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Canada's helpful tips! I hope

this finds you well and

enjoying the tax season!"

Carrie Cameron,

Calgary, Alberta

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Dear Clients & Friends:

Have you got your t-shirt that says "I survived 2021 and lived to tell about it" yet?

Well, I just gave you an idea for Christmas presents which will go down in history like the 2020 version last year. If you are a new reader to the [Tax Tipper](#), welcome. Since 2000, www.ptccanada.com has been servicing our clients via monthly bulletins, [newsletters](#), [resources](#), and more. Our [revamped website](#) has been up for some time with more tools to help you, and simply to get the job done fast. The need for good information has moved from important to priority as the world is going into overdrive with change. This is a crescendo time in history, and like most of you, I've never seen anything like it.

Remember "2 weeks to flatten the curve" 2 years ago? Now it looks like endless lockdowns, mandatory vaccines, and quarantine hotels all over the world. Recently, I read an article from investigative journalist Corey Lynn of [Corey's Digs](#) called "The Time is Now: Differentiating "Force" from "Choice" which summarizes everything since late 2019. What started out as local, temporary advisory guidelines for preventative health measures has now turned into tyrannical, global, eternal restrictions making life not only near impossible for some but has resulted in [permanent health injury](#), countless bankruptcies, personal rights evaporating, and [record deaths](#) with no recourse whatsoever. We are [witnessing wargames](#), an [aggressive communist takeover of the globe](#), and no one seems safe.

Freedom activist [Chris Sky](#) is fast becoming one of the most outspoken people in Canada against all these measures. His

rallies are amazing as he gets well over [100,000 in the big cities](#), and if you follow his [Twitter](#), he's been [amazingly accurate](#) since he became active in mid-2020. He's an interesting bellwether not just because almost every politician hates him (what does that tell you?!?) but millions are watching him online around the world and starting their own uprisings. Dr Kevin D. Annett, <http://murderbydecree.com>, twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, is a renowned global human rights campaigner, author, and whistle blower who has led the movement to expose corruption in Canada for decades. With all the exposure happening, he is looking more credible for his decades fight to [bring politicians, etc., to International Common Law courts](#).

Similarly, Chris Pritchard (aka Christopher James) <https://awarriorcalls.com>, is another advocate for [returning the judicial process to the people via the common law courts](#). I admit I don't know much about this but I'm hearing more and more about it as time moves on. People around the world are getting desperate, [like in Australia](#), where [Indigenous are escaping from barbwire concentration camps](#). In Central America, [Guatemalans are carrying guillotines to their parliament](#), and there are [Canadian patriots who are ready to pick up weapons to help other residents to defend themselves from invasive forces](#). This is confirmation most are [not vaccinated and never will be no matter what](#), so they'd rather die once on their feet rather than 1,000 times on their knees.

Watch for the smaller news channels which seem to have good information that makes sense. Trump media empire <https://www.truthsocial.com> goes online next year and it looks very promising. Not only is it censor-free but will not spy on you while

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paying content creators, which will be the final death blow to the mainstream media. James O'Keefe, Project Veritas founder, has a new book called "American Muckraker: Rethinking Journalism for the 21st Century" coming out in the New Year and the timing of it couldn't be better. He really cleaned up in 2021, and I have no doubt he'll be better in the future, but the bottom line is "we (the people) are the news." It should never have become the institution it is today, being funded by the corporations for deep state agendas. CNN, for example, is drowning in scandals by firing their own fake journalists, etc., and they're so triggered, they can't even handle the "Let's Go Brandon" meme (can you believe there's a store named that?) which is shaking up the mainstream media. The prosecution of Ghislaine Maxwell is the trial of the century, and possibly history, and with the Royal Family implicated, even any low IQ person can see this will be massive. The Rundown Live is an independent news company that is covering it in detail with transcripts on-line, so get ready for mega drama as we may see the world go into Defcon 1 military alert, which will be lockdowns at the highest levels.

I know this sounds depressing, but the truth is the truth, and I sure hope to be wrong. However, I do think the latter part of 2022 will be the bottom and things will be better. The Deep State really must go, or we'll never be free. On a better note, I've always believed there are wonderful days ahead. I was watching a new technology where a person can almost beam into another area like in Star Trek's transport room. Right now, it's just virtual but I have a feeling the real deal is around the corner.

Lastly, I need to extend a huge thank you for 23 years in business. When I started in 1998, I had no idea what to do, where I would go, and what to offer but y'all are so kind in your feedback and no doubt it was the biggest factor. I hope this will be the only job I'll have until the end. Until then, may you and your loved ones have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and enjoy the last Tipper of the year. Remember, "THE BEST IS YET TO COME"!



Neel Roberts
President and Founder



What's Happening

2022 RRSP, DPSP, TFSA, Maximum Pensionable Earnings Limits and More



Each year, the finance department sets limits for different programs based on the budget, feedback, and more. For 2022, the RRSP contribution limit is \$29,210.00, TFSA \$6,000.00 with maximum pensionable earnings limited to \$64,900.00. For further information, check out Income Tax Folio S3-F10-C3.

CCP Changes Due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID- 19) Outbreak



Due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, there are changes to this program. The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefit is a monthly payment you can get if you:

- are under 65
- have made enough contributions into the CPP
- have a mental or physical disability that regularly stops you from doing any type of substantially gainful work
- have a disability that is long-term and of indefinite duration, or is likely to result in death.

Find out if you might be eligible. For further information, contact the CPP line at 1-800-277-9914.

More on What's Happening

Clients Already Booking 2022 Appointments

Clients are taking advantage of the space available for the 2022 tax season without the worry of being left behind. There is generally no cost, and we can flex you within reason. Are you all ready to file your 2021 return? We have been ready to roll for a few months thanks to the help of our speedy software developers. Simply contact me with all your information and you may have your refund in January. Unfortunately, "E-File" is starting later each year and this time its Monday, February 21st, 2022, and all early returns will be paper filed with the usual 2-4 weeks turnaround time, but there is still a slight advantage especially if you are expecting a large refund. On a positive note, we can now upload manual returns that can't be E-filed but because the feature is new, I have no idea what the turn around time is.



Family Business Transfers a Tax Risk

Small businesses have been under fire since COVID started over 2 years ago. With closures, restrictions, and more, some are selling out or transferring it to another family member. You MUST get professional advice before doing this to avoid surprises from the taxman, legal issues, and more. Knowledge Bureau [has an article](#) which focuses on the family transfer end of things.



Specifically, if:

- the exchanged shares are QSBC shares or shares of a family farm or fishing corporation
- the purchaser corporation is controlled by one or more children or grandchildren (aged 18 or older) of the vending taxpayer
- the purchaser corporation does not dispose of the exchanged shares within 60 months of the purchase.

Obviously there's much more, so get your checklist made up before the sale.

Are You "Tax Preparation Volunteer" Material?

Have you ever considered a profession preparing taxes but lack experience? The "[Tax Volunteer Program](#)" is an excellent program to get started as there are minimal qualifications. This experience can be very helpful if you want to pursue a career in the tax industry. Many professionals started here before going into practise full time. I even heard a rumour they have a free meal at the end of the season, but you must bring your own ketchup, so do not let that discourage you. For further information contact the general enquires line at 1-800-959-8281, check out the [updated bulletin](#), or drop by your [local tax center](#).



Some COVID Benefits Staying

Monitoring what's beginning, still on, or ending regarding government COVID payments is a constant moving target. As a recent [Knowledge Bureau article](#) summarizes, with the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) expiring, the federal [government announced](#) some transitional provisions. The existing **Canada Recovery Hiring Program** will be extended to May 7, 2022, for eligible employers with current revenue losses above 10%. Good news: the subsidy rate will increase to 50%. In addition, targeted support will be available through two new programs:



Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program: which would provide support through the wage and rent subsidy programs to certain targeted industries such as hotels, tour operators, travel agencies, and restaurants. A subsidy rate of up to 75% is available with large revenue declines (75% or more), with reduced rates for businesses with lower declines.

Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program: which also would provide support through the wage and rent subsidy programs, but for other businesses that have faced deep losses. Here a subsidy rate of up to 50% is available.

Both programs will initially extend to November 20, 2021, under current government authority, and then new legislation will be introduced to extend them until May 7, 2022, with a request for further authority to extend until July 2, 2022, if required. From March 13, 2022 to May 7, 2022, the subsidy rates will decrease by half. More to come as these programs develop in the New Year.

New On-Line Disability Tax Credit Better for All



Disability Tax Credit Canada

Good news for those who qualify for the Disability Tax Credit as a new [on-line application](#) will not only make it easier and cleaner but faster to process. Most taxpayers should be able to do it in the comfort of their own home for the whole process including the doctor's portion, CRA submission, and professional oversight. For further information, check out the [disability tax credit web page](#).

More on What's Happening

Year End Tax Checklist for New Canadians



Newcomers to Canada need more attention than regular filers. [Knowledge Bureau has an article](#) that gives good insight with examples but below are guidelines to help newcomers with their first filing:

Checklist of Important Tax Concepts for New Canadians:

1. **Always file a T1** - Always file a tax return for every adult in the family with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Canadian residents must file a tax return to report **worldwide income** in Canadian funds. The purpose of this annual requirement is also to:

- Recoup any overpaid taxes and receive a tax refund.
- Pay any additional taxes owing or make contributions to the CPP (Canada Pension Plan). <https://www.knowledgebureau.com/site/KBR/provide-a-year-end-checklist-of-tax-facts-for-new-canadians> (Knowledge Bureau

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- Receive social benefits, including the federal OAS (Old Age Security), CCB (Canada Child Benefit), and GST/HST Credit. In some provinces, there are additional credits.

- You will need a SIN (Social Insurance Number) to do so.

2. **No income?** File even if you have no income, to qualify for refundable tax credits which are based on your family net income.

3. **Family net income** is an important concept in tax filing and planning, as it is used to determine the size of tax credits available. For these reasons, file family tax returns together.

4. **Owing money to CRA?** You may owe money, in which case it's important to file by the tax filing deadline. This is April 30 for most filers; June 15 for proprietorships. This can occur if your taxable income is higher than allowable deductions and personal amounts. Discuss which deductions and personal amounts are available for each family member with your tax advisor.

5. **Owe a balance due?** If, after filing your annual tax return you owe more than \$3000 as your balance due (\$1800 in Quebec), you will be asked to prepay your taxes for next year in advance. CRA will send you a billing notice to pay quarterly tax remittances. Ask about options to estimate current year income and, to your advantage, submit based on this amount instead.

- Farmers/fishers can make one annual remittance on December 31.

6. What is included in the definition of income?

Total income – amongst the most significant sources: employment income, pensions, government supports, investment income, capital gains and losses, net business, and net rental income.

Net income – arrive at this figure after deductions for employer-sponsored and private pensions (RPP and RRSPs), childcare, moving expenses, employment expenses, and other deductions. This is the figure that refundable and non-refundable tax credits are generally based on, as well as Old Age Security.

Year of immigration: certain tax provisions are prorated based on the number of days you are a resident in Canada, as described above. Therefore, it is important to declare date of immigration.

Taxes payable - this is the amount that is left to pay after personal amounts and other tax credits are calculated.

Provincial taxes payable – these taxes are added to federal taxes payable (except in Quebec where a separate return is filed) based on your province of residence as of December 31 of the tax year.

Defining the Shareholder Account



New business owners often don't understand how their corporate shareholder account works, let alone know what it is. A shareholder loan account is the amount of money that a corporation owes or is owed to one or more shareholders. The balance will usually be a liability or asset on the books and records of the corporation depending on what's outstanding. Usually, the cashflow is not taxed both ways if the records reconcile on both ends. [Knowledge Bureau has an article on this](#) as CRA doesn't seem to have any information on it.

Tax Planning for 2022



We only have a few more days before the year's over so as you hit the road running for 2022, here's a [few changes that may affect you](#). At the end of last year CRA released the comparative figures for 2022, 2021, and more for tax brackets, non-refundable credits, exemptions, GST credit, other [benefits, and TSFA](#). Included are [2021 year end tips](#) from [Jamie Golombek](#), and we'll keep you updated as changes unfold.

Just Asking ... Just Answering

Real People with Real Questions About Real Situations

“Surprise Refund From Years Ago; Should I Be Skeptical?”

Dear Neel,
I got an early Christmas bonus from CRA of almost \$10,000.00 totally out of the blue. When I called them, they said it was a settlement from a religious organization I was part of but left a few years ago. Short story is they took care of all the taxes as I didn't own any assets, so I never received refunds, benefits, or paid into it. Should I just accept it and be done with it or investigate it?



Dean R.

Dear Dean R.,
I would get something in writing confirming the refund 100% belongs to you and is not retractable. You can call the call center at 1-800-959-8281 and request the case number. It sounds like a “class action” situation and/or lawsuit. They can be very long, complicated, and CRA may only send you a summary depending on the involvement. I personally don't do legal matters as these are generally handled at a litigate level, however, usually CRA can issue a separate letter confirming the funds belong to you with no chance of repudiation. Merry Christmas and the very best for the New Year!

Neel

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Christmas Lights for Half the Year Down South?



Courtesy of <https://timestormfilms.net>

If you've seen the Northern Lights, you know how spectacular they look. But down in the South Pole, they have them for almost half the year. We can't imagine 24-hour daylight for 6 months and the opposite for another 6 months but the staff who work at the bottom of the world's [Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station](#) see Christmas lights for half the year. Known as the [Aurora Australis](#), it is the counterpart to our Northern Lights better known as the [Aurora Borealis](#). The South Pole is one of the coldest, driest, and harshest places on earth. This [small video](#) can be seen together with the core of the Milky Way only in Antarctica. Temperatures below $-70^{\circ}\text{C}/-95^{\circ}\text{F}$ during the polar night are not uncommon. Together with strong winds and exceptional aridity, this is one of the hardest places to shoot a timelapse in. Special equipment has been constructed and modified to keep the cameras running, so ENJOY!



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Did You Know?

... Canadians consume over 6.7 million liters of Eggnog over the holidays?



This is the volume of commercial sales of eggnog in Canada in December. Virtually all eggnog sales are in November and December. Try this [recipe](#) if you want to make your own. One thing worth trying is [Eggnog Ice Cream](#)!



“Cinnamon Smooth!”

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