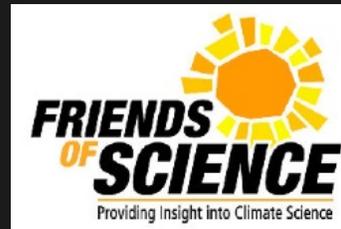


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Ecofiscal Carbon Tax Claims are Wrong

(CALGARY) Ecofiscal Commission is misleading the public with false information on carbon taxes, says Friends of Science. The recent Ecofiscal report “Bridging the Gap” falsely claims carbon taxes drive greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions, [disproven by research in Norway](#) which showed carbon taxes had only a miniscule 2% reduction effect.

Likewise, Ecofiscal claims that regulations might need to be imposed to reach targets. According to [“Canada’s Carbon Taxation: It’s Worse Than Thought.”](#) a comprehensive report by former public servant and diplomat, [Robert Lyman](#), Canada already has some 600 GHG regulations/incentives. These regulations are a tremendous burden on the economy which have never been audited for effectiveness.

Lyman’s report [“The 85 Million Tonne Obsession”](#) reveals that present Canadian fuel taxes already reach \$192/t carbon tax equivalent. Lyman writes:

“As context, in 2016, 15.6 million Canadians commuted back and forth from home to work. After five decades of governmental efforts to discourage commuting by personal vehicle, the percentage of working Canadians commuting by car has fallen from 80.7 to 79.5 per cent. In other words, regardless of what government planners, transit commissions and environmentalists may prefer, the average citizen is voting for personal vehicles.”

Friends of Science Society has issued several reports rebutting Ecofiscal Commission and others’ persistent view of Canada as some urban metropolis where public transit or smart cars meet public needs. In reality, Canada’s vast, cold distances and sectors of energy, resources and agriculture require substantial energy.

Carbon taxes in Canada now sit at \$30/t, the global average is \$8/t and China’s carbon tax is \$2/t while our largest trading partner, the United States, is \$0/t – no carbon tax. This differential creates a hopeless disadvantage to Canadian industry and a burden on consumers for no environmental or climate change benefit.

In a [four-part series](#) on the Pan-Canadian Expert Collaboration by retired banker and energy critic, Parker Gallant, the intricate network of parties pushing carbon taxes are revealed – and they are funded by tax-subsidized charities. Gallant writes:

“The “[Ecofiscal] Commission” demonstrates a strong bias in presenting “myths” about carbon taxes while presenting only facts to support the myths but not the tax. It appears the “Commission” or Lourie used their/his influence to get other charitable foundations to fund Ecofiscal as noted in an [earlier article](#).”

The absurd figure of a \$210/t carbon tax proposed by Ecofiscal would destroy the Canadian economy and only serve carbon trading markets while turning Canadians into carbon serfs. Such figures are based on the same faulty scientific and economic premises of the IPCC report of Oct 2018, rebutted by Friends of Science in [“Faulty Premises=Poor Public Policy on Climate.”](#)

[“Faulty Premises”](#) Video

[“Let them eat carbon”](#) disputes the faulty scientific and economic premises of Ecofiscal’s “Clearing the Air...” report.

[“Let Them Eat Carbon”](#) video

[“Carbon Kleptomania”](#) disputes the carbon fee and dividend proposal of the Canadians for Clean Prosperity report.

[“Carbon Kleptomania”](#) video

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Additional Resources:

Prof. Ross McKittrick [“The Pause in Global Warming: Climate Policy Implications”](#) (2014)

McKittrick on Climate Change – [Playlist of 14 short videos explaining carbon taxes](#)

McKittrick on Climate Change – [Layman’s Guide to Social Costs of Carbon](#)

[“Just the Facts on Carbon Tax”](#) Twelve Facts to Rebut Ecofiscal Canada’s Ten Myths

[“Just the Facts”](#) video

[“CHECKSTOP: Challenging the Canadian Federal Government’s Carbon Pollution Pricing System Results Report”](#)

About:

Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 17th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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