell/lease all parks under its ownership to the private sector and as a result generate revenue as well as cutting expenditures significantly.</p>	<p>Government needs to generate revenue and cut expenditures. Both can be achieved by disposing itself of the parks to private sector. Besides, government should not be using taxpayers dollars to compete with private individuals who are investing enormous amounts of money to develop their parks.</p>	<p>bsdj</p>	<p>2016-02-01T09:37:13-04:30</p>	<p>1.727272727</p>	<p>11</p>

While most of Canada has stores open on Boxing Day, there's just one problem with Atlantic Canada.

In all Atlantic Provinces, stores are closed on Boxing Day as opposed to being open outside this region.

To keep up with the times, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government should allow all stores to open on Boxing Day.

Allowing all stores and business to open on Boxing Day not only shows that Newfoundland and Labrador is keeping up with the times, we will gain an opportunity to become the first Atlantic Province to allow stores to open that day.

Allow Stores To Open On Boxing Day

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Fishing enterprises do not pay any municipal business tax, despite being considered a business for the purpose of income tax write-offs. The fishermen are landing crab and lobster at the wharf, and it is trucked away, over our paved roads, without them paying one cent of business tax.

Shop keepers and saw mill operators have to pay business taxes. Why are the fishermen treated like the sacred cow?

Instead of draining money from the province, small outport towns and villages could fund their costs from fishing enterprises doing business in those towns.

Tax fishing enterprises

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As most of us thought gasoline would never go below \$1.00 a litre again and being in gasoline bonus time, I feel a great revenue generator would be to add .10 cents(or some amount below this amount that works) to the price of a liter of gasoline in an effort to reduce our debt. Once the price returns to \$1.10 a liter, the volunteer tax levy would be dropped.

Example: if gasoline is .84 cents a liter now, it would be .94 cents a liter with the volunteer tax levy in place.

This is important because if something is not done, our neighbours will be out of work, housing prices will continue to drop, etc. We have to face facts that we are all in this together and we all need to be understanding. Newfoundland and Labrador has always persevered through hard times and this is no different.

Power. Research thorium power. Continue with hydro wind solar tidal. Store excess power in offshore balloons then return back to huge agriculture indoor/outdoor farms. Have volunteer systems in place to help out with the farming.

Money/Gold known right now at least 10 billion in the ground and that's just scratching the surface. Create mining crown corp and learn how to mine underground safely, take 20 or 30% and leave the rest for private miners. Take the revenue and dump back in education/sciences and health care, create an underground base from the mine in case of natural disasters. The earth has been known of multiple ice ages and they will be back.

NL must become self sufficient, next time at costco take time to stop and look around.

Tenders. Give presence to local owned companies or companies that have a local presence not to lowest price. If a local company awarded, money flow stays in province.

Ice ages are cycles and will be back, must have a central place that we can come together in case of natural disaster.

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HST increase	<p>Go back on the promise not to increase HST. Election promises are broken all the time by all governments of all stripes. It's okay - the public expects it. Not being facetious here. A small increase would mean a wealth of revenue. I'd rather share in the burden of additional tax to save my province from the poorhouse.</p>	<p>Because of this province's lack of corporate presence and economic diversification, there are too few ways to generate new revenue. So add a percent or two onto the HST and revenue goes up, but the burden is shared by many, reducing its impact on individuals and families.</p>	realitychec 2016-02-01T20:03:07-04:30	4.6875	16
Tax on Lotto winnings	<p>Place a tax on lotto winnings over \$1000. Make it a blanket tax of 20% , musch like the US government has been doing for years. \$30,000,000.00 @ 20%= \$6000000.</p>	<p>Also, go after the dead beats that owe thousands and thousands of dollars in fines. If they got the money to get a car and put gas intop it....they got the money to pay the fines. You just gpot to look harder for thr money.</p>	cchull 2016-02-02T09:11:58-04:30	3.6	10
tax churches revenue and property	<p>In this day and age there is little logic to continuing to allow churches to reign tax free for all or most aspects of their business. There is merit in allowing the true charity aspect to be tax free but I would suggest that is not such a big slice of the pie. It may force some to sell some assets but that is ok.</p>	<p>If we are taxing people, all people, than any money is fair game.</p> <p>It is an in taxed potential. In fact thd federal gov't should do this across the board and let them reaply fir tax free aspects of the business that truly are charitable. PS. Same for political contributions and think tank placed that somehow are tax free.</p>	jim99 2016-02-02T10:21:34-04:30	2.75	4

set a floor price for gasoline and diesel fuel	<p>We all were used to pretty high gasoline and diesel prices. They are so low now that I expect more folks will but bigger engines contributing to climate change etc. Set say &1.15 -\$1.20 per litre god gas and similiar fir diesel. The PUB would continue to set the price and gov't would skim off the top. If PUB gets to set the price above the set prices then gov't would not get the cream of the top but logic implies that the price of oil has rebounded somewhat and hopefully are realizing some monies from the oil sector.</p>	<p>New revenue. Will be unpopular but we were paying near \$1.50 at one time. For folks who drive less because of this will be an a just Kent but we reduce green house gas and less wear and tear on the roads etc.</p> <p>on the positive side the ptice will be very predictable for the consumer.</p> <p>not sure the quantum of home heat fuel but a similiar thing could be done but expect themoney is on the gasoline and diesel sales.</p>	jim99	2016-02-02T10:33:12-04:30	3	2
	<p>We are the only province that does not have counties or townships. We have small communities and outside of these areas we have thousands of properties that are in tax free zones.</p>					
	<p>There should be some small nominal fee of taxation on these properties. If this is implemented the sale of a property will be registered because the seller will not want to be taxed in the future. This will also bring in more revenue with transferee fees.</p>	<p>I believe having a small tax on properties not in a tax zone will contribute to the province, currently the province is maintaining roads between communities and those of us living in tax free zones are benifeting from this.</p>				
Create taxation on Recreational Properties	<p>Create more Crown Land available at lower prices for development. Development brings in construction, lumber, building supply jobs and HST on supplies.</p>	<p>if more crown lands were made available at lower cost for individuals not developers, ie property cannot be sold right after the draw. That would bring in HST for construction materials and jobs in the lumber, building supplies, construction.....</p>	Roe	2016-02-02T10:41:03-04:30	3.333333333	3

Eliminate members offices	<p>Why do they need district offices as well as office space in the confederattion buildiing as well as moneys to hire workers and get office space in their district</p>	<p>complete waste of time and money.</p>	moonman 2016-02-02T13:19:03-04:30	4.142857143	7
		<p>Have a points pool to be used for government health benefits or other expenses.</p>			
AirPoints etc back to the public purse	<p>All MHAs and a lot of government employees are hoarding the points for vacation trips and their own personal business and do not pay income tax on them.</p>	<p>Ensure all points earned arre annually reported to Finance and if continued to be personally ensure their value is recorded on t4s</p>	moonman 2016-02-02T13:26:01-04:30	4	5

On February 2, 2016, the New Brunswick Government announced their plan to raise their Harmonized Sales Tax or HST from 13% to 15% effective July 1, 2016.

Now that Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec will have 15% HST, now is the time for Newfoundland and Labrador to follow suit to raise it.

The HST should increase from 13% to 14% effective July 1, 2016, and from 14% to 15% effective July 1, 2017.

With Nova Scotia, Quebec, and now New Brunswick now setting their HST to 15%, now is the time for the Newfoundland and Labrador Government to do the same.

In addition, quarterly provincial HST rebates will be given to anyone not in the lower middle class bracket.

Raising the HST will not take away our competitive disadvantage now that New Brunswick will be raising their HST.

Now Is Good Time To Raise HST

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The people who live in local service districts should pay taxes.

The revenue collected from these places would go directly into government coffers.

Tax local service districts.

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some fines need to be boosted up to meet those of the rest of the countryegPassing School Bus with Lights flashingNL fine is \$115PEI NB fine is \$1000.....Alta is \$500even the average over all of Canada is \$350

it would generate revenue and most of all save lives and injuries which would also save in medical costs

boost some fines up

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Not sure if there would be any conflict with the Medicare agreement, but why not impose a special healthcare/education tax on specific items such as high end food establishments, liquor and tobacco sales, lottery winnings and other such discretionary items with the provision that these taxes will be dropped when the cost of a barrel of oil reaches \$? This tax to be in addition to the current 13%. I think Nova Scotia imposes a special tax on hotel accommodations?? Perhaps it is simpler to increase the current Hst to 15% , given the fact that taxpayers are saving money on fuels these days I'm not sure you will get much flack from level headed taxpayers. Something has to be done, the PC's have left the Province in an awful mess. Should have been a reserve fund set up when the oil revenues were flowing good, but alas that ship has sailed (for now at least).

Answered.

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This idea would be similar to a war time bond in which money is raised from the public to wage war against an enemy, the debt.

Currently Newfoundland Labrador Hydro's share of CFLCo (Upper Churchill) is 65.8% while Hydro Quebec owns 34.2%. Fifty percent (50%) of our share of the Upper Churchill should be made available for public offering, let's say upto 10 million shares, valued at \$1000 per share, for a potential revenue source of \$10 Billion. (No voting rights, keep that with the Government)

For each share of \$1000, the Provincial Government would guarantee an annual rate of return of 2% for 25 years, until 2041, at which time that share would then be eligible for its portion of the 50% stake from sales of the Upper Churhill energy. The Provincial Government would still get 50% of profit from remaining portion of the sales.

This idea is important because it provides the public an opportunity to basically eliminate the current debt of our province, investing in our childrens future, while guaranteeing a rate of return for the investor (Newfoundlander's and Labradorian's). If \$ 10 Billion could be raised, at 2% interest rate, the current government would realize a savings of approximately \$500 million a year for 25 years, as a result of trading a 7% interest on debt for a 2% rate, while eliminating the debt, or a huge portion of the debt.

If we truly believe in this province, we should be willing to put up money now for our children's future, for it will be them who will receive those shares from their parents. Maybe the interest can be tax deductible or maybe the Federal Government would allow a one time withdrawal from RRSP's to support this funding, similar to when one buys a house for the first time.

Upper Churchill - Public Shares for Newfoundlanders & Labradorians

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Colorado legalized marijuana. They generate a lot of revenue from it. You'd have NL growers, processors and stores. It would drive tourism. The economic multiplier of it is massive. There's next to not agriculture here. It would quickly become the biggest cash crop.

This would generate revenue.

Legalize marijuana

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Leased Land	<p>Government could set market value for all leased Crown land in the province, and sell it.</p> <p>All cabin owners would then own the land that their cabin is on, government would gain some much needed revenue quickly.</p>	All sources of new revenue need to be considered	derek	2016-02-04T10:57:18-04:30	2.333333333	3
Health and Post Secondary Education Tax	HAPSET - Reduce/eliminate the annual tax free deduction for employers.	Increasing revenue to the province without further burden to individuals.	suzieq	2016-02-04T11:41:42-04:30	0	0
Newfoundland Savings Bonds	<p>Issue Newfoundland Savings bonds giving a small tax deduction and allow them to expire after so many years - giving a good % on investment.</p> <p>People buy bonds and get small provincial tax exemption while earning interest on investment. Everything paid back in 5 years / 10 years for a better interest rate.</p>	People will want small tax exemption. Many more dollars coming in than the tax deduction going out. Also the interest will be paid back when oil is bringing in more and revenue from Muskrat Falls is being recognized.	germar	2016-02-04T13:44:08-04:30	3	2

Set up toll booth's on the island!!	<p>Setting up toll booth's on the island will help keep our roads in great condition. If you collect even \$ 1 for everyone who passes through, or a monthly fee. I wouldn't mind paying a fee to keep our roads pot hole free.</p> <p>Then you can use the money collected to not only update the roads and bridges but, you can also use the money to put up moose fencing, where the highest incidents of moose/ vehicle collisions occur.</p>	<p>It is important because our roads in Newfoundland and Labrador can indeed use some major upgrades. Imagine driving across our island pot hole free? or just imagine our tourists, driving along enjoying our beautiful scenery instead of watching for pot hole or ruts in the roads.</p>	YvonneYat 2016-02-04T13:53:57-04:30	3	5
Increase Road Ambulance Fees	<p>The Road Ambulance fee structure has not been adjusted in quite a few years. Consequently, the fees are approaching or have already become non-compensatory. The standard "per trip" fee of \$115 has not changed in years, and is no longer sufficient to cover costs that have increased steadily during that time. This also has contributed to the abuse of the road ambulance service, where frivolous, non-urgent calls are responded to, yet are determined by hospital staff to be non-emergency related, and the patient is returned home, by ambulance in many cases, at no additional cost.</p>	<p>By increasing the road ambulance fee structure and ensuring that "return transfers" are also charged as a separate trip, increased revenue will be realized, while adding a deterrent to the abuse of our valuable road ambulance system, therefore providing some savings on fuel costs, vehicle maintenance and replacement etc.</p>	IntrepidOn 2016-02-04T14:00:31-04:30	1.666666667	6

Tourism is a multi Billion dollar industry worldwide. The cost for getting on the Island is prohibitive. The following Marine Atlantic charge as of April 2016 is an example:

Marine Atlantic rates to cross one way from North Sydney to Newfoundland:

2 Passengers \$
86.92

1 Vehicle Motorhome 40â€™-50â€™
\$313.26

1 2/berth Cabin (night)
\$126.50

Reduce the cost for tourists to get onto the Island

For a grand total of ONLY
\$526.68

Tourism

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1) This would generate much more income when oil is low, but not punish drivers when oil is high. Also keeps the pay at the pump price somewhat stable, and thus keeps purchasing decisions on cars, etc independent of the price of oil.

1) There is no reason for gas to be <\$125 per litre. There should be a ratcheting tax, such that when the base price drops, the tax rate increases.

2) Junk food should be taxed much much more heavily, so that revenue increases, and some will eat less of it, reducing obesity and health care costs, = win win.

2) Health care is a big expense. We have a poor diet / activity lifestyle leading to chronic obesity in this province. This will put more strain on health care as the population ages. Dealing with obesity is key to future spending. Increasing revenue on sugar drinks, and junk food helps with revenue.

There is a dire and urgent need in the mental health field for Creative Arts Therapy (CAT) Services, A Registered and/or Licensed Creative Arts Therapist (CAT) works individually and/or in a group setting, she creates a nonjudgmental therapeutic setting/space incorporating various and diverse art materials and mediums where clients creatively express themselves. The CAT works directly with clients that have specific mental health issues, this includes; at-risk youth, individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, individuals with trauma-related histories, Syrian refugees, children and adults with mental health symptoms. These services are necessary to Newfoundland and for the healthy development of our children and youth in this province. Art and creative expression is the language that children and teens understand, we need to have more funding and programs focused on the therapeutic expressive arts.

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Allow advertising on ferries	This idea is also part of the NB strategy to decrease debt. What is the harm of allowing companies to advertise on them? None that I can see and then you just collect the payments for advertising.	It's a revenue-generating idea without any cost to implement.	LabradorR 2016-02-05T08:39:15-04:30	3.8	5
	This might be a good time to try to get the federal government				
	to hand over their 8% stake in the Hibernia oil field.				
		This resource belongs to us and I believe the fed. gov. has done very			
		well from their investment and now it should be returned to the			
		people of this province.			
federal stake in hibernia			flemish16 2016-02-05T12:22:20-04:30	4.142857143	7
	Lots of stores remain open and doing business on holidays/shop closing days. There are fines on the books, hefty fines, but they are not enforced. I'm not talking about the stores that are exempt and allowed to be open. I'm talking about those who are doing business illegally. Enforcement more than pays for itself and brings in revenue.	Because it's lawful, it's just, and it would bring in tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.			
Enforce shops closing days with penalties			MrF 2016-02-05T15:21:32-04:30	1	2

Our winter outdoor sports activities generates large revenues for our province. The snowmobile industry alone is a cash cow for our government. Our moose hunting season does the same thing in the Fall in the fall. The food fishery could fill the same role in the summer. One of our newly elected members should be given the responsibility of getting our food fishery back. There is no logical reason for us to be treated differently than the people in Quebec, B.C., and the marathimes. The food fishery could contribute great revenue for the government, {taxes on fuel, new equipment and boat sales, the service industry etc.}. At the same time, it would give us some confidence in our government, confidence we lost when we were persecuted by the late federal government.

Any activity that requires money to be spent in this province is good for our economy. One of our primary food sources was stolen from us, and we want it back. Our weather is unpredictable, and if we were treated like the people in other provinces, we wouldnt have to risk our lives to catch 5 fish. This resource belongs to our people, but because of our terms of confederation, we had to give control of it to that guy in ottawa. It is just not fair that we be treated so differently!

\$\$\$ our food fishery

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NL has a large number of Crown Corporation and Agencies that both make a lot of money and have a lot of money - ranging from the NLC, Nalcor, and NL Hydro to Workplace NL.

Of these corporations, Workplace NL sticks out on an important point: in it's 2014 Annual report , Workplace NI reported it has \$ 1.1 Billion Injury fund - the largest ever! The obvious questions are whether the fund of this size is necessary, and if not, could the government use it to help offset the massive deficit it now faces. Consider the fact the money could be returned at later date when oil eventually bounces back and the interest savings on loans alone would be worth millions.

Crown corporations and agencies are provincial assets and should be audited.

Review Crown Corporations and Agencies

Review the fiscal oprations of the crown corporations and agencies for both cost savings and potential revenue sources.

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Increase gasoline tax by 20 short term, cents per li

One of the main issues facing decline in revenue has been drop in crude oil prices. We were all used to paying \$1.50 or more per litre. Fuel at 90c is a bargain. An increase to \$1.10 can be easily assumed by public. Once oil prices recover the tax can be eliminated. This would no completely replace lost royalties but is a viable way to help increase revenues in

We need to not only decrease spending but increase revenues. This is a way to increase revenues in a manner directly related to the reason why revenues are down in first place. This tax can be reduced proportionately as crude prices rise.

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The new government has come out and reported that the previous government was not truthful on the deficit.

What to do?

Where is the Finance Minister in this? Should the Minister of Finance be required to sign that all revenues and deficits are reported to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and to the House of Assembly as accurate. That there is no hidden deficits or surpluses hidden from the report to the House of Assembly or to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. That he/she provides this information to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador under penalty of a fine and prison time. The report should include all Departments, Agencies and Business Partnerships etc.

Government has been untruthful to the people of this province and I expect more from our elected officials and the provincial departments, agencies and especially NALCOR.

Truthful and Accurate
Reports on Fiscal Status of
Province

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The government should introduce a hot air tax that could be applied against politicians. An independent monitor could be hired to set through sessions of the house of assembly. During these sessions any unnecessary rhetoric could be earmarked and charges could then be applied against the offending members.

A similar tax could apply to members who spew their rhetoric at community social events.

This idea would force MHA's into more productive use of time, while increasing government funds.

Hot Air Tax

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By limiting the governments role in society to absolute necessities, you cut needless spending. The more people come to rely on government funds and programs the more they begin to develop a sense of entitlement. A sense of entitlement is the belief that you do not owe others, but that others and the state owe you causing more bad character traits such as ingratitude and resentment. The more people expect to be given, the less grateful they will be for what they are given and they are resentful when any of those entitlements are taken away.

Stop adhering to a socialistic ideology and focus on helping strengthen the character of its citizens. This will create more funds to do more good.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxe5GcMH5yA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qr638pCfPxs>

Limit the governments role in society to absolute necessities

This is not my idea, this is the truth as to what's happening in society. Take note from the experts.

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marijuana

A pain in the butt marijuana needs to be legalized A.S.A.P

Because marijuana makes everything better.

liberalman 2016-02-06T18:06:55-04:30

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Physicians not salaried pay market share for office/staff	Physicians who are not employed with Regional Health Authorities yet use office space & support staff should pay fair market value for the use of the services. They can open their own space if they refuse & want to continue this situation. We are funding their rise to wealth.	If you are self employed as others then pay market value to run your own service. We gained as a province when the revenue was higher & now we should stand together & help reduce the deficit.	NLDer	2016-02-07T10:21:43-04:30	3.857142857	7
General tax increase	All of NL should be involved in increasing Revenue.		NLDer	2016-02-07T10:27:14-04:30	3	4
Sell government property	The government owns one of the most prime pieces of real estate in the City of St. John's. I am referring to the old Grace hospital site. What a place for senior citizens homes or apartments which are sorely lacking in the city. Put out rfp's for private development and kill 2 birds with the one stone -add money to the coffers while providing much needed housing.	This seems like a no - brainer. Why are we hanging on to this prime property in the middle of the city ?	mooresger	2016-02-07T17:06:40-04:30	4.4	5

		What are the Benefits?			
	The biggest problem in Newfoundland and Labrador is the declining population. Most of our revenue comes from income tax and sales tax. The workforce is getting smaller while our population ages. We need new tax payers.	Encourages population growth			
	I propose the provincial government work with the Federal government to put in place a Family Growth Plan.	Allows both Parents to stay home with their newborn, especially higher income earners			
	What is the Family Growth Plan?	Reduces financial stress on new parents			
	The Family Growth Plan is a proposed program similar to Home Buyers Plan (HBP) or Longlife Learning Plan (LLP). The program would allow new parent(s) to withdraw up to \$10,000 in a calendar year from their registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to supplement Employment Insurance Maternity and Parental Benefits (EI).	Help personal savings and foster financial independence Improves Child development and parental involvement Choice and flexibility for all types of families: Single Parents, Single Income homes, Small Business owners, Multiple Births, and more			
	A new parent must qualify for 10 weeks of EI in order to withdraw from their RRSPs. Ideally repayment would be deferred until the child/children start kindergarten (when parents no longer have childcare expenses).	Promotes Equality and work life balance			
Family Growth Plan			J04N	2016-02-07T17:49:48-04:30	2.333333333
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Logging For Once	<p>Newfoundland is a forest in the North Atlantic Ocean. Why don't we do more logging? Seriously we are part of the Boreal Shield which produces \$40 billion a year, yet our province doesn't really do much with it. We really should do more logging. Of Course replant trees for sustainability. Also anytime we clear land for construction the trees should be used for lumber as well. It's an obvious economic solution.</p>	<p>This idea is important because logging nets so much money and even though we are a giant forest we don't really log at all. Logging really should be a major industry here.</p>	RedMrex	2016-02-07T21:29:46-04:30	3.4	5
equalization	<p>The dreaded word, however due to our fiscal situation, lobby the federal government aggressively to get us back on equalization now instead of later. I don't think we need equalization funds to maintain government services, but to put towards debt or infrastructure, whatever, but not gov't salaries.</p>	<p>We need to act sooner rather than later, and anybody looking at the big picture should've started the equalization process at least 1 to 2 years ago. Really this process should've been started under the previous government. Think about the lag period!....</p>	Barney	2016-02-08T10:42:27-04:30	0	0
attrition	<p>The best way to reduce public service with lowest societal cost (not necessarily mearsuring cost in terms of dollars). Those that are due or can afford to go well....</p>	<p>This approach to reducing the size of the public service allows newer employees the abilty to have a career and future with the public service.</p>	Barney	2016-02-08T10:48:11-04:30	4.428571429	7

Problem:

Each year there are many international flights diverted to Goose Bay, Gander, and St. John's for medical reasons.

These flights bring patients to the RHA's with complex health needs and of whom many require medevacs to elsewhere in Canada and NL after stabilization.

When these patients leave our system many of them have racked up large medical bills that are never collected.

Reasons these bills are not collected are:

Inproper information collection upon entry/exiting to the system.

Lack of a department dedicated to collecting these debts.

Inability to prosecute outside the country.

Bill Collection for International Flights in Healthcare.

Inability to pay for the service.

This represents a surprising amount of lost revenue and as a result cost!

Possible Solution:

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Newfoundland has a free hand to increase taxes on CFLCo for the Upper Churchill river electricity after August 31, 2016, based on Newfoundland Hydro's legal brief. I suggest a massive tax increase is in order on this entity.

<http://www.powerinourhands.ca/pdf/UpperChurchill.pdf>

"The Water Lease provides CFLCo, as a corporate entity, with an exemption relating to provincially imposed taxes, charges and fees. With respect to the development, transmission and supply of hydroelectric power, CFLCo is exempt from any increase in taxes existing as of July 14, 1966, and is also exempt from any liability with respect to any new or additional taxes and any new or additional charges, dues, fees, rents, etc. imposed by the Provincial Government after July 14, 1966. This exemption expires on August 31, 2016. "

Possibility to generate hundreds of millions in revenue.

Greatly Increase Tax on CFL Co, After August 31, 2016

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First of all many thanks to the Government of Newfoundland Labrador.

As we all know CANADA is one of the safest countries in the world and defiantly one of the greatest economies no matter how low the oil price will drop. Please think with me as we all here to share an idea about how to get our province Newfoundland Labrador back on track.

Immigration Department in this province can play a different role by generating a new fast Visa system to enter Newfoundland with different requirement. This Visa will only bring targeted people (high income) to live and work and grow up in NL.

The new visa requirements are:

1-Each Applicant would like to enter Canada must deposit 25,000 CAD visa fee.

2- The Applicant must have a clean background.

3- The Applicant must provide a proof of income until he manage to get a job, a bank

Because it generate income and that's what matter right now, also provides population growth in the future.

Immigration is the key

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Gasoline min. price of \$1.25 (not diesel)	Provincial government to get a minimum of .25 cents per litre extra on gasoline. When gas is below \$1.00, then government gets more than .25. If gas goes over \$1.00, then price goes over \$1.25 to keep a minimum of .25 extra for gov't while price of oil is down. We all lived with high prices before, should be fine now. That's better than layoffs that only contribute to more downturn in economy.	Because it shares the cost between all of us citizens while not increasing diesel may help keep the cost of goods coming to province by ship and trucks down. Oil will go up, the question is when. When it does, government can adjust back to more income from royalties and less from gasoline.	RodneyDol 2016-02-09T09:49:05-04:30	2.714285714	7
Slight increase in Provincial Park fees	Maybe \$2.00 per night and 10% increase in fee for campers holding a seasonal site.	Our park fees are pretty modest. I've stayed in parks in Maine for example. no services for \$40.00 per night. (Hidden Pines in Old Orchard Beach).	RodneyDol 2016-02-09T10:10:13-04:30	4.2	5
Annual fee for Cabin Owners	Annual fee to any citizen who has a recreation property (not principal residence) that has electricity connected to it (easy to find list) a \$100 to \$150 annual fee until oil goes back up and deficit comes back to provincial average or some set level. We cabin owners can afford this and if we have a second property as a rec property, then we can contribute more than those younger people who are trying to pay rent and mortgages.	As above and increase revenue fairly easy in conjunction with NL Power.	RodneyDol 2016-02-09T10:20:21-04:30	4.333333333	6

We all know that we are facing very big economic issues and things might get worst along the way, so let's prepare for it from now better than just waiting and watching the storm coming.

I am about to show you couple of options they might help to keep our economy in good condition:

Cutting 1.00 CAD from hourly wages from everyone that works in public service or government departments all across NL for 3 years term.

In doing so we will get back :(1.00 CAD) X (40 H/W) X (52 W/Y) = 2,080 CAD/YEAR

NOW let's calculate! 2080 CAD X 3 YEARS = 6,240 CAD Saving from each public service employee in 3 years term.

We know that we have over 40,000 public service employees in NL so that means we will save 6,080 CAD X 40,000 Employees =243,200,000 CAD saving in 3 years.

Because it shows how much contribution is there between the Governmnet and all its employees to help the province on saving and that will help to improve the economy positively.

NL future is everyone's responsibility ..

This will not affect anyone from losing his job

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No one needs to smoke. Health savings . I would add alcohol tax increase, but with so much doom and gloom, we all might need a drink or two occasionally.

Tobacco

Increase tobacco tax \$5 per pk.

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The reduction of the gasoline tax rebates would result in a recurring gasoline tax revenue increase to the Province of Newfoundland Labrador. This revenue increase would be partially offset by a reduction in personal/corporate tax revenue generated from fishers and farmers via the deductibility of the gasoline tax.

By providing a gasoline tax rebate to fishers and farmers, the Government of Newfoundland Labrador is subsidizing the fishing and farming sectors. However, sectors that rely on the transportation of goods (e.g., technology, retail wholesale, real estate) and the transportation sector (i.e., taxis, couriers) do not receive the subsidy.

The Gasoline Tax Act should be amended to eliminate gasoline tax rebates paid to fishers farmers. I'm assuming that there is there is a full- or half-time position in the Tax Administration Division of the Department of Finance responsible for reviewing the rebate application forms and supporting invoices/receipts.

Eliminate gasoline tax rebates to fishers & farmers

Reduce the SR ED (Scientific Reserach Experimental Development) investment tax credit rate for corporations that incur eligibile expenditures in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Currently, the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland Labrador provide for SR ED investment tax credit rates of 35% and 15% respectively. Hence, eligibile businesses in this province receive the bulk of the benefit from the Federal Government. The investment tax credit rates for the provinces/territories are either 10% (i.e., Alberta British Columbia) or 15%.

Scientific research and experimental development (SR ED) activity is crtical to the diversity and long-term health of the Newfoundland Labrador economy. However, corporations in this province that carry out SR ED activity can avail of interest-free loan and non-repayable grant financing from provincial government bodies (Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development, Research Development Corporation) and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. Reducing the SR ED investment credit rate by 3 points or 25% from 15% to 12% would result in a increase in corporate tax revenue of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Prosepective and existing businesses would longer conduct SR ED in this province if the combined federal-provincial investment tax credit declined by merely 6% (i.e., 50% to 47%).

Reduce the SR&ED (Scientific Reserach & Experimental Development) investment tax credit rate from 15% to 12%

Memorial Unveristy of Newfoundland and College of the North Atlantic could pursue the selling of long-term naming rights for buildings and faculties/departments. This practice is common in mainland Canada and the United States.

Specifically, these naming rights could be sold to endowment funds, family foundations or large- or medium-sized corporations to ensure a significant revenue stream.

The recurring revenue generated from the sale of building and faculty/department naming rights by Memorial Unveristy of Newfoundland and College of the North Atlantic should result in a reduction of the operating grant provided to these institutions each year by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sell naming rights to post-secondary education buildings & faculties

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By reducing the number of board of director meetings from four to three each year, the following expenses would be reduced by 25% in theory:

1.) Honorariums paid to all directors for meeting attendance

2.) Airfare, Kilometre Allowance or Car Rental/Gasoline for out-of-town directors

3.) Hotel accomodations for out-of-town directors

3.) Meal per diems incidentals for out-of-town directors

Many provincial crown agencies and corporations have boards of directors that typically meet four times per year. Some of the directors have to travel by air (origin of Labrador City, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Deer Lake, Stephenville, St. Anthony or Gander) and have to stay overnight at a hotel.

I firmly believe this idea would have no meaningful impact on the delivery of services by crown agencies or corporations.

Reduce number of board of director meetings each year from 4 to 3
The directors should only meet three times per year.

I am aware of several instances where business owners have approached gov't with an idea to increase their business which in turn would create local jobs and in one case create food locally grown.

Why not allow local wine kit sellers to have wine made on their premises? To the best of my knowledge this is done in all provinces of Canada with the exception of Ontario. It likely would increase the number of employees. It will certainly reduce the amount of water used by those who make it at home (as I do). An the argument that it would reduce Govt revenue is silly. A company named Wine Kitz is working out in NS and NB as I have family members who use those services. While I make my own wine, I still purchase from NL Liquor for events as I always did.

In another case, I know someone wants to create (with their own money and none from Govt) a grow operation for fresh produce but cannot secure the land needed as they cannot get an answer from Govt. Some must address this and quickly.

It will create jobs which creates income and those who earn spend.

Increase our economy
"One Job at a Time"

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Increase the Tax brackets on earnings	<p>While I am not totally aware of this, it is my understanding we have two tax brackets ... maybe this should be examined to see if there should be a third or even a fourth bracket. Seems strange that someone earning \$70,000 a year is taxed at the same rate as someone earning \$1M.</p>	<p>It has huge potential to tax high income earners and increase the revenue for the province. Seems to me with all the expenses required for someone to own a home, a car, provide education for their children, save for retirement and at least enjoy life a bit by attending and supporting local arts, that you need a reasonable income just to get by. I have always wondered how those working in stores or making \$40,000 a year manage to eek out a reasonable living and enjoy some of the fantastic things available in our province.</p>	buster	2016-02-10T13:07:48-04:30	4.6	5
Sell Cottage Lots	<p>It is very difficult to find property for a summer cabin or winter getaway. If govt made available a series of cottage lots I am sure they would see like hot cakes. From a revenue perspective, 100 lots at \$25,000 per lot is \$2.5M. As well people would have to spend money to have a road built to their sites, equipment bought for septic as well as the materials to build and furnish a cabin.</p> <p>No doubt govt could find more than 100 lots and maybe the price is higher than the suggested \$25k.</p> <p>This could be done in several locations across the province.</p>	<p>Immediate creates revenue for govt and increases retails sales for materials and supplies that increases taxes and potentially requires additional staff in retail outlets and construction companies who would be contracted to build the roads. If hydro is required at these sites, then additional revenue would be earned through the cost to have the poles etc to furnish the power.</p> <p>People with summer places tend to spend on recreation vehicles, will spend more on gasoline and food stuffs and I suspect just be healthier by being outdoors more often.</p>	buster	2016-02-10T13:38:36-04:30	4.16666667	6

Negotiate an agreement with ship builders in NL to build an approved design. If necessary, legislate the salary scales for workers and their work conditions in exchange for an ongoing program of construction. Why we are spending money in another country is beyond me. This would mean skilled workers have work at home, better than average salaries and their earnings are taxed and stay right here in the province. In addition, we are building an expertise for future years for either growth or future construction.,

It means "Jobs" and those jobs pay TAXES. It means our employees stay here in the province. It means apprentices will gain experience that can be transferred to other places in the world.

Why we put out work that can be done in the province eludes me.

Build Ferries in NL

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How about for vehicles over \$25,000.00, registration at 10% one time for that vehicle, new or used, and then back to the regular 140.00 thereafter.

If you're a young person graduating from college, then you are not hit any more than present when buying your new vehicle to get you back and forth to your job. If you are in a high paying job, and buying a \$50,000.00 SUV or Pickup, etc, then one time 500.00 (an extra \$360.00) shouldn't be too big a deal to you.

Vehicle Registration %

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	<p>One entering highway in St. John's (going east and west say around Paddy's Pond, and two (going east and west) in Grand Fall's and Corner Brook. Not manned by personel, automated with passes to be purchased.</p>	<p>Our geograpy is huge but population is low. Most of us use highway. To pay \$1.00 for example to use imho is not bad. I would be coming back and forth to work daily (work in St. John's) so it's \$40.00 for me roughly per month. Compare that to (1) parking fees around town, especially downtown and (2) I live outside city and likely pay less taxes but I'm contributing to daily use of a road that allows me to make a nice income. Removal when our province has economic benefits from oil.</p>	<p>SpecialPlac 2016-02-10T18:07:15-04:30</p>	<p>3.66666667</p>	<p>6</p>
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<p>Green Muskrat Falls</p>	<p>I think our Federal government should be providing more money to NL to develop Muskrat Falls, one of the most greenest/environmentally freindly sources of electricity that Canada will have.</p>	<p>That allows Canada to lower greenhouse emisions in future (lesser or no penalties). I think this is one of the most important projects in Canada so far in the years 2,000's. Sure Germany and Holland have great wind and solar infrastructure. But, we have car (etc i.e. lawn mower, snow thrower) companies ready to provide us electric vehicles and we have a clean power source for our future. I think the federal gov't gave Alberta 750,000.00 this week for sustenance. Nothing wrong with that, but let's face it, extracting oil from sand is crazy compared to generating power from water. When you think about it, generating power from water is not a whole lot different than generating power from sun or wind. We have a great resouce here.</p>	<p>SpecialPlac 2016-02-10T18:20:59-04:30</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>2</p>
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charge a per ton rate for materials removed from quarries/gravel pits.

In the province we have many operating gravel pits and quarries making use of our resources. The materials being removed from these pits and quarries should have a charge per ton rate. The operators seem to have a free for all attitude presently and the government seems to turn a blind eye to the damage some of these operators are doing to the environment.

The resources of this province are to benefit all the population and the use of any resource should come at a cost to the user. enough of the free giveaways....

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By the year 2050 there will be 9 billion people living on planet earth, these people will need to be feed and we are already running out of land to produce food. There is a new form of farming that could be beneficial to the people of our province, Instead of having fish plants in rural communities we could establish Indoor farms to create a renewable resource which would create jobs feed our people and export our food, this investment would reduce skyrocketing food prices and offer work and security to the people of this province. These farms use 10 percent less water than a traditional farm and harvest multiple times per year, I'm aware that the sprung green house was a disaster but I think we need to reevaluate the new technologies that we could be using to create a lasting renewable resource.

You can see an example here

Indoor Farms Powered by
Led's

<http://www.gereports.com/post/105532612260/the-future-of-agriculture-indoor-farms->

My idea is important because it is a renewable resource that will offer long term jobs and it will feed our people.

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There is ways to increase revenue, maybe the government should look at increasing the regerstration for cars, trucks, from \$160 to \$180, I know nobody whats to pay more but with the state of our deficit things got to be done.

Increase the HST to 15%, understand the premier wanted to roll back the from the proposed increase by the tories but he has to look at the big picture, we need to get the deficit down.

Increase the cost for ferry users for the service, people has to understand that it cost the government millions of dollars to operate this system, and if they work off a island from where they live than they have a choice to live there or closer to work, I dont mean making the price out of wack, to try and drive them from there home but a increase would be warrented.

Setup a toll system to cover the cost of different things.

Increase the fines for all crimial activity.

WE NEED TO GET OUR DECIT IN ORDER, AND NOT BY CUTTING PROGRAMS...

Hard but has to be done!

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Auction off unused Government assets	<p>Many government departments have assets that get minimal or no use. Assets such as atv's, boats, trailers, heavy equipment, etc that get minimal use within some departments should get sold at auction and then a pool of assets could be shared among departments. This could create immediate funds through auction and would lead to savings for years to come as maintenance and insurance costs would be significantly reduced.</p>	<p>Government needs to use depreciating assets more efficiently.</p>	Wiser_05 2016-02-11T20:06:52-04:30	5	4
Charge HST on insurance products.	<p>it seems everything else in this province is taxed and so should insurance products that are now exempt.</p>	<p>The province needs the revenue....</p>	peterhoski 2016-02-11T20:38:25-04:30	1	2

	<p>The public sector went through approx. 1200 layoffs 2 - 3 years ago. Many of those who were left had their wages frozen and they'll remain frozen for years to come. Meanwhile, the cost of living continues to sky-rocket. Now, the public is eating into the politicians hands by giving them a mandate to lay more people off, which was their plan since long before the election.</p>	<p>By leaving hard-working-despite-being-underpaid employees in their positions, they will be more able, although barely, to continue to contribute to the economy.</p> <p>By cutting extraneous managers, directors and ADMs, you will save money.</p> <p>By demanding that MHAs spend less time taking selfies on the road and more time at work, they might actually be able to get a handle on things, rather than leave it to the public to do their work for them via this forum.</p>		
<p>Leave non-management public sector employees alone!</p>	<p>How are people who are laid off or who haven't had their wages increase in step with the cost of living expected to live in an environment where everyone is saying "raise the taxes", "raise fees", "establish new fees"...? How are they (we) supposed to be able to contribute to the economy? You'll be lucky if they don't leave the province altogether.</p> <p>I've said it before, and I'll say it again: there are too many managers, directors and ADMs in government with no staff in many cases, or very few staff. They should not be earning wages at a managerial level, because they do not manage any staff! They should not be getting extra annual leave, because they do not earn it.</p>	<p>By treating MHAs the same as every other public sector employee with regard to pensions and age of retirement, you will save money and possibly get some work out of them. Work that matters if they apply their vision to their performance and not focusing on punching in their 8 years to get their full pensions. I've been in the workforce 32 years and still have 8 years left before I can get a full pension, assuming, of course, that I'm not a victim of the upcoming layoffs (I'm already a victim of a frozen salary). The whole situation is just perverse and might be funny if it weren't</p>	<p>memyselfa 2016-02-12T08:44:50-04:30</p>	<p>3.769230769 13</p>
<p>gas</p>	<p>Put a 5 to 10% tax at the pumps until gas rises to \$80 per barrel. Then consider reducing.</p>	<p>A source of revenue to help with essential services.</p>	<p>GWGILES 2016-02-12T12:20:52-04:30</p>	<p>2.666666667 6</p>

Encourage small scale organic farming to replace imported goods

We've lost track of where our food comes from and I believe we could be producing a lot more of our own food. It's possible there might be a lot of young people who would be interested in farming if encouraged. I understand the province has land that can be leased but it's not very well advertised.

More and more, people are concerned about where their food is coming from and what the production of food is doing to the environment not to mention our health. Urban farmers are springing up around the country and we should be doing more to encourage this type of small business.

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more,

Thanks again to the Government of Newfoundland for letting us share our ideas in this friendly website.

lets think of all they money that insurance companies are making every year.

Car insurance, home ,life,business, etc..

If the Government start looking at this as a potential resources to build the economy they might be looking at great business along the way.

I pay 230\$ for car insurance company

350\$ for medical and dental coverage

200\$ home insurance

All this is monthly rates .

So $230+350+200= 780$ CAD

This is me only ..

Let's say we have 100,000 employees are paying almost the same amount and maybe more..

Let's be clear if the government is able to provide me with the same services for lower price I am switching now ..

Let it be 500 CAD a month this is great ..

This mean gov can have flush cash in this business almost 50 million dollars a month .

A year with 600 million dollar.

This amount is a magical number plus the government can make profit of 25% a year

Because it generate money and also it reduce the amount of money spent by citizens to insurance companies.

That will make people in this province happy And government will make money..

Establish a government insurance company

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By raising the HST to 14% NL will maintain its policy to offer the lowest rate in the region; thereby maintaining a competitive advantage while still earning much-needed revenue.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have raised their HST to 15%; the jury is still out on PEI.

Nova Scotia wants all Atlantic Canadian provinces to charge the same rate and is calling on NL and PEI to raise their rate two percentage points to 15%.

There is no doubt that the NL government will raise the HST. That's a given. However, I recommend that they raise it 1 point to 14%.

From a political point of view (which really shouldn't come into play, but let's be honest here - it matters to the politicians), a 1% increase is closer to the Liberals' election promise of not increasing the HST at all, but not as much as the PCs wanted, so the Liberals will come off looking better politically, while still addressing the revenue issue.

Also, a 1% increase across the board is fair to everyone (unlike many of the suggestions that single out particular groups), but not so onerous, hopefully, as to discourage people from participating in the economy.

Raising Money For Long Term Care Facilities	<p>The provincial government could raise money for Long Term Care facilities (or Nursing Homes owned and operated by the provincial government) by selling pre-access to the said facilities before they are built. A person could deposit a sum of money (or property such as land or a house or retirement savings such as RRSP) in a government run trust fund which in turn could be used to finance a Long term Care Facility and in return that person would be guaranteed a place in that facility when medical assessment team deems it necessary for as long as the person needs it. Such a scheme would alleviate the financial burden of government to build and finance these facilities before they are even built or put into operation.</p>	<p>The aging population is soon going to be a huge financial burden on the provincial government finances but the above said method would help alleviate the burden before it becomes to excessive and aid in the financing of the construction of such facilities.</p>	Ideas	2016-02-13T11:54:36-04:30	4.66666667	3
Lottery Wins	<p>Charge taxes on the Atlantic lottery because they do it in the USA. I can be very profitable. People who win the big lottery can well afford it.</p>	No comment	lushieboat	2016-02-15T10:00:56-04:30	3	5

Enough revenue already	<p>Per person or per capita the Newfoundland Government has more than enough revenue coming into its coffers... Compared to the rest of Canada. Our problems come from how it's being spent. Our province needs can be met, but not without cuts to our government its programs such as education and health we have to start falling in line with the rest of the country's as per cost per student and cost per patient... Then and only then can we as a province survive and grow. More taxes on the people and its businesses in our province will only add fuel to a financial fire.</p>	<p>Schools gotta go.... Post secondary and below. Hospitals in smaller centers have to go. MHA's pensions reduced to be inline with private industry. If not we will not only fail as a province but also rob our future generations of a bright future... Debt is borrowing money from my kids and your kids and their kids... And we do not have the right to that.</p>	Omg	2016-02-17T02:42:09-04:30	3.3	10
Increase Gas Prices	<p>Increase gas prices to same as when price per barrel was at its highest. This is manageable for everyone as we have been used to paying this higher price in the past. The extra money collected can be re-directed.</p>	<p>You can cut back all you want the problem is not enough revenue. At least this is creating new money.</p>	LauraMorg	2016-02-17T20:05:26-04:30	2.6	5

Ontario does it to make money why not us.

sell it grocery stores,gas stations and confectionary stores et.

CBC News has independently confirmed a report by the Toronto Star that the government plans to allow 70 grocery stores to sell wine this year, a number that will eventually grow to 150.

Sell wine in spermarkets,grocery stores asp

It will raise revenue

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That money pit is draning us and killing our future.

There are cheaper ways to provide electricity to the province. The whole project was a lie and was made to make friend supper riche.

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STOP MUSKRATS FALLLS

Assuming govt would not sell NL Hydro completely, I suggest they should sell the "distribution" part of Hydro. Newfoundland Power now services about 90% of the customers in the province, NL Hydro serves the remaining 10% (areas like the Northern Peninsula, Labrador, Fogo Island). NP specializes in the distribution of electric power, NL Hydro specializes in the generation and transmission of power - distribution is not their thing!. This is a relatively small part of Hydro - much more effective and efficient to let Newfoundland Power do this work.

The govt should sell this distribution part of Hydro to Newfoundland Power. Not only would govt raise a substantial chunk of change from the sale, there would be an overall saving in avoiding duplication of resources eg accounting dept, engineering, etc and I think the customers would be better served.

Govt could raise much needed revenue with a likely improved service to customers.

Sell part of NL Hydro

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The NL government should get out of retail liquor, while still retaining the wholesale business. Although profits from this crown corporation are given back to the treasury, those profits are offset by the costs of having a highly paid workforce involved in the sales end.

Such profits could be easily recouped through corporate tax on the businesses that eventually take on the liquor store role, as well as more funds through the savings on employment costs. Keeping the wholesale side will still allow for profits to be realized on these sales, while giving businesses an opportunity to take on the sales end

Crown corporations are not the most efficient way to run businesses in this day and age. Alberta and BC have proven that deregulating this industry can be profitable for all. This may also lead to access to such goods in Grocery stores as is done in other provinces. Licensing fees, corporate taxes, wholesale profits, and lowered employment costs could mean significant funds for the provincial treasury.

Get out of the retail liquor market

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All options on the table , look at Colardo model , they can pave the streets in money .

This will solve many drains on the system and will benefit Heaath care to Tourism !

Commerical licensing and lease fees should fully compensate for the cost of administrating them	<p>The government is responsible for assessing proposals and issuing various licenses and land leases for commerical enterprises. Although, there is a case for minimizing entry costs in new strategic and emerging economic sectors, this should be short term. Overall, the licensing and leasing fees for Crown lands should fully compensate for the adminstration of these approvals. This includes the assessment, issuing, renewal, and compliance and enforcement. By doing so taxation, and royalties from these enterprises is retained and fully allocated to service public debt, invest in new development and economic growth, or for social programs.</p>	<p>Approvals for private enterprise to exploit public resources should not be subsidized financially by the public. By linking the cost of administration with approval fees, budgeting and the allocation of funds is simplified. The ability to evalute spending is improved, and the ability to sustain program efficiencies is improved.</p>	SurfandTui 2016-02-18T12:45:45-04:30	5	2
Minimum Service Tax for Local Service District Residents	<p>I think government should apply a service tax to residents of local service districts that receive government services (i.e. road clearing). Residents of these communities do not pay any taxes and should if there is provision of government services.</p>	<p>This idea is important because the current fiscal issues of this Province is everyone's issues and everyone must be a part of addressing them. People should not expect to live in the Province and receive government services without paying some level of taxes. We simply cannot afford to maintain services at the level we have to provide them.</p>	SD 2016-02-18T22:11:56-04:30	5	6
super tax on junk food.	<p>Tax designated junk food where ever it is sold. All fast foods are not junk so targeting fast food restaurants may not be fair. A soft drink is junk no matter if it is aquired from a supermarket or restaurant.</p>	<p>This tax would deter people from consuming junk food and contributing to their potential I'll health. Increased taxes would bring in extra revenue in the same way the tax on liquor and tobacco does at present.</p>	jdc 2016-02-19T09:53:56-04:30	4.555555556	9

Environmental fee on Coffee Pods	<p>Introduce an environmental or recycling fee on coffee pods (such as K-Cups). There is a very high consumption rate of these within the province. Introducing an environmental fee of \$0.05 per cup could generate potentially 100s of thousands per year in new revenue. A small fee of \$0.05/cup is not likely to have a substantial effect on purchases of this product.</p>	<p>Two benefits, first is the increased revenue associated with the fee. Second benefit is the environmental impact, these coffee pods are filling landfills.</p>	sgm	2016-02-19T11:55:09-04:30	5	5
Tax evasion re underground economy	<p>Taxes like the HST are often avoided by some contractors and/or handyman. Establish fines for violating the rules and also establish fines for those who take advantage of the underground economy. CPP and WHSCC also lose out when transactions are underground.</p>	<p>A level playing field makes it better for all workers. With everyone paying his/her fair share of taxes there would be more for government.</p>	jdc	2016-02-19T13:18:34-04:30	3	5

Given the current price of gas is under \$1.00 I suggest the following:

Set up a "graduated" gas tax surcharge. I.e - .10c per liter now which would still keep pricing well below historic lows.

This tax would then be removed in reverse proportion to gas prices

.10 when prices in the \$30.00 range -oil/ barrel

.08 when prices in the \$40.00 range

.06 when prices in the \$50.00 range

.04 when prices in the \$60.00 range

.02 when prices in the \$70.00 range

Tax removed when barrel oil prices reach \$80.00

The example above is just that, an example. In discussions with others this may be politically acceptable particularly if a graduated removal system is established. All too often other "fuel surcharges" never get removed.

A strong commitment to a removal fomula would, I believe, create an acceptable political and economic position. People realize our poor financial situation and expect tax increases and cutbacks. They do however need to see some endpoint and this "gradulated removal system" would work. It may also be an option with other fee increases.

"Graduated" gas tax surcharge

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We all want to pay our bills. After all, most people don't get a great feeling watching debts accumulate. But things happen unexpectedly and suddenly, and sometimes you can't make payments for everything on time.

A few years ago, we had money, and then a series of unfortunate events happened. During the first Year, we blew a Billion. Second year we blew 2 billion. Then came low ore prices , sending us deeper. we have very little money left , but we have enough.

Eventually we will get caught up again, but that unexpected detour into financial misery should teach us a valuable lesson. One day the money may not be there, and we will have to work with what you have. It's all about knowing how to prioritize. When we can't pay for everything, we have to pay for things in order of importance and cut.

Today 20% of every borrowed penny in Newfoundland Labrador... is going out in salaries that is interest accumulating debt.

Every Job attached to our Government has to have it's payroll cut 20%, across the broad top to bottom.

Easy,quick, and cheap to roll out. No consultation costs... and it will be effective...

Sorry Nape/Cupe/MHA this has to happen, The voting public will support this...but not higher taxes...the public sector is a credit card with 20% interest...and it's maxed out and needs to be paid off.

Using Revenue Needs to be the Heading not increasing ir.OMG

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how government purchase vehicles and can they be just get what they need for the job or to go there and get back.,if the ED has to go to a meeting then let there be a SUV so they can get there and it still can be used for other parts of the office and job, why does everyone need a fully loaded vehicle, is the windshield bought in bulk and inventoried to each vehicle. If credit cards are issued have a limit on how much they can buy and after that limit have to call in for an authorization number. I have personally seen it gas and oil and food and other things were bought but it was all modified on the bill that it was only fuel was purchased.

Collect every cent that is owed to the government, through income tax, garnish wages, reposses property to get the monies owed paid. If a licence driver is pulled over that owes any amount from that point be flagged to follow with motor registration and if have to send to collections agency with a very high interest rate paid to the government and the longer it takes to pay the higher the payback.

It's money that is owed to us the tax payer and the government to help pay bills and just to operate.

Waste not want not

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We have plenty of water to sell - in a reasonable and responsible manner.

Revenue generating

Sell water

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We should not allow any seafood to leave the province unprocessed. Money should be invested to Develop markets for high quality products to be used for Sushi for example, and markets for under utilized species. A CBC investigative report, part of which can be seen below provides details on amounts of ground fish shipped unprocessed in recent years.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/millions-of-pounds-of-unprocessed-fish-approved-for-export-as-mpr-exemptions-increase-1.3079640>

The Newfoundland and Labrador government approved exemptions allowing millions of pounds of groundfish to be shipped out of the province unprocessed last year, even as it stressed the importance of minimum processing requirements (MPR) to rural regions and squabbled with Ottawa over relinquishing them.

Process all seafood here at home

CBC Investigates obtained details on all requests for MPR exemptions from 2010 through 2014, using access to information.

To Create jobs in rural NL and manage the fishery resource effectively for the people of the province.

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It's like getting \$3 bucks off your Mom and Dad to help pay off a \$200 you owe the local weed dealer... People Stop smoking weed and pay off the debt.

Klein's Legacy

By the mid-1980s there was a worldwide oil glut a serious surplus of crude oil, with the world price of oil dropping from over \$35 per barrel to below \$10. The glut began in the early 1980s as a result of slowed economic activity in industrial countries. By 1993, when Klein took office, Alberta's debt had reached \$23 billion.

The repayment of the debt was one of the most significant long-term goals of Klein's premiership. During Klein's austerity campaign, the "Klein Revolution", or The Alberta Advantage, as Klein called it, Klein slashed government spending by deep cuts – more than 20 per cent – in public spending resulting in massive job losses in the public sector. His government took a knife to funding for arts and health programs, going so far as to demolish hospitals, laying off thousands of We need the revenue. We need to be able to pay for the public services we receive.

Newfoundland and Labrador is going to apply for a federal fund that could receive up to \$30 million

let me put this in perspective we are running 2000 million in debt and we get 30 million based on our population.

Increase Income Taxes

Increase income tax levels to pre-Danny Williams days.

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when oil and base metals were fetching top dollars and the Williams Government were running surpluses, taxes and fees were slashed across the board, seniors were given discounts as much as 35% .Well its only fair to raise the hst ,reinstate fees which were cut out ,and allow everyone to share the load.

everyone contributes to bringing more revenue into the governments purse.

Share the load

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Tax yearly all granted land owners that have cabins,or charge them a a transportation tax,most of this granted land is on forest resource roads or of some highway that is maintained by the DOT or Dept of forestry. I am charged by my municipal govn.for my property,this is where i live.So if i got granted land i purchase from the crown for cabin purposes,i difinitely can pay a tax on the land.Some cabin owners got a permit to occupy,these cabins are remote and should not be taxed,this is not their land.

If NL got 100,000 pieces of granted land sold to the wealthy cabin owners,charge them \$300

100,000 x \$300.00 =\$ 30,000,000.00

granted land yearly tax or transportation tax

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Its so easy to find revenue with in gov. departments, start at the top and squeeze the big money out of the dept. heads. These high rollers are so comfortable in their jobs, not thinking about being cut or downsized or stream lined and so on. Eyes need to be opened, gov. needs to look hard and listen to the front line workers, just look at New Brunswicks lead by cutting senior public servants, adm"s, upper management, dept. heads do i need to go on you get the point. Stream line and combine departments thats how you generate revenue easy thing to do open your eyes.

Its important because it has worked before and will work again.

open your eyes

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There has never been a better time to invest in ag as right now. It creates real jobs in rural areas of our province. We are all worried about food security in this province and have an ageing farming sector. We need new young farmers in this province and we also need the ones we have to survive and prosper. Our government is very supportive of farmers in this province and we have been growing our food production as a result. Now is not the time to slow down this growth. When you look at ag compared to forestry we are putting a lot more money into the economy and not looking for huge bailouts all the time. We need to keep our farming base growing and we have a rare opportunity in this province to add new farm land and produce more of what we need. Our department of agrucliture has been very imporant in making this growth happen. We should be careful in cutting in a growing sector espically in something so imporant as food production.

In Newfoundland we have a unique oppournity to grow and improve food security. Investment in farming is the future. Its real jobs that benifit us all. It provides safe healthy food that we can all benifit from and can be proud of. In a everchanging world of extream weather and a crazy world economy i would rather have my food growing right here on the ROCK

Auction off surplus Government equipment	<p>In 2013 New Brunswick conducted a inventory of all Government Depts/Agencies and auctioned off surplus and additional equipment that was either collecting dust or in need of repair. Items like old ATV's, snowmobiles, canoes, trucks, fire equipment, trail bikes, boats, boat motors and much more were pooled together at the respective headquarter offices and then auctioned off to the public.</p>	<p>Inventory all equipment in Government. Any surplus items can be auctioned off to the public. A very simple and easy way to not only generate revenue but save money on needless repair costs. New Brunswick implemented this with ease and it assisted in the updating the general inventory of Gov offices.</p>	newfoundl 2016-02-25T11:15:59-04:30	4	4
Accounts receivables	<p>Take politics out of accounts receivables accounts arent being collected because of politicians</p>	increase revenue	Jdog 2016-02-25T13:30:35-04:30	5	2

Set The Price For Fossil Fuels At \$1.25 A Liter: When gas is below this amount government will make a higher profit from the sale of gas, propane and diesel fuels. If the price goes above the set amount simply raise the price; however, it never goes below the set amount of \$1.25/Liter. This may increase the cost of goods but if it does that will simply generate more revenue for government through taxation

Look To Other Jurisdictions: We don't need to reinvent the wheel. I am sure that we are not the only state/province/country or whatever to have a resource based economy that was in a slump and needed to be turned around. How did they do it? What worked or didn't work for them. If we can see what other governments have done in the past we can use what worked and take what didn't and learn from their mistakes.

I believe that by doing some or all of what I suggested the Provincial Government can start to turn around our economic situation and help start us down the road to a more prosperous future.

Look at new industries that are unique to our province. For example, Acadian sealants based out of Nova Scotia has revenues in excess of 40 million annually. Seaweed has numerous commercial uses from food, fertilizer, agar, etc. As well, advances in technology are unlocking new potentially huge sources of energy. Here is a headline based from the Netherlands....

Seaweed farm able to produce as much sustainable energy as wind turbines

Here is the link...<https://www.ecn.nl/news/item/seaweed-farm-able-to-produce-as-much-sustainable-energy-as-wind-turbines/>

Numerous studies have been done by researchers at Mun, contact them for viability regarding biomass of our coastline and suitability for farming.

A New industry done on the appropriate scale with sufficient funding may provide hundreds of new jobs and new revenues of millions for the province.

Seaplant industry

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Because the Newfoundland and Labrador Government are now experiencing considerable difficulties securing long term loans due to Muskrat Falls cost mismanagement.

In order to cover the excess costs from Muskrat Falls, my idea is for the Newfoundland and Labrador Government and Nalcor to impose a new surcharge called the "Muskrat Falls Surcharge" similar to Ontario Hydro One's "Debt Retirement Charge".

Like the "Debt Retirement Charge" in Ontario which was not properly managed, Newfoundland and Labrador's "Muskrat Falls Surcharge" will be applied strictly to Muskrat Falls until their outstanding debt relating to this project is below \$5 billion.

Once the Muskrat Falls project debt level is below \$5 billion, the surcharge will be removed and Nalcor will be banned from using other means to cover lost revenue from removing this surcharge.

This surcharge will be set at 1 cent per kilowatt hour for residents and non-profit

Imposing a Muskrat Falls Surcharge on our monthly power bills of 1 cent per kilowatt hour for residents and non-profit organizations up to \$10.00 per month and 2 cents per kilowatt hour for businesses up to \$20.00 per month will help cover the costs of Muskrat Falls until the project related debt levels are lower than \$5 billion.

Unlike the Ontario Hydro One "Debt Retirement Charge", all proceeds from the "Muskrat Falls Surcharge" must go directly to paying for the Muskrat Falls project.

This charge will also apply to customers from other provinces also using our power, particularly Nova Scotia.

Accidents are costly - drain on health care system, injury rehabilitation costs, accident scene investigations, and defending/paying for class action law suits like SOPAC's

Accidents are predominantly caused by human error - speeding, unsafe passing, recklessness, lack of respect for conditions (environmental as well as physical road conditions)

Reclaiming control of drivers is not only a money and life saver but a revenue generator - more violations prosecuted with higher penalties

Cost of Speeding

reduce speed limit on highway to 90 km/h (80 at night), increase enforcement and triple the penalties for moving violations.

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Increase income tax by amount federal tax has been reduced

I propose that the government increase the provincial income tax by the amount that the federal government has reduced the federal portion.

This idea would significantly increase revenue while having relatively little perceived impact, as people's take home salaries would remain the same as before the federal tax cut.

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Unpaid Fines	Sort out the problems with enforcement/licensing that have us in the ridiculous situation of having lots of unsafe vehicles and unlicensed drivers (with thousands of dollars in unpaid fines ... there's a revenue source) driving on our roads. Other provinces do not have this problem at the scale that it is here.	Have license plates belonging to the owner, not the vehicle. Have mandatory safety inspections on a regular basis for vehicles. This could increase revenue and make our roads safer.	puffin	2016-02-28T15:57:00-04:30	5	10
TAX THE CHURCH	Religion has been getting a free ride for far too long. I'm not religious, so it seems quite unfair to me that any religion should be tax exempt. How much public money has been spent in courts with regards to abuse at the hands of the church? Their leaders are draped in gold and silk and their followers dole out their savings so they can squander it. It's the 21st. century, there are as many atheist and agnostic people in the world now as there is religious people, it is time we are all treated equally!	This idea is important because no organization that has such a massive influence on the way we are governed and the way people live their lives should be tax exempt. Who knows how many millions this could bring in! If the church cares about its followers, it will be glad to help them in this time of need. We don't need prayers!	dtapper	2016-02-29T15:35:57-04:30	3	4
Beg Feds to forgive Equalization debt	As if we can afford to repay those loans, some 300 million. Beg Justin to write off this debt.	Because we can't afford to pay the loan back.	dtapper	2016-02-29T17:02:16-04:30	3	2

At the moment, tour boats for Witless Bay islands require a permit, which is free. They charge passengers \$50 and up. A \$5 fee per passenger would raise a lot of money. Someone in Tourism could do the math.

For both Witless Bay and Cape St Mary's, profit making companies should be expected to do a bit of profit sharing. Even the general public can take award winning photographs for prestige and money.

Entrance to Cape St Mary's is free. There's an Interpretation centre (with Interpreters - unlike the Parks) and a Gift Store. If nothing else, the 60 or so profit making Tour buses that visit each year should pay a per passenger fee.

At Mistaken Point Ecological Reserve, access is strictly limited (currently 12 or 25 once a day depending on the number of interpreters) and a reasonable fee (say\$40) might serve to discourage visitors with only a passing interest. A non-returnable deposit would also help as small groups often cancel at the last moment for perceived weather conditions, thus denying some on a tighter schedule from making a visit.

Mistaken Point, which is expected to achieve UNESCO World Heritage Site status this July is also free at present. Access is by guided tour only (4 hours in total) and numbers are strictly limited. The Burgess Shale, a comparable fossil site in BC charges \$70 full fee (of which part is non-refundable) and the hike takes 10 hours.

User fees for visits to ecological reserves

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Fairer treatment of oil and gas royalties
 Persuade the Feds to treat offshore royalties the same as onshore.

We will receive a substantially greater share.

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The province is losing a great deal of revenue in lost taxes, not only because of the low oil royalties, but from gasoline. We are all use to paying high prices at the pumps, so why not apply a "Gasoline debt surcharge" of say 25 cents per litre (regardless of the price of gasoline), if the price of oil remains below say \$60 per barrel (whatever the magic number is).. In order to make this fair, make it a law, so that when the price is stable above \$60 for 3 months, it comes off. Gas is at 89 cents a litre, I'd happily pay \$1.14 per litre is it means saving jobs, and services.. That 25 cents goes straight to the debt. DO NOT tax diesel! It is the way our food is shipped!. If you must, the most, maybe 10 cents per litre.

Say 80,000 vehicles consuming 20 litres average a day, at 20 cents a day, it would be 1.6 million litres that would have a average income at 20 cents (gas/diesel blended) \$400,000 a day or \$146,000,000 a year! Being legislated to be self-suspending should please the public, as a tax usually stays, this one will be suspended/cancelled once stable oil prices are reached again.

This idea isn't a tax per se, it is a surcharge that will be legislated to be removed once oil recovers past a certian point.. This is a very important idea, because it would increase gasoline to a level lower than what the public is used to over the past several years, but generating huge sums to cover operating expenses. Play with the numbers, perhaps it will generate another 3rd more. It may make the difference of hundreds of families losing jobs or services.

Gasoline debt reduction surcharge

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trucks and truck chassis	Tax anyone purchasing a truck or car on a truck body that is not for use in their work.	This is a smaller idea, I guess but it would not only generate revenue but reduce the number and popularity of these big vehicles that are not necessary for city driving and make driving /traffic more efficient	klib	2016-03-02T09:44:48-04:30	3	3
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More money for the fine arts and its artists - dance, writing, theatre, performance arts, circus, participatory visual art, painting, short films, and so forth.

Our Newfoundland and Labrador artists are the people in our community who spend their lives making work about who we are and what we should be - they explore our world and encourage us to be creative. They make us laugh and cry. They confuse us, sometimes with weird work or engage us with work that moves us. Either way, it helps us feel and grow. It is especially important in times of debt and depression that this kind of activity be fostered. It keeps us solid as a culture. As we have seen the areas of huge spending is health and medicine. I am talking about a miniscule amount of money to keep our culture being reflected to us, keep our culture innovative and active - creative. This helps us move forward. Even if you don't go to see work, there is so much spin off - the artists that become celebrity ambassadors on the mainland bringing respect and notice to our province, whether through national television or Stratford. These artists give us a strength a recognition on the national and international political stage - which we need more than ever at this time of debt and darkness. We need to care and nurture the artists back home who created the milieu and sense of confidence that allowed these others who are happy to

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With regard to the natural resources of Newfoundland and Labrador, I recommend that the provincial government negotiate a new arrangement with the federal government that ensures a greater revenue stream for the province, with the understanding that all revenue in excess of the current arrangement be put toward paying down the debt.

Once the debt is paid in full, with a reasonable buffer for future challenges, a new arrangement may be negotiated that is fair for both parties going forward.

I further recommend that the situation be reviewed jointly every three to five years and tweaked as necessary to ensure a speedy resolution to the situation.

Negotiate a new revenue-sharing agreement with the federal government

This will create revenue for the province that results from the sale of provincial natural resources and will be used solely for debt reduction, ensuring that it is, indeed, a solution to the current situation.

Given the federal government's stated understanding of the fiscal situation in the oil-producing provinces, I expect that they will be amenable to a reasonable negotiation for the specified purpose and with the understanding that it is a short term solution to be renegotiated in good faith when the debt has been cleared.

â€‹MR.PRIEMER,

times are bad i suggest you put another 2 cents on HST then add a new tax for the interm of at least 10 CENTS on top of what we are now paying for gas yes the people will cry but we all cried when gas was \$1.50 a few years ago we still drove and survived this will off set a big win fall of CASH something you dont current have.

â€‹REGARDS
TERRY BARNES

â€‹VERY IMPORTANT,

now you will have monies to put into programs and keep our PROVINCE alive.

â€‹REGARDS
MAYOR/HR.GRACE

HST/ TAX INCREASE ON
GAS

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Given the withdrawal of Zest and Habitant sweet mustard pickles from the market then time to strike when the iron (or cooking pot) is hot. Suggest Eastern Health run an overnight shift at Central Kitchen to produce the pickles and sell them through hospital gift shops. Production run would be limited to a select few months each year to keep demand and price up and minimize marketing costs.Private companies shouldn't object as they are withdrawing from the market.

Off the wall suggestion to stir up discussion and innovative thinking (along the lines of the Finance Minister's 30 % cost reduction but perhaps more palatable - literally and figuratively).

Pickles!!

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As most of us know, Corner Brook recently hosted the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games, a first time in Special Olympics Canada history that Newfoundland and Labrador has hosted a national level Special Olympics event.

Not only was this event historic for Newfoundland and Labrador, it also generated strong spectator turnout, strong community sport, and greater interest not only for Special Olympics movement in this province, but also for winter sports in general.

In light of this great success, Newfoundland and Labrador has potential to host future national and even international level Special Olympics or generic events in the future, including the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

However, Corner Brook will need a new stadium or large arena to attract future national or international level Special Olympics or generic events as the current Corner Brook Civic Centre main arena is not large enough to accommodate these events.

In light of Corner Brook's recent success with the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games, this city has potential to host not only the Special Olympics World Winter Games, but also other national or international level events, major concerts, or even major junior and minor professional hockey leagues.

A new stadium or arena will not only generate new taxpayer revenue, but will also make Corner Brook a destination for tourism as well as make Newfoundland and Labrador's economy less "Avalon Centric".

Let's build on this success from the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games, build a new arena, in Corner Brook, and have this Western Newfoundland city become a potential Special Olympics World Winter Games host.

When God create the universe he send a
massage to us

We all know is building a great economy is
nothing but a lie, however if we compare the
Canadian economy to some other countries
around the world our economy will rank first
on too many of them.

The province leaders trying to save money
which is a good idea but why we do not think
about ways to make money, and generate
profits from multiple resources...

Please follow up with me in these couple
points...

Please do not rate or comment without
understanding the main idea. Please and thank
you

Listen please... you Need money here are some
ways to Generate

Establish a new tax system for Alcohol sales
in 4 year term will generate 100 million dollars. Money making Ideas , Hope someone will
turn around and look it

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In Newfoundland we have an overpopulation of Moose and Coyotes, and they prove to be a nuisance here. both these animals can have many uses to profit from while at the same time having their populations controlled.

Moose could be harvested for meat, fur, leather, antlers, and bones. Moose are big animals with a lot of meat. The bones are often used to make decorations and souvenirs as well. Coyotes while smaller and not as useful can still earn us some cash. Coyotes could be harvested mainly for their fur, as they have very nice pelts. Coyote teeth can also be used to make special jewelry such as necklaces.

While it may not sound as appetising Coyotes could also be harvested for their meat. It could become a delectible oddity in our rich list of Newfoundland cuisine. We used to thrive off the cod fishery when they were abundant and arguably overpopulated, so why not cash in on other overpopulated species. Of course have quotas and monitor the industry to keep the animals at a sustainable population.

We have an overpopulation of Moose and Coyotes, and not enough drive for people to hunt them. However they are a vast rich resource to which we could benefit, and the ecosystem would benefit as well if we start to control these animals populations. This would also help put a dent in our food insecurity problem. We need to diversify our economy and this is a good way to us the resourcs around us

We have problems controlling our fishery as we do not enforce enough laws to keep illegal foreign vessels away. This causes them to take everything they can from our waters without regulation. A very strict 3 strike system should be integrated. The first strike should be a very steep fine, of either a couple million dollars or something like 10% the company's annual revenue. The second strike would be another fine and the entire catch on the ship. and the 3rd Strike could be the steep fine, the catch and the Vessel. We could be making money off steep fines, getting the catch to sell for ourselves and possibly the ships to do whatever with, whether it be resell it or scraping it. This would greatly reduce foreign illegal fishers. If foreign fishers want to fish here they should have to apply for a licence to do so which involves a certain percentage of the money made to go to the government. Newfoundland waters should be for Newfoundlanders mainly with people from other provinces having to pay to fish here and people from other countries having to pay even more. Newfoundland needs more control over our own fisheries.

This is very important to keep our fisheries alive and restore them to economic powerhouses for ourselves. There was a time our economy was rich just because of the fishery. This is not a reality anymore, and foreign trawlers are one of the biggest problems the fish stocks face. We need to deter foreign fishing vessels and take control of the fishery ourselves again. The federal government isn't going to do it for us, as it's easier and requires less energy for them to hand us welfare checks than to monitor and develop our economy.

3 strike system on foreign fishing boats

Tobacco is extremely bad for our health and harms not only the user but anyone around them from second hand smoking. Tobacco should be banned just like any other harmful drug. While the government may collect tax dollars from the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products, have you ever thought the tax dollars we lose from tobacco? I don't have any statistics but let's think about it logically for a second. We make tax money from sale of tobacco. Then we lose that money and possibly more in the healthcare system. The smokers eventually start getting health issues and need medical care. Now we start losing money as these smokers drain our healthcare funding, which in our province is not something that should be tolerated. We already have issues with an aging population draining our healthcare, we don't need smokers doing the same. The smokers also can't work as long and their lives are shortened. Think of the money that we could be generating by having smokers work longer. Plus they'll most likely just spend their money somewhere else. If smokers were to stop buying cigarettes they'd eventually have enough money to buy sports cars. However the majority of non smokers don't have sports

Tobacco drains the health of our population, yet hasn't been banned because of the illusion that we make money from it. However the money we make and more is lost in healthcare funding when smokers and second hand smokers start looking for treatment for their suffering bodies. It would be a major step into the future, making Newfoundland a leading example of how to make the world a better place, also gaining us a spot in history books as the first province to ban tobacco, and improve the health of our citizens. There's no real drawback to banning tobacco, just benefits

Send 50,000 of the residents to Ontario and
Calgary to live and workfor 3 years
And here you saved a lot of money.
50'000 people X 3 years X 30\$ aday X 365 days
a year = 1'642'500'000 \$
Now that's what I call saving ..
Let Ontario and Quebec or Alberta deal with
the situation...

And here your problem is fixed ..
Thanks for letting us participate in this great
opportunity.
Thank you

It save a lot of money, along the way .plus
people will have a 3 years live change ..
They might like it and stay there tho ,which
means more saving .

The great escape

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Newfoundland should consider developing
and selling a Conservation Stamp with hunting,
fishing, and trapping licences as a means to
raise additional revenue to support the
management of these industries. Providing a
Conservation Stamp at a fee could generate
hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue
annually.

(posted on behalf of Atlantic Salmon
Federation)

Generating new revenue to support
conservation programs would be more
effective than cutting conservation spending

Conservation Stamp

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Resident anglers in this province pay only \$20 a year for a salmon licence which allows them to fish approximately 300 scheduled salmon rivers throughout the province for up to four months each season. This undervalues the resource in this province. Increasing the salmon license fee could generate substantial new revenue to support future management initiatives.

Salmon licence fee increase

(posted on behalf of Atlantic Salmon Federation)

Generating new revenue to support conservation programs would be more effective than cutting conservation spending

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Resident trout anglers (about 66,000 of them annually) are not required to buy a trout licence. Even a basic fee of ten dollars could generate \$660,000 annually, and would allow for the collection of valuable information on trout stocks and trout fishing activities, which would be very useful for management of the resource.

Resident trout licences

(posted on behalf of Atlantic Salmon Federation)

Generating new revenue to support conservation programs would be more effective than cutting conservation spending

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Currently there are hundreds of thousands of dollars in outstanding fish and wildlife poaching fines that have not been paid. Putting in place measures to collect unpaid fines would provide substantial additional funding for provincial programs, while sending a strong message to those who might think they can get away with not paying fines.

Collect unpaid fish & wildlife fines

(posted on behalf of Atlantic Salmon Federation)

Generating new revenue to support conservation programs would be more effective than cutting conservation spending

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There are quite a few people out there that I'm sure are very capable of working, but decide to live the life of freebies.

An idea would be to perform assessments of these people to assess whether they are capable of working either full time or part time jobs. It doesn't mean that you have to cut their social assistance money, but rather decrease the amount they receive.

I understand that if they receive less, than they may resort to robberies, selling drugs, etc., and then it takes a toll on our justice system, but there may be a significant number of people that will realize that they have no other choice but to work. If they decide that they want to continue working, then you can possibly help them with some training, school, or a trade that they may become interested in.

I know there are a lot of people out there that would love to attend college or university, but the reality is, is that the majority can not afford it. including myself.

It helps to lower the amount that is paid in social assistance and it also helps people's well being which leads to better and healthier living.

Have daycare facilities at gov buildings for example the HSC. There are lots of shift workers and other workers who would benefit. Instead of having to take extra time to pick up and drop off their children they can do it all in one place - more efficient! Also, when other day cares close for weather, this daycare can stay open and allow people to still work and have somewhere for their children to be cared for while they work. Otherwise people end up taking leave they probably would not have. In addition the workers could have their daycare dollars going to gov.

Daycare at gov buildings including healthcare

Generates revenue, increases efficiency

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Danny Williams and his government several years back ,hired officers to protect out inland salmon,most times their only charge they get is a gentlemem on a quad without a helment crossing a road to get a load of firewood for his home. All kinds of money for wages and equipment(trucks,sidearms,rec.vechicals]buildi ngs to get a homeowner without a helment on,lets get real.All of rural NL is short on RCMP enforcement,why hot use these officers of the dept of justice to enforce DRUNK DRIVERS,especially on the weekends,i live in a small town and i am warning my children weekly,becareful walking there are drunk drivers everywhere. IF we are going to spend our money, lets clean up the issue of drunk driving,and collect some revenue in the process from these drivers

DEPT OF JUSTICE OFFICERS
TO CHARGE DRUNK
DRIVERS

MAKE A PROVINCE A BETTER PLACE,JUSTIFY
WHY WE GOT ALL THE DEPTMENTS IN OUR
GOVERMENT,GET RID OF DRUNK DRIVERS AND
COLLECT MORE REVENUE

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If there's one reason why this wonderful province is often the "Laughing Stock of Canada", its because cities and town councils across this province are implementing foolish laws which often lack common sense just to appease a company.

Let's take for example, Town of Gander's foolish rule which ban volunteers from supplying sandwiches at Gander Community Centre.

In fact, according to the CBC Newfoundland and Labrador website article entitled "'I will die on the sandwich hill': A hockey fight like no other in Gander", Mayor Claude Elliott and Gander Town Council implemented a rule banning volunteers from supplying sandwiches to hockey players at Gander Community Centre's "Hospitality Room" just to appease a catering company.

Not only does this rule lack common sense, it sends a message that towns like Gander are telling people what they can and cannot eat.

These foolish laws put wonderful Newfoundland and Labrador towns like Gander

Foolish laws like the "Sandwich Ban" at Gander Community Centre are putting this province in a negative light and making us the "Laughing Stock of Canada".

Besides, if volunteers want to provide sandwiches to Hockey players, especially the Gander Minor Hockey Association, its their business, not the Town of Gander.

Penalize Towns For
Implementing Foolish
Laws, Such As Gander's
"Sandwich Ban"

	Invest half of the amount of the median taxes collected per taxpayer in attracting new taxpayers to the province before December 31; taxes are collected by the province in which an individual resides on the last day of the year.					
Offer an Attractive Package to Relocate Taxpayers to NL from Other Provinces	Even should we pay for them to fly here with a contractual obligation to reside in the province for a period of time, we would nearly double our initial investment.	If we're not going to raise taxes, the next best thing is to bring in new taxpayers: it's critical to break down barriers to relocating to NL.	Nathanwh	2016-03-11T01:30:54-04:30	1	2
Estate Tax	There should be a 5% tax on estates of over a certain amount, say \$500,000.	The baby boom generation is the richest to ever exist in North America. They have benefitted the most from society and from the economy. The richest of those individuals should contribute an extra share to solve our fiscal problems.	Binky	2016-03-14T14:18:34-03:30	1	1
Tax Lottery Winnings	Lottery winnings over a certain minimum amount should be taxed 5%.	This is windfall money for the person who wins. It's fair to require them to contribute some of this towards the public good through this tax which will help solve the fiscal crisis.	Binky	2016-03-14T14:20:00-03:30	1	1

I realize that forming a lottery is a lot of work, but I also know that Newfoundlanders spend more per capita than any other province on lottery tickets. I know that most people are discouraged that so many winners are in Ontario and West.

I believe that if we were to establish our own 50/50 lottery where even if the winning prize was only \$100.000 or so weekly, that would mean that same amount is going to our government each week for investment within our own province.

Not to mention the fact the the winners will also be supporting the province by spending their winnings in NL.

Just a thought.

It raises funds for individuals and the province.

NL should have it's own lottery.

Thank you.

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increase the HST ; Government may wish to consider the NS Premier's recent musings about a pan-Atlantic HST rate of 15% as an excuse to raise it 2 points. Consumption taxes are the fairest taxes. You literally only pay for what you buy/use.

increase ferry fees to something approaching cost-recovery ;

legalise marijuana ; this is an untapped gold mine;

luxury tax ; a higher sales tax rate should be considered for luxury items, including high-end clothing and jewelry, luxury automobiles, and other status purchases;

sin tax ; a higher sales tax rate should be considered for food and other goods which are known to be contrary to public health and wellness objectives, such as "junk food" and drinks;

casino ; this could be an economic and tourism driver;

Per above

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There are sources of funding, related to business and the environment, which Newfoundland and Labrador has been ineffective in securing. Whether it be through SDTC, NSERC, federal clean technology programs, the Green Municipal Fund, etc. local uptake is low and the province is missing out on significant sources of outside funding which could benefit the environment and the economy through investment in local firms, or in municipalities and their infrastructure needs. The government should dedicate resources to proactively identify funding sources and match them with local applicants or projects. With a new federal interest in reducing the nation's contribution to climate change (and doing so through supporting green technology), enormous funding opportunities are emerging which Newfoundland and Labrador stakeholders must be prepared to aggressively pursue.

Enormous funding opportunities in the green economy space are emerging which Newfoundland and Labrador stakeholders must be prepared to aggressively pursue.

Leverage federal funds wherever possible

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Blessed with vast ocean seascapes, an abundance of fresh flowing water, copious amounts of wind, and other resources, there are significant opportunities for renewable energy developments throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Current rules prohibit the generation and sale of electricity outside of NL Hydro and Newfoundland Power. This forces firms with renewable energy interests to grow their businesses outside of the province, and prevents investment from outside. Government must take full advantage of the impending Maritime Link and allow for the generation of clean energy to be sold domestically or in to other jurisdictions.

Additionally, in other jurisdictions, industry has the capability to reduce their costs by generating their own renewable energy. Businesses in Newfoundland and Labrador, who are unable to engage in such activities, are operating at a competitive disadvantage.

By discouraging renewable energy production, we are ignoring substantial renewable natural resource opportunities, forcing innovative entrepreneurs and businesses to leave the province, and putting our industries at a competitive disadvantage.

Support renewable energy production.

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Introduce community economic development investment funds.

Community economic development investment funds (CEDIFs) are pools of capital which are raised from individuals within a community to operate or invest in a local business. Any individual or group can form a working group to investigate the possibility of starting a CEDIF in their community. Many individuals are investing in stock market holdings, RRSPs, GICs, Canada Savings Bonds, savings accounts, etc. While all can earn a return, these investments are all likely taking place outside of Newfoundland and Labrador. CEDIFs are designed to channel funds into productive investment within the communities of the investors, which would provide an important source of capital for many local businesses. While this is not necessarily a revenue generating opportunity for the province, it is an economic development tool that can be used to strengthen its municipalities and communities

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Carbon pricing is considered by economists to be the most efficient way to reduce industrial carbon emissions, forcing polluters and their consumers to pay while rewarding those investing in more sustainable solutions. A carbon pricing system could provide government with a new source of revenue which can be used to fund new sustainable projects and infrastructure.

A carbon pricing system could provide government with a new source of revenue which can be used to fund new sustainable projects and infrastructure.

Put a price on carbon.

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Health Care Sector

\$3,071.5

38%

General Government Sector and
Legislative Branch

\$968.2

12%

Education Sector

\$892.4

11%

Am I correct? only 10% of our taxes go to the
Social Sector....is that us?

LOOK!!

Omg

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A better and bolder idea than a simple provincial lottery is a one time billion dollar lotto. The province backs the prize (and borrows as needed) and hires a top tier IT firm (or bank perhaps) off the island to handle the fault tolerant, DDOS (distributed denial of service, hacking) protected web site and process millions of credit/debit card, Interac, Paypal and Western Union transactions. All sales are via the internet. Given the ridiculous size of the jackpot, the entire world would notice. It would make the craziness over the January 2016, \$656 million Powerball lottery seem tame. The province could make a billion in profit on a single lottery. Massive publicity would be automatic and guaranteed because of the gigantic, unprecedented size of a state backed lottery with guaranteed 100% payout (not yearly). Who wouldn't want a crack at being an instant billionaire? The biggest advantage over local lotteries is that it would be bringing in external funds to the province rather than just taxing the local population. All it takes is guts and planning.

It would be bring in external funds to the province rather than just taxing the local population.

Most people are familiar with lotteries and the benefits derives from sucking the life blood from ordinary people. It's due time to create a lottery aimed at the more affluent.

This province has a large number of islands with ferry services and rather than being assets, these islands represent liabilities. That situation can be reversed by a program to pass title to those who can afford it.

Let's start an Oceanfront Plottery, a lottery whereby wealthy individuals in need of a remote island can enter a draw to have a peice of paradise. The present residents can be relocated or otherwise free to seek caretaker employment with the new owner. This program would get our province out of the ferry business and into the cherry picking business. Bell Island would be a good place to start (it's not Paradise but it's next to it).

This idea would rid us of a liability. At the same time it would bring in those who can afford to contribute to our province without compromising the lives of the simple folk living on Newfoundland Island.

While Nova Scotia Power and Emera will receive electricity from Nalcor via the Muskrat Falls Project, the Nova Scotia Government and Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board are now doing something revolutionary, allowing new players and competition in that province's electricity market.

In fact, the Nova Scotia Government will soon allow new players to sell their power to consumers, particularly from renewable energy sources, giving consumers more choice and options.

This move is similar to the Nova Scotia Government allowing new players in the local phone market during the late 1990s when Eastlink entered the market, and competing against major phone companies like Maritime Telephone and Telegraph (MT T) whom are now known as Bell Aliant.

Under Nova Scotia's plan to allow competition in the power distribution market, competitors will be allowed to sell power to consumers, but have to use Nova Scotia Power and Emera's grid.

To make Newfoundland and Labrador's electrical system competitive with Nova Scotia, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government should allow renewable energy producers to produce and sell power to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians on a stipulation that they use Newfoundland Power or Nalcor's power grid and pay annual user fees to them.

Allowing renewable energy competitors to produce and sell power to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will not only create jobs, reduce our carbon footprint, and lower power rates for consumers, but Nalcor and Newfoundland Power will also make money as a result of tariff and user fees as competitors will have to use their lines.

That way, we won't have to pay 19 cents per kilowatt hour once Muskrat Falls comes in line.

Open a dialog to discuss user fees for medical appointments...just for those who can afford it. The revenue generated would offset the ever ballooning demands on our health Care System, (aging baby boomers, more apointments, tests, etc). recoup an amount relative to the increased demands on doctors, emergency rooms, labs, etc...not to mention being able to stave off more cuts and hire more doctors and specialists. It's done quite successfully in many European countries and we need to take a long hard look at its merits. Medicare, as it exists, is no longer sustainable. Did I mention this idea would raise millions of much needed dollars? Estimates between 40 and 60 million based on our billion plus health care budget

It will cut down on abuses in the system as well as giving ER doctors shorter work shifts(some are as long as 24 hours at the present), due to the ability to afford hiring of more doctors and support staff.

On April 1, 2016, "Department of Advanced Education and Skills" and its Minister, Gerry Byrne, made a bad decision to get rid of a very important job search resource, "Jobs In NL" website.

This website enabled Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to search for jobs online.

Because you need to advertise job postings in order to attract perspective employees, getting rid of this valuable resource will make it more difficult for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to search for jobs.

Another consequence of "Department of Advanced Education and Skills" move to remove this valuable online job search resource is that you won't get people applying for jobs, resulting in less much needed tax revenue for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians as well as attract people to this province.

To provide additional job search resources to help Newfoundlanders and Labradorians get employed and generate much needed tax revenue, "Department of Advanced Education and Skills" should do the smart thing and bring back the "Jobs In NL" website.

In an effort to provide a much needed and reliable job search resource that you won't always get with Service Canada's counterpart, Gerry Byrne and the "Department of Advanced

Education and Skills" should do the smart thing and bring back the "Jobs In NL" website. It ok to cut costs, but its never ok to get rid of resources needed to help people get a job.

Bring Back "Jobs In NL" Website

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In the States, Vanity license tags are offered by the Dept of Motor Vehicles at an extra charge to the motorist. This produces extra revenue for the State.

Our Province needs innovative, new revenue streams from ideas that are not currently in use...

Vanity Tags for Vehicles

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Assets Considered for Entering Nursing Home System	New asset rules need to be applied to those entering nursing home care before a person can be eligible for Provincial subsidies towards the cost. This is only fair to the remaining tax payers of the Province and will help close the budget gap.	This is a major money saving idea for the Province as we have an aging population. Rural Newfoundland is littered with empty property from seniors entering nursing home care. The States has fair rules regarding the sale of assets to reduce the costs for nursing home care. Newfoundland is way behind the times on this issue. I would be glad to provide more details if the Provincial Government is interested.	DavidWSol 2016-04-11T09:48:51-03:30	2.333333333	3
Bottle our air and sell it to polluted urban areas	There are people in certain urban areas right now who make a killing selling fresh air at what they call "oxygen bars". What these people do is incredibly simple, and with our low levels of pollution, we could do it too.	It's pretty much free money.	Thatguywii 2016-04-14T10:15:38-03:30	5	1

Increases taxes on large pickup trucks and SUVs bought for personal/recreation (businesses exempt). Could be based on rated mileage or engine size.

Levy large homes. There is no need for families of four or less to have homes with a square footage bigger than 2800 sq ft or so. Will also decrease demand on the electrical grid.

Junk food tax. Will decrease burden on health care. Will increase productivity and well-being of citizens.

Government Departments need to establish strategic plans. I worked in Gov for seven years and nobody knew what we were doing, or why.

The budget came down on every citizen, and it is debatable whether it treats everyone fairly. Hard working, thrifty, future-minded people are lumped in with people who neglect to prepare for the future.

Luxury taxes need to be imposed on those who choose to waste their money on unnecessary purchases such as vehicles that are built to go faster than any legal speed limit, food with no nutritional value, or luxurious homes that waste resources.

During the 2016 Provincial Budget, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government imposed a new tax that disproportionately punishes low income earners while rich Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are relatively spared.

To put it in perspective, a person earning \$30,000 per year has to pay a \$300 Deficit Reduction Levy, which amounts to a whopping 1% of their annual gross income.

However, those earning more than \$200,000 per year will be slapped with just a \$900 Deficit Reduction Levy, meaning that the more you earn after the \$200,000 cap, the less you pay percentage wise.

For example, if someone earns \$1,000,000 per year, the \$900 per year Deficit Reduction Levy, which is only .09% of their gross income.

See the problem there.

To make the surtax and levies more proportionately, the Deficit Reduction Levy should be eliminated and replaced with a surtax.

Replacing the regressive and disproportionately punishing tax against low income Newfoundlanders and Labradorians like the "Deficit Reduction Levy" with a "Luxury Surtax" will ensure that rich Newfoundlanders and Labradorians pay their fair share.

Besides, when your government forces low and middle income earners to pay up to 1.5% of their annual gross income on the Deficit Reduction Levy while rich Newfoundlanders and Labradorians well less than .5% of their annual gross income, you know that something is wrong.

Abolish the "Deficit Reduction Levy" and Replace With "Luxury Surtax"

On June 2, 2016, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will pay Canada's highest fuel taxes as the Gasoline Tax will increase from 16.5 per litre plus HST to a whopping 33 cents per litre plus HST.

Now only will this "steroid like" tax increase potentially kill the much needed tourism industry, especially in Western Newfoundland as well as Labrador, it will increase transportation costs for everyone.

Just as athlete using performance enhancing drugs will have short term performance gains but experience long term harm to their health, the same thing will happen to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians as suddenly increasing taxes will result in short term revenue gains but long term economic and revenue losses.

To protect the Newfoundland and Labrador economy, especially the tourism industry, the gasoline tax hikes should be reversed or increased to more manageable level like 5 cents per litre plus HST, and not 16.5 cents per litre plus HST.

If the fuel tax hike from 16.5 cents per litre to a whopping 33 cents per litre goes ahead, the Newfoundland and Labrador economy will be hard hit, especially the Tourism Sector which much needed in Western Newfoundland.

Reverse The Gasoline Tax
Hike

Newfoundland has one of the highest rates of obesity in Canada, and unhealthy lifestyle choices cost the public healthcare system millions of dollars a year. A tax on unhealthy foods (anything with a high amount of sugar, sodium or fat) would generate revenue while encouraging people to eat healthier. The revenue could be put back into subsidizing healthy fruit and vegetables, further leading to healthcare savings. Or the revenue could be used to pay down the debt.

Many countries have put in place a sugar tax and Newfoundland can learn from their experience
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soda_tax

This would be in the best interest of Newfoundlanders and create cost savings. It would require a public awareness campaign with healthy recipe ideas and cost comparisons.

People are getting sick and dying of diabetes, heart attack, stroke and many other diseases caused by obesity and poor eating. People would benefit from having the motivation to eat healthier. It would also save money on healthcare and be a new revenue source.

Raise income tax by 1% that way families making ~50k a year pay roughly what they would for a levy, whilst fairly taxing the rich.

By raising the income tax by 1% we could make it easier on the struggling families across Newfoundland while yet fairly taxing the higher income population.

By raising income tax by a percentage instead of a dollar amount it scales up more evenly for everyone. This would make it easier on families who are in need of financial assistance yet generating good income evenly across the the salary range.

Raise Income Tax

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New CEO of Nalcor. Stan Marshall. A smart move in the right direction. One positive first step for all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Let's hope this is just the beginning of many more smart moves in the right direction free from wasteful Management processes and expenditures. Next step, all Managers, Leaders of Nalcor under previous CEO Ed Martin need to go and they should leave now without the large send away packages. For too long such leadership has been wasteful, living high off the backs of the tax payers in this province. It's hard to change the routine of wasteful. It's easier to start new with fresh direction.

Let's take a look at some examples I've heard reports off. Churchill Falls, Nalcor builds new home for this persons living requirements, costing company or should we say the tax payer over half a million dollars prior to taking on the Management position in Churchill Falls.

What was wrong with the home of the previous manager? Let's continue. All employees at Churchill Falls basically live free of charge. That's right they pay a very small living allowance. Let's not forget the fully paid by the company trips out of Churchill Falls to

To reduce the continued tax burden on the average worker, taxpayer of this province. Wasteful as to stop. We are tired of covering the cost of wasteful while many live well and high off our hard earned dollars.

Nalcor - clean up the mis-management and wasteful within this company now

A good deed from former Nalcor board?	With the gross overruns and severance packages associated with Nalcor, especially with nothing to show for it, would any of the former members of the board be willing to donate a large portion of their severance to the Janeway to be put towards stickers and snacks for our most vulnerable population?	The cost overruns associated with Muskrat Falls is a part of what sees us in this fiscal mess. A small amount of good may still come out of this if the former Nalcor board puts their severance into snacks and stickers for our sick children. This small deed can go an awful long way to making a mends.	Geo	2016-04-22T07:20:50-03:30	0	0
Make Newfoundland a stopover between Europe and North America	Icelandair is very successful at making Iceland a stopover between Europe and North America. Tourists can get two vacations for not much extra cost, and Iceland can generate huge tourist dollars. Newfoundland is already on the air route between the two continents, planes just don't land here. If a deal could be worked out with airlines, so that their costs of landing and stay in Newfoundland were covered, we could have a way to generate tourist dollars and get repeat tourist customers.	Tourism is an important source of revenue, a way to diversify the economy away from natural resources.	Shayward	2016-04-25T12:42:41-03:30	0	0

The levy, the gasoline tax, as other taxes and increases will hit the mid class families, there is no doubt. Do they ever think about the mid class families? The citizen working hard to make ends meet at the end of the month.

The only way to increase the purchasing power of every citizen it's to decrease the income tax and abolish the levy, and encourage the start-up and development of new businesses by lowering the corporate taxes as well.

If there is no purchasing power => no money is spent => no HST for the government => no incomes for private businesses => no corporate taxes => layoffs => no more private companies...

No levy for poor and mid-class families

Decrease the income tax and make it fair, by percentage on every salary. Ex. 30% of the income tax with no distinction of salaries, poor, mid class and rich

It's the only way to encourage the economic growth of the province and also contribute in the demographic growth of the province. This will also encourage other companies from outside of the province to establish in NL.

Increase the purchasing power of every citizen

Decrease the corporate tax and make it by

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Build a bridge
Newfoundland to
Labrador

Build a bridge from the west coast to
Labrador and set a fee for every car or truck or
bus that uses it. This will connect our beautiful
island to the mainland which will increase the
traffic and bring more tourists and in that way
avoid to pay ferry fees but pay for the use of
the bridge.

This will attract more tourists and also help
developping the Labrador and the west coast
of the province as well as the central. Do you
know how many cars and trucks will pass
through the province to reach St. John's?

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Facts are that the overwhelming percentages of us that are employed receive pay for time worked. If I do not work the result equals I do not receive income. Teachers are away from their jobs for at least 3 months of the year. The months I speak of are the summer months while schools are closed. These 3 months don't include the many other holidays, PA, PD days. Believe me, count them up and you'll find the total hitting close to 4 months or more. I know as I've heard it many times that Teaching is a very stressful and demanding position. I can honestly state from experience that there are many other positions much more demanding and stressful than Teaching positions.

What do I propose? That Teachers like every other hard working individual be considered unemployed if they are not working. I know, this would create much added strain on our already tapped out unemployment system. Instead of unemployment, reduce their income to 60% or even 70% throughout summer months/not working. If there is anyone out there that as the numbers of what this would actually save us in revenue it would be greatly appreciated if you could post here. Maybe if

This would result in huge revenue savings without any job loss. People working spend money. Lead by example, clean up your backyard first would result in the average hard working tax having a little more respect in our government and the way they manage this province.

Teachers - not working -
reduce pay.

The government of Newfoundland has taken on an extreme amount of debt and risk with the Muskrat Falls Project. It is too late to cancel the project now, but the risk and debt could be minimized by selling shares in Nalcor on the private market. This income could be used to finance Muskrat Falls, taking pressure of NL taxpayers. The downside is profits would go to these shareholders when the project starts making money. However we have to look at the damage this budget is doing to the province, and whether there will be a province left by the time Muskrat Falls starts generating income.

Muskrat Falls debt is a large reason why the government has had to take such awful measures to collect revenue and reduce spending. Spreading out the risk and financing Muskrat Falls with private investment will help the province ride out this tough time without destroying our society.

Sell Shares in Nalcor

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The idea that any government stance on gambling has any effect on personal choices of gambling is archaic. If people want to gamble then they are; either on-line or Casino's elsewhere. Most major cities in Canada have Casino's and benefit from them. It is just not reality to suppose that the province can impose some sort of moral anti-gambling restriction.

Is it more moral to say that a person has to gamble on-line and send their money to overseas hidden bank accounts that pay no taxes to NL ... or, gamble at a NL casino that pays taxes and also provides direct revenue to the province. It isn't the role of the province to stop people from gambling. Indeed the province can't stop people from gambling because they just do it on-line or at game machines in pubs. Give someone who gambles the option of benefitting NL.

Use the money meaningfully for things that will have a long-term benefit for all of Newfoundland like; infrastructure or off-setting the loan costs of Muskrat Falls.

A provincially run Casino would be a consistent revenue producer, attract tourists, and get more vibrancy into downtown St. John's. More money from tourists and cruise visitors will stay here.

Apply the money to key items that last and contribute to all the province like infrastructure improvement or deficit repayment... not sports programs or anything without a long-lasting benefit to all.

Build casino in St. Johns

Revenues are significant. A Casino also is an

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Are we all not considered equals in this province? If so, we should ALL be treated that way. The only solution this Liberal government could find quickly to help address the debt issue in this province is Tax, tax, tax and more tax. Second solution will be job cuts and more job cuts. Majority share of this tax and job cuts will come from low to mid income earners. That's already clear in the tax levy. We will be left with the Rich and the out of work poor people. Who do you think makes the decisions on what taxes we pay, how much we pay and what jobs are cut? It's the Politicians, Directors, Manager's. Do you really believe a Politician, Director, Manager is going to lay his or herself off or consider reducing their income or take a pay cut to help reduce the number of job losses within the low to mid income earners group?

These decision makers are not Leaders as true Leaders lead by example. Real Leaders would find efficiencies, reduce waste, redundancies, and effectively improve operations before taking more from the hard working individual in the form of taxes and putting people out of work. To date this Liberal government as displayed no forms of

Increase revenue overall, decrease tax burden, clean up waste and mismanagement and gain the respect of the average tax payer in this province. Respect goes a long way.

Time to get Down and Dirty

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