



Alternatives North

Are We Really Broke?

A discussion of revenue options for the GNWT

Since last year, the GNWT has been saying that staff and program cuts are the only ways to deal with falling revenues and increasing costs. But for all this talk about revenue shortfalls, they never talk about revenue increases. And austerity isn't the answer.

Alternatives North invites you to a presentation and public discussion Wednesday January 20 at 7 PM at Northern United Place on revenue and budget options for the GNWT.

You'll hear:

- A review of revenue opportunities presented in previous Alternatives North research from Diana Gibson and David Thompson of Policy Link Research and Consulting
- A summary of revenue generation measures taken by other jurisdictions, and a comparison of current inter-provincial/territorial tax rates across a range including income, corporate, sales taxes and excise taxes
- An overview of what revenue generation scenarios would bring in new money
- An examination of the economic multipliers from government spending in various sectors
- An overview of the impact of public service job cuts on the private sector economy, and,
- A brief investigation of the benefits of government spending on energy efficiency and renewable energy sourcing

There'll be audience discussion, and debate on alternatives that don't damage the economy by removing government spending.

As Members of the 18th Assembly consider their choices in territorial budgeting, the revenue options provide suggestions for MLAs in their review of budgetary proposals.

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