

**"Emerging from a Home-made Recession"**

The recession in Canada is coming to an end. But don't expect a spectacular recovery. Such were the conclusions outlined by Mark Mullins, PH.D., in an address to the Kiwanis Club of Orleans on 02 April 1991.



Mr. Mullins, Chief Economist of Midland Walwyn Capital, Inc., outlined the major causes of the current, made-in-Canada recession. He said that the introduction of the GST last year induced the Canadian consumer to curtail spending. This was followed by the Persian Gulf hostilities.

Mr. Mullins said that Canada should ease out of the recession in the July/August timeframe. It will be preceded by the United States economy which is showing signs of recovery and which is expected to exit the recession by the end of the second quarter.

According to Mr. Mullins Canadians should expect flat economic performance for about three years. The Bank of Canada interest rate policy, coupled with the GST, is aimed at tempering inflation to the 2% level in five years from a rate currently close to seven per cent.

Present at the address were many members of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce. For businessmen --- and investors --- Mr. Mullins suggested that appropriate actions would

be to invest in long bonds. He foresees a very stable Canadian dollar which suggests that equities would be another appropriate investor choice.

Mr. Mullins addressed some evident risks. Regarding a split in the Canadian Confederation, he said that the likelihood of a separation would raise taxes, increase debt financing costs and lower investor sentiment. He is concerned that a short and shallow recession in the United States could cause inflation to rise.

In reply to a question following his presentation, Mr. Mullins noted that his worst fear for the Canadian economy is a back-to-back recession similar to 1981/82.

He did emphasize in his presentation that the Canadian entrepreneurial spirit is healthy and gives cause for optimism. Garry W. Beckman

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The issues of land fill sites and waste disposal have received a good deal of attention in the media lately. With increasing pressures on municipalities to improve the operation of their disposal sites, many have found it necessary to impose greater restrictions on the types of garbage accepted or hours of operation and have imposed new or increased tipping fees for the use of the site. These added costs and inconveniences have prompted a number of people to look for alternative means of dealing with their garbage.

Unfortunately, one of the alternatives that is becoming increasingly popular is the use of public land as a dump site. This activity is not only illegal (The Public Lands Act provides for a fine of up to \$5,000.00 and a Court Order requiring clean up of the site) but can have serious effects on the environment, wildlife and other users of the land. Articles such as bottles and plastic rings from beer cans can be slow death traps for animals and birds. Death can also be caused directly by eating garbage, either by poisoning or by ingesting plastics and other indigestible matter.

There is also the threat to fisheries habitat and even drinking water supplies by impairment of water quality caused by disposal of many household materials such as paints and solvents in or near wet areas.

Animals considered undesirable to people often benefit from uncontrolled waste disposal. For example, rats and flies feed and breed in such areas helping to spread diseases.

Another aspect of the indiscriminate dumping of garbage is that the land becomes less attractive for activities such as hiking, skiing, hunting, nature study and so on. Public land for these and many other activities is in very short supply in this area. Each place made less desirable by inconsiderate people using them as garbage dumps is a loss to all of the residents and visitors to this area. The financial implications to the taxpayer should also not be overlooked. Every time garbage is dumped on public land, staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources conduct an investigation in an attempt to determine the responsible parties and prosecute them under The Public Lands Act. The costs associated with the investigation and prosecution are all paid for by the taxpayer. If the investigation is not successful, the costs of the clean up of the site are also borne by the taxpayer as Natural Resources staff undertake the work.

Hopefully as non-traditional ways of dealing with garbage, such as recycling and toxic waste disposal days, become more common there will soon be viable alternatives for all our waste disposal needs.

In the meantime, please realize that dumping garbage on public land is inconsiderate, wasteful of your tax dollars, environmentally irresponsible, a hazard to wildlife and is illegal. Reuse, recycle and compost as much as you can and make sure all your remaining garbage is disposed of at a proper waste disposal site.

If you find garbage dumped on public land, report it immediately to the Ministry of Natural Resources office nearest you.

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