

# Quarterly Report to Members, Subscribers and Friends

*Second Quarter, 2018*



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## *Q2 Highlights: Impactful Policy Research & Outreach*

### ***Q2 Research***

- ❖ 17 research papers
- ❖ 2 Monetary Policy Council releases

### ***Q2 Policy Events***

- ❖ 22 policy events and special meetings, including:
  - ❖ Toronto Roundtable – John Pecman, Commissioner of Competition, Competition Bureau
  - ❖ Montreal Roundtable – Marie-France Paquet, Chief Economist, Global Affairs Canada
  - ❖ Calgary Roundtable – Hon. Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks, and Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office
- ❖ 8 *Inside Access* conference calls featuring the authors of Institute research summarizing their work

### ***Policy Outreach in Q2***

- ❖ 131,182 website page views
- ❖ 13 policy outreach presentations
- ❖ 50 *National Post* and *The Globe and Mail* citations
- ❖ Citations in more than 300 media outlets
- ❖ 45 media interviews
- ❖ 17 opinion and editorial pieces
- ❖ 62 Intelligence Memos

### **Intelligence Memo: “[Attacking High Housing Prices by Making Property Tax Progressive](#)” by Rhys Kesselman**

- ❖ B.C.’s new property tax, announced in the 2018 budget, appears to be an outgrowth of Kesselman's proposal for making property taxes progressive, made first in 2016 in a Vancouver Sun column and further elaborated in a C.D. Howe Institute memorandum.

### **Report: “[The Knowledge Deficit about Taxes: Who It Affects and What to Do About It](#)” by Antoine Genest-Grégoire, Luc Godbout, and Jean-Herman Guay**

- ❖ The new Education Savings Referral Service, announced as part of Ontario’s 5-in-1 Newborn Bundle, will help parents of newborns open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and request the Canada Education Savings Grant and/or the Canada Learning Bond. The Institute's paper recommended that governments use administrative sources to nudge or auto-enroll taxfilers into fiscal benefit programs.

### **Report: “[All’s Well that Ends Well: Addressing End-of-Life Liabilities for Oil and Gas Wells](#)” by Benjamin Dachis, Blake Shaffer, Vincent Thivierge**

- ❖ The B.C. Oil and Gas Commission announced a new program that will include orphan site treatment and closure, risk assessment/mitigation and improving the rate of inactive site restoration. The policy change was in part inspired by the Institute's paper.

### **Report: “[Business Tax Burdens in Canada’s Major Cities: The 2017 Report Card](#)” by Adam Found and Peter Tomlinson**

- ❖ The Toronto Board of Trade made our work on provincial business taxes their advocacy centrepiece for the provincial election.

### **Report: “[Banking on Infrastructure: How the Canada Infrastructure Bank can Build Infrastructure Better for Canadians](#)” by Steven Robins**

- ❖ Assistant Deputy Minister of Investment, Partnership and Innovation acknowledges work Institute has done in shaping corporate structure of Canada Infrastructure Bank.

## *Q2 Publications*

1. [Healthcare Costs in Canada: Stopping Bad News Getting Worse](#), April 5, 2018 – William B.P. Robson
2. [Productivity and the Financial Sector – What’s Missing?](#) April 10, 2018 - Jeremy Kronick
3. [Buildings with Benefits: The Defect of Density Bonusing](#), April 17, 2018 - Aaron Moore
4. [Not Just for Kids: How to Improve Adult Vaccination Uptake in Canada / Pas seulement pour les enfants : comment améliorer la surveillance et la couverture vaccinale chez les adultes au Canada](#), April 26, 2018 - Colin Busby
5. [The Numbers Game: Rating the Fiscal Accountability of Canada’s Senior Governments](#), May 1, 2018 - [William B.P. Robson](#) and [Farah Omran](#)
6. [Filling the Cavities: Improving the Efficiency and Equity of Canada’s Dental Care System](#), May 3, 2018 - [Ake Blomqvist](#) and Frances Woolley
7. [Blown Budgets: Canada’s Senior Governments Need Better Fiscal Controls](#), May 10, 2018 - [William B.P. Robson](#) and [Farah Omran](#)
8. [Through the Roof: The High Cost of Barriers to Building New Housing in Canadian Municipalities](#), May 15, 2018 - Benjamin Dachis and Vincent Thivierge

9. [Modernizing Canada's Healthcare System through the Virtualization of Services](#), May 23, 2018 - Will Falk and Dr. R. Sacha Bhatia
10. [Retiring Employees, Unretired Debt: The Surprising Hidden Cost of Federal Employee Pensions](#), May 31, 2018 - [William B.P. Robson](#) and [Alexandre Laurin](#)
11. [Assessing Canada's Drug Shortage Problem](#), June 5, 2018 - Jessy Donelle MSc. (Epidemiology), Jacalyn Duffin MD, PhD, FRCPC, Jon Pipitone, MSc. (Computer Science), Brian White-Guay MD, CCFP and FRCPC
12. [Quantifying the Impacts of the US Section 232 Steel and Aluminum Tariffs](#), June 12, 2018 - [Dan Ciuriak](#) and Jingliang Xiao
13. [Canada's Progressive Trade Agenda: NAFTA and Beyond](#), June 14, 2018 - [Dan Ciuriak](#)
14. [Weaponizing Uncertainty: Trade Policy under the Trump Administration](#), June 19, 2018 - [Dan Ciuriak](#) and Meredith Crowley
15. [Deferring Receipt of Public Pension Benefits: A Tool for Flexibility / Un allongement des périodes de report du RRQ/RPC et de la PSV profiterait à ceux qui épargnent en vue de la retraite](#), June 26, 2018 - Antoine Genest-Grégoire, Luc Godbout, René Beaudry and Bernard Morency

## *Our Website's Five Most-Visited Publications in Q2*

1. [Through the Roof: The High Cost of Barriers to Building New Housing in Canadian Municipalities](#), May 15, 2018 - [Benjamin Dachis](#) and Vincent Thivierge
2. [Modernizing Canada's Healthcare System through the Virtualization of Services](#), May 23, 2018 - Will Falk and Dr. R. Sacha Bhatia
3. [Assessing Canada's Drug Shortage Problem](#), June 5, 2018 - Jessy Donelle MSc. (Epidemiology), Jacalyn Duffin MD, PhD, FRCPC, Jon Pipitone, MSc. (Computer Science), Brian White-Guay MD, CCFP and FRCPC
4. [Quantifying the Impacts of the US Section 232 Steel and Aluminum Tariffs](#), June 12, 2018 - [Dan Ciuriak](#) and Jingliang Xiao
5. [Canada's Progressive Trade Agenda: NAFTA and Beyond](#), June 14, 2018 - [Dan Ciuriak](#)

### *April Op-Eds*

- ❖ [What's wrong with Ontario's child-care plan - Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), Apr. 12
- ❖ [Resource jobs are sustaining Canada's middle class. Period - Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), Apr. 17
- ❖ [Let cities work together to solve regional transit issues: Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), Apr. 20
- ❖ [A basic universal income in Canada is more realistic than you think: Maclean's](#), Apr. 20
- ❖ [Why Ontario's planning act needs major changes: Toronto Star Op-Ed](#), Apr. 23
- ❖ [Accounting tricks have no place in Ontario's government: Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), Apr. 26

### *May Op-Eds*

- ❖ [How the Supreme Court got the 'free the beer' ruling exactly backwards: Financial Post Op-Ed](#), May 01
- ❖ [Fast-growing Municipal Wages Point to Need to Revisit Labour Laws: Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), May 07
- ❖ [Trans Mountain Pipeline Should Be Project No. 1 for the Canada Infrastructure Bank: Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), May 07
- ❖ [Sorry, Mr. Morneau, but there's no denying that Canada's competitiveness is dismal: Financial Post Op-Ed](#), May 10
- ❖ [Curbs on demand won't solve surging house prices in Canada - Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), May 25
- ❖ [Canada's aging population means different things for different provinces - Globe and Mail Op-Ed](#), May 29
- ❖ [What the Bank of Canada is not signalling: Low inflation](#), May 31

## *Q2 Opinion Pieces, Cont.*

### *June Op-Eds*

- ❖ [Neighbourly relations with the U.S. are over - Globe and Mail Op-Ed, June 01](#)
- ❖ [How to modernize Canada's health care in the digital age - Globe and Mail Op-Ed, June 18](#)
- ❖ [Ottawa holds all the cards on carbon pricing - Globe and Mail Op-Ed, June 21](#)
- ❖ [How did businesses in Ontario handle the January minimum-wage increase? - Globe and Mail Op-Ed, June 27](#)



### April Intelligence Memos

1. [Alexandre Laurin - The Generations Fund Fails the Test of Fiscal Transparency for Quebec's budget](#), April 2, 2018
2. [Alexandre Laurin - Budget du Québec: le Fonds des générations nuit à la transparence](#), April 3, 2018
3. [Rosalie Wyonch - Healthcare Spending: Ambition Exceeds Capacity](#), April 3, 2018
4. [Ambler, Kronick - Seniors May be the Answer to the Inflation Puzzle](#), April 4, 2018
5. [Alexandre Laurin - Missed Opportunity: Ontario's Free Child Care Unlikely to Produce Quebec's Economic Boost](#), April 5, 2018
6. [Robson, Mahboubi - More Immigration is Good, but What About the People Who are Leaving?](#), April 6, 2018
7. [Dachis, Kim - How Contracting Waste Services Can Lower Costs and Improve Performance](#), April 9, 2018
8. [Anthony Niblett - Machines to the Rescue in Cutting Red Tape](#), April 10, 2018
9. [Jeremy M. Kronick - Unleashing Productivity Gains in Financial Services](#), April 11, 2018
10. [Daniel Schwanen - NAFTA: Butter's Last Stand?](#), April 17, 2018
11. [Rosalie Wyonch - It's 4-20. How's that Legalization Thing Going?](#), April 20, 2018
12. [The Regent Debate: Paul Begala and Janice MacKinnon – Rebuttals](#), April 23, 2018
13. [The Regent Debate: Hugh Segal and Conrad Black – Rebuttals](#), April 25, 2018
14. [Aaron A. Moore - It's Time for Transparency in Ontario's Zoning Tradeoffs](#), April 26, 2018
15. [Schwanen, Wyonch - Il faut rehausser les taux de vaccination dont la faiblesse présente un risque pour la santé des adultes canadiens](#), April 27, 2018
16. [Schwanen, Wyonch - Not Just for Kids; Adults Also Need Their Shots](#), April 27, 2018
17. [Andrew Roman - Are Old Polluters Better Than New Polluters?](#), April 30, 2018

### May Intelligence Memos

1. [Christopher Sands - Canada's Middle Power Mission: To Save the WTO](#), May 1, 2018
2. [Schwanen, Wyonch - The Three Cs, Why We Don't Get that Flu Shot](#), May 2, 2018
3. [Robson, Omran - Rating the Fiscal Accountability of Canada's Senior Governments](#), May 3, 2018
4. [Robert Mysicka - New Brunswick Ruling was Unfortunate, but Inevitable](#), May 4, 2018
5. [Daniel Schwanen - Canada Should Steel Itself for Concessions, find Common Ground in NAFTA \(Part 1\)](#), May 7, 2018
6. [Daniel Schwanen - Canada Should Steel Itself for Concessions, find Common Ground in NAFTA \(Part 2\)](#), May 7, 2018
7. [Blomqvist, Woolley - Filling the Cavities in Canada's Dental Coverage](#), May 8, 2018
8. [Anindya Sen - Minimum Wage Boost Versus Tax Credits, The Tale of the Tape](#), May 9, 2018
9. [Chi Man Yip - What Do We Learn from British Columbia's Carbon Tax?](#), May 10, 2018
10. [Rosalie Wyonch - Mental Health Care \(or Lack Thereof\) in Canada](#), May 11, 2018
11. [Robson, Omran - Fiscal Accountability – How to Improve Your Grades](#), May 14, 2018
12. [Schwanen, Wyonch, Dachis - Ahead of the Curve: The Big Picture Issues for the Ontario Election](#), May 15, 2018
13. [Ian A. Blue - The New Brunswick Beer Case: Temperance Redux](#), May 16, 2018
14. [Benjamin Dachis - Backstopping Kinder Morgan Makes Sense](#), May 17, 2018  
[Jon Johnson - America First and Auto Rules of Origin Don't Mix](#), May 18, 2018
15. [Kronick, Hui - Corporate Debt: The Next Financial Crisis Coming to Canada?](#) May 22, 2018
16. [Hilber, Palmer, Pinchbeck - Does Historic Designation Induce Higher Energy Costs?](#), May 23, 2018
17. [Dachis, Fanaki - Two Big Jobs for the Next Commissioner of Competition](#), May 24, 2018
18. [Christopher Sands - Why Canada Should Resist a Skinny NAFTA 2.0](#), May 25, 2018
19. [Laurin, Omran - Insurance Premium Taxation is Archaic and Counterproductive](#), May 28, 2018
20. [Bhatia, Falk - It's Long Past Time for Virtual Care to Take Its Place in Canada's Public Healthcare System](#), May 29, 2018
21. [Kevin Milligan - Let's Face Facts on Natural Resources](#), May 30, 2018

### June Intelligence Memos

1. [Jon Johnson - Reciprocal Trade, Trump/Ross Bilateralism and Abuse of Section 232](#), June 1, 2018
2. [Benjamin Dachis - Seven Ways to Really Reduce the Cost of Electricity](#), June 4, 2018
3. [Robson, Laurin - The Surprising Hidden Costs of Federal Employee Pensions](#), June 5, 2018
4. [Ciuriak, Xiao - The Effects of Steel and Aluminum Tariffs](#), June 6, 2018
5. [Jeremy M. Kronick - Open Banking: Here's Why Its Time Has Come](#), June 7, 2018
6. [Laurence Kotlikoff - Our Economic Future and How to Fix It](#), June 8, 2018
7. [Benjamin Dachis - A Lower Ontario Corporate Tax as the Catalyst for Broad Tax Reform](#), June 11, 2018
8. [Jon Johnson - Is Trump's Call for "Total Free Trade" Real or a Bluff](#), June 12, 2018
9. [Dachis, Kim - How Calgary \(Quietly\) Took the Lead as Canada's Innovation Leader](#), June 13, 2018
10. [Dan Ciuriak - Deconstructing Canada's Progressive Trade Agenda](#), June 14, 2018
11. [Benjamin Dachis - The Startling Costs of Regulation in Housing Prices](#), June 15, 2018
12. [Denis Meunier - Let's Make Sure We Know Who Runs Canada's New Cannabis Industry](#), June 19, 2018
13. [Ciuriak, Crowley - Weaponizing Uncertainty: Trade Policy under the Trump Administration](#), June 20, 2018
14. [Alexandre Laurin - How Could a Tax Credit Work for Ontario's Minimum Wage Workers?](#), June 22, 2018
15. [Tracy Snoddon - How the Federal Government Should Prepare its Carbon Tax](#), June 25, 2018
16. [Gilles Gauthier - The NAFTA Talks: Towards a New Paradigm? \(Part One\)](#), June 26, 2018
17. [Gilles Gauthier - La renégociation de l'ALÉNA. Vers un nouveau paradigme? \(I\)](#), June 26, 2018
18. [Gilles Gauthier - La renégociation de l'ALENA. Vers un nouveau paradigme? \(II\)](#), June 27, 2018
19. [Gilles Gauthier - The NAFTA Talks. Towards a New Paradigm? \(Part Two\)](#), June 27, 2018
20. [Schwanen, Dachis - Federal carbon pricing backstop can reduce the litigation costs of cap-and-trade phaseout](#), June 28, 2018
21. [Michael Lindsay - Navigating icebergs en route to a balanced budget](#), June 29, 2018



## *Q2 Member Events & Special Meetings*

1. Socially Responsible Investing in 2018: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Jonathan Carter, Paula Glick, Michael Katchen, and Hugh O'Reilly, April 4, 2018
2. State of the Canadian Housing Market One Year Later: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Sylvain Leduc, Steve Mennill and Stéfane Marion, April 5, 2018
3. Innovation Policy: Making Canada an Economic Powerhouse : Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Mitch Davies, Michelle Holland, Allan Miranda, and Daniel Schwanen, April 6, 2018
4. P3s and the Path to Sustainable Infrastructure: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Michael Lindsay, Gadi Mayman, and Mark Romoff, April 10, 2018
5. Should Western Democracies Establish a Universal Basic Income? Regent Debate with Paul Begala, Conrad Black, Dr. Janice MacKinnon, and Hugh Segal April 11, 2018
6. Disruptive Technologies: Can We Supercharge the Canadian Economy? Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with John Knuble, April 13, 2018
7. Big Data, Bigger Problems: Who Owns Your Data? Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Kevvie Fowler, Adam Kardash, and Kris Klein, April 17, 2018
8. Investment, Procurement and Canadian Sovereignty: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Lieutenant-General Mike Hood, April 19, 2018
9. US Tax Reform and Canadian Competitiveness: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Dawn Desjardins, Brian Ernewein, Brian Kingston, Quyen Huynh, and Peter van Dijk, April 25, 2018

## *Q2 Member Events & Special Meetings, Cont.*

11. Baffling Budgets: Federal / Provincial Accountability: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon Stephen LeClair, William B.P. Robson, and Aaron Wudrick, April 26, 2018
12. Populism, Public Interest and Competition: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with John Pecman, April 27, 2018
13. Drug Pricing and the Appropriate Federal Role in Pharmacare: Webinar with Åke Blomqvist, May 1, 2018
14. Alberta Budget 2018: Economic and Fiscal Outlook: Calgary Roundtable Luncheon with Lorna Rosen, May 4, 2018
15. Canadian Commercial Real Estate: Trends, Risks & Outlook: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Andrew Barnicke, Ugo Bizzarri, and Jeremy Wedgbury, May 16, 2018
16. Advancing Alberta's Infrastructure Agenda: Calgary Roundtable Luncheon with Honourable Sandra Jensen, Ben Hawkins, Shannon Flint, and James Pasieka, May 24, 2018
17. Is There a Future for Proxy Vote Buying? Toronto Executive Access Briefing with Judy Cotte and Stephen Erlichman, May 28, 2018
18. Climate Leadership and the Future of Alberta's Energy Sector: Calgary Roundtable Luncheon with Hon. Shannon Phillips, May 28, 2018
19. Future of Education and Work: Northeastern University Toronto and C.D. Howe Institute Reception with Amanda Lang, and Joseph Aoun, May 29, 2018

## *Q2 Member Events & Special Meetings, Cont.*

20. The Future of Canada's Financial Sector: Annual Directors Dinner with Victor Dodig, Marcia Moffat and Roy Gori, May 30, 2018
21. Our Global Economic Future and How to Fix It: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Laurence Kotlikoff, June 4, 2018
22. Health Partnership Summit: Special Policy Conference, June 7 – 9, 2018
23. Outcomes Over Optics: Building Inclusive Organizations: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Norma Kraay and Jay Yakabowich, June 11, 2018
24. Preparing for an Aging Population: Is Ontario's Healthcare System Ready? Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Candace Chartier, Shirlee Sharkey, and Dr. Samir Sinha, June 12, 2018
25. The Economic Importance of NAFTA & What's Next: Montreal Roundtable Luncheon with Gilles Gauthier, Armand de Mestral, and Marie-France Paquet, June 12, 2018
26. National & International Uncertainty – An Economic Outlook for Alberta: Webinar with Pierre Cl  roux and Dawn Desjardins, June 18, 2018
27. Modernizing Foreign Direct Investment Policy: Toronto Roundtable Luncheon with Paul Halucha, June 21, 2018
28. Cutting Through the Haze: Cannabis Retail and Distribution : Calgary Roundtable Luncheon with Dave Berry and Matthew Zabloski, June 21, 2018

## Q2 Selected Media Coverage

### NATIONAL

**Bloomberg**

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**Global**  
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**THE GLOBE AND MAIL** 

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### ONTARIO

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## *Q2 Policy Outreach by Institute Staff*

1. *Bill Robson* participated in a roundtable discussion of IEO Evaluation of IMF Advice on Unconventional Monetary Policy – Toronto, April 10, 2018
2. *Bill Robson* attended the 2018 Civitas Annual National Conference – Montréal, April 27-29, 2018
3. *Ben Dachis* presented an overview of how the municipal budget works as part of the panel at City Builder Bootcamp – Toronto, April 28, 2018
4. *Rosalie Wyonch* presented on adult immunization coverage as part of the panel organized by the National Institute on Ageing – Toronto, April 30, 2018
5. *Rosalie Wyonch* made a presentation to the Economics and Communities of Practice of the Ontario Ministry of Finance on the impact of automation on the labour market – Toronto, May 1, 2018
6. *Jeremy Kronick* was on a panel on Open Banking at the Canadian Credit Union Association Annual National Conference. – 1 May, 2018
7. *Rosalie Wyonch* presented at The University of Waterloo Tax Policy Symposium on the legal marijuana market – Toronto, May 4, 2018
8. *Alexandre Laurin* presented as a speaker at the CLHIA 2018 Tax Conference on the topic of taxation of insurance premiums – Quebec City, May 17, 2018
9. *Daniel Schwanen* participated in a panel on “Comparative Innovation Policies” at the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation Summit, Milan, Italy, May 17, 2018
10. *Jeremy Kronick* served as a discussant at the Bank of Canada special session organized by the Canadian Economics Association -1 June, 2018

## *Q2 Policy Outreach by Institute Staff Continued...*

11. *Jeremy Kronick* participated on a debate panel at the Canadian Economic Association meetings organized jointly by the Progressive Economics Forum and the C.D. Howe Institute. – 2 June, 2018
12. *Jeremy Kronick* presented *Faulty Transmissions: How Demographics Affect Monetary Policy in Canada* at a panel organized by the Canadian Economics Association. – 3 June, 2018
13. *Daniel Schwanen* made a presentation entitled “A Renegotiated NAFTA: True Modernization or a Step Backward?” at the Konrad Adenauer Center for International Relations and Security Studies – Mexico City, Jun 7, 2018
13. *Ben Dachis* made a presentation for the Canadian Real Estate Association on housing supply – Ottawa, June 21, 2018

## *Academics Using the Institute's Research in Their Courses*

1. *John Richards*, Professor, School of Public Policy, **Simon Fraser University**
2. *Carolyn Tuohy*, Professor Emeritus, School of Public Policy & Governance, **University of Toronto**
3. *Ian Irvine*, Professor, Economics, **Concordia University**
4. *Paul Jenkins*, Senior Distinguished Fellow, Faculty of Public Affairs, **Carleton University**
5. *Jonathan Rhys Kesselman*, Professor, School of Public Policy, **Simon Fraser University**
6. *Kevin Milligan*, Professor, Vancouver School of Economics, **University of British Columbia**
7. *Ugurhan Berkok*, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, **Wilfrid Laurier University**
8. *Pierre Siklos*, Professor, Department of Economics, **Wilfrid Laurier University**
9. *Zachary Spicer*, Assistant Professor, **Brock University**
10. *William Watson*, Professor, Department of Economics, **McGill University**
11. *Jim Davies*, Professor, Department of Economics, **Western University**
12. *Patrick Fafard*, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, **University of Ottawa**
13. *Joerg Wittenbrinck*, Lecturer, **Ryerson University**

### **Institute Staff Teaching Positions**

1. *Bill Robson* teaches public finance at the **School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto**

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