

Constituency Office,
North Okanagan/Shuswap Riding
Vernon, B.C.

(UNDATED)

Dear Constituents,

Inasmuch as I have failed to honour one or more of the promises I made in order to secure your vote in the last election, viz; to fully and actively support both the Constitutional Money proposal and the introduction of a 'No-exclusion' Financial Transaction Tax (NFTT) and/or to provide you with a regular monthly report of my attendance and voting records, I hereby resign with immediate effect.

I take this action in full awareness of the legal ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada that once elected I am accountable only to parliament. However, I am prompted in this decision by strongly-held ethical and moral beliefs that I hold to be above any legal interpretation of my parliamentary responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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(Name)
Member of Parliament
North Okanagan/Shuswap

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

Of the following requirements we hold the first four to be imperative: candidates must be totally independent of party affiliations; they must agree to sign an undated letter of resignation; they must be strongly committed to the promotion and support of both debt-free Constitutional Money and the No-Exclusion Financial Transaction Tax.

As for some of the remaining suggested requirements, one might wonder why voters have for so many generations allowed elected MLAs and MPs to operate with so little real accountability except at election time. Our present system is absurd to the point of stupidity and it's surely time for change.

COGs are not suggesting that candidates for federal or provincial office must agree to initiate and support *every one* of the following proposals, but we do believe that the electorate have a right to expect candidates to demonstrate altruism; a concern for others as a principle of action that strives to ensure both honesty and integrity in those who wish to hold public office and in whom we place our trust.

1. FREE OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATIONS.

The public have grown tired of the 'two major parties' game. Many now see through it and realise that it really doesn't matter which party you vote for, both are owned by Big Money; the international bankers who fund party campaigns and decide their policies when elected. Party promises are worthless – why do we keep falling for them?

The carnival hoop-la that precedes US elections may be more blatant than others, but in Canada, as in every other country, the process is an expensive con game and we've had enough!

Of all our concerns, the greatest by far is this; no party is going to allow a serving member to suggest a corrective change in a debt-money system that has provided such wealth and power to the Few, while reducing the 99% to poverty. *Any promise to the contrary from a representative of any recognised party is totally worthless.*

If in the next round of elections we don't vote for candidates who are independent and totally responsible to their *electorate* rather than a puppet 'party leader', we shall be waving a final farewell to any form of democracy. *It's that serious.*

2. UNDATED LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

No prospective candidate for either federal or provincial office should offer themselves for election unless they are willing - *prior to launching their campaign* - to provide the

local electorate with a written, signed and witnessed list of the legislation they intend to initiate, promote or support if successfully elected.

This should be accompanied by a signed and witnessed – but UNDATED – Letter of Resignation, acknowledging their lack of ability or willingness to deliver on such pre-election promise(s) within six months of taking their seat.

A suggested format for this letter will be found below. [\(Link?\)](#)

3. SUPPORTIVE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL DEBT- FREE MONEY SYSTEM.

This subject is dealt with in more depth as a response to Question 1 on our Home Page. [\(Link?\)](#)

In essence, it's very simple:

Our *Constitution* calls for our elected parliament to create the money of our nation but the *Bank of Canada Act* relinquishes that responsibility in favour of a *private* bank over which Parliament has virtually no control. Canadians own all the *shares* of the Bank of Canada but neither our Finance Minister – nor any other *elected* official – has a place on the Board of Directors.

As a result, Canada's federal government *borrow money at interest* that they have the sole right to *create interest-free*. They do that by selling Canadian Government bonds on the international market through an exclusive 'consortium' of unrevealed investment banks and are required to pay compound interest to the bond holders at rates totally dictated by the money merchants. It's a process that by 2011 cost Canadians **\$160 million a day** (\$60 billion a year) in compounding interest charges – and that's on the federal government's debt alone!

Had our federal government continued to create the nation's money at near-zero interest – a practice that saved us from total bankruptcy in the Dirty Thirties and financed the horrendous cost of WWII at the end of that decade – Canada would today possess one of the richest and strongest economies in the world instead of one close to collapsing from an unnecessary and un-constitutional debt-load.

The fact is, ill-informed or corrupted senior bureaucrats and politicians have over the years allowed private bankers to hijack our money system. We've been paying the cost of their infamy for generations and are now rapidly nearing the end-game.

4. A NO-EXCLUSION FINANCIAL TRANSACTION TAX (NFTT)

This subject is dealt with in more depth as a response to Question 2 on our Home Page. [\(Link?\)](#) but, in summary, NFTT is intended to break the stranglehold that unnecessary taxation has upon us, our businesses and upon every level of our government.

The facts, briefly are these:

- a) Contrary to public belief, our taxes are not there for the purpose of funding public construction, such as highways, hospitals, universities and libraries, public programs such as health care or even to fund the cancerous growth of wasteful, intrusive bureaucracies that invade every aspect of our lives; their primary purpose is to pay down un-repayable debt and act as security or collateral to the international banks who now own this country and the government that 'runs' it. NFTT is designed to *generously* provide direct funding to all three levels of government – federal, provincial AND municipal and remove from the Canadian people the heavy burden of income tax and the other 100-plus taxes and fees that make life so incredibly difficult for us all.
- b) The draconian power of the Canada Revenue Service and the legislation that created and now supports it is focused on the working poor, small business and an increasingly impoverished, over-taxed middle class while ignoring a source of potential funding so vast as to be almost unbelievable; the largely speculative markets for stocks, bonds, commodities, foreign exchange dealings and a complex array of derivatives and other esoteric 'investment and financial instruments'.
NFTT will tap these *quadrillions* of dollars in a fair, equitable – and fully transparent – manner to fund desperately needed public structures such as water treatment plants, hospitals, universities, schools and libraries, with the emphasis on boosting *local* economies, not supporting foreign wars at the behest of the US and Israel.
- c) Our tax laws have become so complex that even tax lawyers and other experts specialising in this field find it impossible to keep abreast of changing legislation. NFTT is incredibly simple by comparison. Deducted on *every* transaction or financial transfer by banks and other financial institutions at source using relatively simple computer technology already available to them,
- d) NFTT allows for no exclusions. 'Grandfather clauses' that have protected super-wealthy family trusts from taxation for generations will no longer be exempt. Neither will off-shore transfers to tax-havens, inheritances, lottery winnings, 'off-book' transactions by banks and investment brokers etc., or 'netting' (the reduction of many credit and debit transfers to one net figure – a standard procedure in investment records, especially in casino-like speculative foreign exchange dealings)

- e) Private bankers, global corporations and the super-wealthy have little concern for the consequences of unsuccessful tax evasion. Even if caught, their penalties are miniscule when compared to the vast profits they make. NFFT legislation would call for severe measures and harsh penalties to be applied to senior directors or partners of companies found guilty of malfeasance, including 10-fold financial reimbursement to the public purse.

5. CITIZENS' INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Supportive, sensible legislation should be introduced that allows Canadian citizens to *initiate* laws, to *repudiate by referendum* existing laws with which they disagree and to *recall* elected representatives who dishonour promises made for the purpose of securing public support in the course of the election process.

6. LOCAL POLLING.

'National polls' are no more than the opinions of an undisclosed hand-picked number of obscure Canadians. Often the number involved is only 1,000 'participants' nation-wide, yet the results are used manipulatively to provide unjustified support for anything from US/Israeli wars in the Middle East to the introduction of a new tax like the ill-fated HST.

Fully transparent *local* polling on key issue should be made a function of the local riding office and a protective municipal bye-law should be sought to allow free, broad and unencumbered access by authorised pollsters to all public locations. Results must be published as part of a Monthly Report and details made freely available for public scrutiny in the local riding office.

7. OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS

An official website and e-mail address must remain permanently established, both to inform constituents and to allow them to contact their representative via the local riding office with questions or concerns – and such a provision must be irrevocable.

8. WEBSITE AND MONTHLY REPORT

Every elected representative shall establish a website dedicated to providing regular monthly reports, including the following details:

1. A record of their parliamentary attendance.
2. Their voting record on specific legislation

3. Details of dates and times they will be available in the local riding for the purpose of pre-booked personal or delegatory meetings.
4. *Local* polling results – open to public scrutiny – on key issues, including but not limited to monetary and political reform and Canada’s military commitments in foreign countries. (See below).

9. FIXED ELECTION DATES.

The practice of setting fixed dates for federal and provincial elections must become universal. (The province of BC already follows this practice). Currently ruling parties judge their degree of public support through a polling system and time their ‘financial hand-out’ programs and election dates accordingly.

10. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION (PR)

Until our divisive, dysfunctional and corrupted ‘party political system’ is abolished in favour of independents with a primary duty to their constituents, we need all parliamentary representatives to push for Proportional Representation (PR) to ensure that the number of parliamentary seats occupied by any party is in direct proportion to the percentage of public support they received at the time of their election.

No lengthy Special Committees, Royal Commissions or other time-wasting ‘studies’; simply the application of common sense!

11. COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON MAJOR ISSUES.

Such major issues as foreign military interventions – that involve *our* children’s’ lives and *our* unbridled tax support – or the sale/’privatisation’ of Crown Corporations and other major public assets, need to be discussed and fully explored at a community level instead of being left solely to the doubtful discretion and corrupted influences of Ottawa and Victoria. The people’s voices must be heard if MLAs and MPs are to be democratically guided.

SUMMATION

Our principal goal in suggesting the above requirements is to stimulate discussion around the issue of political and electoral reform; recognising that an *effective* political voice is the one sure way of avoiding the frustrations that lead, via social unrest and civil disobedience, to street rioting and revolution. We do not have to suffer the pain currently visible among the EU debtor nations, nor the huge financial and social costs of constantly increasing ‘police-state’ security surveillance and loss of privacy. The degree to which this is already happening in the US is deeply disturbing.