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Brothers and Sisters

The last few months have been active in the politic forum. Provincially, Federally. And nationally,

Provincially the NDP is currently having public hearings on electoral boundaries in Alberta, which I will be attending. The Calgary public hearing is on February 21st at 9 am, 1, pm and 7 pm I will be attending the 7,pm Hearing,

I think this is important to give this independent commission some input into where the boundaries should or should not be to make sure that each constituency has equal representation of all Albertans of all walks of life.

I have also submitted my name for the telephone town hall discussions on the next Alberta budget set for Jan 31st I highly recommend anyone wanting to know more about the governments plans for thee future sign up and supply your feed back. The government is getting some kickback from Albertans on the public consultations that turned out to be invite only but I had no problem signing up for the telephone consultation and the results will be in my next report

Of course we can't forget about the recently introduced carbon tax there has been lots of negative responses to it but here are a few positives! All the money collected will be redistributed in Alberta for green alternatives, rebates, and to help small business and Albertans become greener, the government has reduced the small business tax from 3% to 2%

B.C has had a carbon tax since 2008, and since then carbon emissions have dropped 17% fossil fuel consumption has dropped 12%. The best thing I feel about the carbon tax is that the government has passed a law

that all the money that is brought in cannot go into general revenues and is actually being used for what it is meant for.

The Alberta PCs are in a leadership race right now with Jason Kenney and his unite the right campaign, Richard Starke who wants to start collaboration with the wildrose to topple the NDP

There is also Brian Jean of the Wildrose who just recently said if the PCs come into the wildrose he will step down as leader and run as leader in the newly formed party.

So far not one of these politicians have said what there policy's are, what there plans for Alberta are, how to get people back to work, how to reduce the deficit (that they built) its just been al about I want to be boss?

Federally we have a 14 person race to run the PC, s the two top candidates that are getting the most press and best contenders are Kevin O'Leary and Kellie Leitch this is very worrisome as Mr. O'Leary said in September 2011 on the O'Leary Lang report when they were discussing whether the government should force Air Canada workers back to work and he stated " make me prime minister for 15 minutes and I will make unions illegal and anyone in a union will be thrown in jail" when doing his press tour after his official announcement he was asked about his social policy's, his answer and I quote I will hire people to do that I don't care about that I want to fire Trudeau and get the economy growing? Do we want a prime minister who doesn't care about social programs or for that matter the people of Canada but just wants to make money?

The other federal candidate is Kellie Leitch who wants to "test immigrants entering Canada to see if the have "Canadian values" specifically targeting immigrants of middle eastern countries and Muslim's,

She is very pro trump and is running her campaign the same way he did? Screening people immigrating to Canada is a good idea but should be done fairly, consistently, and the same rules apply to everyone coming to Canada not just certain groups and religions.

Prime minister Trudeau has been on a cross Canada tour doing town halls and he has been getting a lot of pushback and missteps along the way at a town hall in Quebec he answered a question asked in English in French and when asked about it later he replied I have great respect for all minority languages, my question is when did English become a minority language in an officially bilingual country?

For this he has three official complaints filed against him with the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada

The ethics commission is also investigating Mr. Trudeau regarding his Christmas vacation on a private island with the AGA Kahn who received 85 million dollars from Canadian taxpayers

I would like to discuss the recent election of Donald trump as president of the United States.

Regardless of what people think of him he is the president for the next four years and his decisions can greatly affect Canada.

In his first week he has approved the TransCanada pipeline, killed the transpacific partnership and wants to renegotiate NAFTA these all can benefit Canada but it is to early yet. I will have more information in my next report.

In closing I would like to say I am not hear to convince you to support any certain politician or party but I do ask whoever you support find out what they have done for Alberta, for families, for employment and unions

Thank you I move my report