

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - TRAIL TIMES, June 13, 2023

Budget recommendation: stop the war on CO2

The following recommendation was submitted to the Clerk of the BC Parliamentary Committees (clerkcomm@leg.bc.ca) in response to the Trail Times ("People asked to share priorities for B.C.'s next budget", 30 May 2023).

Recommendation:

Halt the war on the "gas of life" (aka "carbon dioxide", "CO2", "carbon emission").

Explanation:

The collapse of Western Civilization is inevitable if we continue to escalate the war on the gas of life, including outrageous attacks on our energy and food-production systems (fossil fuels, fertilizers, cattle). The gas of life is as important as water, oxygen, and sunlight in sustaining life on the planet. Without CO2, Earth is just another dead planet devoid of all life forms.

Furthermore, natural sequestration has depleted our store of bioavailable CO2 to a level much less than the optimum level for plant growth. Unfortunately, the consumption of all known reserves of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas) will not restore a desirable level of atmospheric CO2.

For those who continue to believe that CO2 is a climate control variable, it should be noted that Canada is responsible for only 1.6 per cent of the world's carbon emissions and that the oceans absorb an amount equal to 98 per cent of such emissions. Much more than two per cent is consumed by our forests, making Canada a net zero country.

Even the UN/IPCC's published numbers reveal the futility of their proposals to control the world's temperature. They suggest that a doubling of atmospheric CO2 will increase the planet's temperature by about 2 C.

However, the oceans are a very effective carbon sink and will limit the CO2 increase to 26 per cent, according to basic physical chemistry principles. This translates to a 0.5 C increase over 1,000 years at current consumption rates.

Obviously, there is no climate crisis. Nevertheless, the threat of a policy-induced, societal catastrophe is very real if the West continues its war on the gas of life. The

transition away from fossil fuels is premature and must be denounced as an act of economic suicide.

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