

Informal poll on tax rebate has some spending and some saving

It's not exactly the same dilemma faced by someone who has just won a multi-million dollar Lotto 649 jackpot.

But the long-awaited implementation of the provincial government's controversial income tax cut has triggered a media frenzy as to just what your average Joe and Josephine Public intend to do with the mini-windfall.

My own informal survey invoked a varied and, in some cases, blunt response. For the man who came to give us an estimate on reshingling our leaky roof the other day, the prospect of a few extra dollars isn't exactly the equivalent of the golden egg. "A lousy five bucks a week," he scoffed. "Big deal."

Kate Gilderdale, between fielding phone calls at her busy household and waxing witty and whimsical for next week's offering of deathless prose, told me she intended to "buy a pair of socks and invest the rest" of her new found stash.

She couldn't stay on the line long enough to say whether or not she'd consider purchasing two pair of socks if Bi-Way was having a half price sale.

Deb Amundson of the Tribune's Uxbridge office thought for a second or two about just how much she was going to save, then deadpanned. "It won't pay my bills, will it. How about lunch?" Deb's cohort Jodie Damsell suggested the cash would simply get "eaten up by every day life" much like a modest raise in pay.

She decided to take the long range view, although I detected a tinge of cynicism in her voice when she said, "I guess I'll buy a



yacht in the year 2025 - if I live that long!"

Lana Grainger-Black, who runs her own house cleaning business in this area, planted her tongue in her cheek and said, "I'd probably go to Mr. Harris and shake his hand and say 'Thank you very much' with a deflated sigh."

Having conferred with my peers, I finally sat down and came up with a list of my own of just what we might be able to do around our house with the soon-to-be-realized savings.

It didn't take very long to come up with a fairly lengthy assortment of options. First, I'd finally be able to give in to the reckless urge to fill up my car with that high octane gas every fourth fill, just as the experts suggest you should to keep a 10 year old car running at its best.

Or, with a new baby coming along, we could splurge and purchase a package or two of disposable diapers for those first few weeks when sleep deprivation makes washing and sorting cloth diapers a less than alluring task.

With the barbecue season almost upon us, the temptation will now be to go crazy and buy a pack of those jumbo sized, all beef franks, the ones that require the special deli buns with the sesame

seeds all over them.

While we're at it, we might just want to consider picking up some real Orville Reddenbacher microwave popcorn instead of the generic kind that's always on sale.

Who knows, it might just make the Stanley Cup playoffs that much more endurable now that the Canadian content is gone.

But altruism being paramount, I must

consider the needs of my oldest son, who will return to Ottawa for his second year of university next fall.

So from now on, I'll make a point of grabbing at least two packs of Kraft Dinner whenever I see that the kitchen cornerstone of all college kids is on sale.

Did I hear someone say something about letting them eat cake?



Sunita Goel with her mother, Loveleen Khanna

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Sunita said her most popular item is the Kathi Kebab - tender pieces of chicken breast cooked tandoori-style, rolled in a fresh egg-coated naan with onions, fresh coriander and spiced and spiced to taste. A meal in itself, the Kathi Kebab is a bargain at only \$4 each.

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