



Tone Chime Choir Performs in Festival

Residents in Provost Long Term Care performed three songs during Provost Music Festival

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on Monday, April 8. This is their second year performing in the festival as the Tone Chime Choir—a music therapy program facilitated by therapeutic recreation professionals Crystal Isaacson and Emma Slomp. “Music therapy offers endless benefits for seniors and the therapeutic Tone Chime Choir has given residents a sense of community, confidence, and pride in themselves,” Slomp told *The News*. Pictured back from left: Slomp, therapeutic recreation assistant; Joe Hobor, Isaacson, therapeutic recreation assistant and conductor; Sheryl Bowhay, adjudicator; and Melanie McGowan, music festival representative. Front: Gerry Fortin, John Kloberdanz, Ed Tameling, Alaline Schmidt and Pat Fluney. PHOTO SUBMITTED.

Canada ‘Would be More Competitive’ with the U.S. with Tax Reform Says Public Think Tank

VANCOUVER.—The federal government can reduce the top marginal income tax rate to 29.0 per cent—where it was before the Trudeau government increased it—and completely eliminate the three middle income tax rates of 20.5 per cent, 26.0 per cent, and 29.0 percent by reforming and simplifying the tax code, finds a new report published recently by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy

think-tank.

“With this plan for tax reform, the federal government could create a more progrowth-environment than Canadians are presently living in,” said Jake Fuss, director of fiscal policy at the Fraser Institute and study co-author of *Enhancing Economic Growth Through Federal Personal Income Tax Reform*.

According to the analysis, there are 49 federal tax credits, deductions, and special prefer-

ences that could be eliminated. Each of these measures currently reduces tax revenues to the federal government, the elimination of these special treatments allows the general personal income tax rates to be reduced.

In addition to eliminating a host of tax credits and deductions, a reduction of \$5.6 billion in spending is also required to cover the costs of the proposed tax reforms.

These changes would establish a new tax landscape with just two federal personal income tax rates. Nearly all Canadians would face a marginal tax rate of 15 percent, while top earners would pay a marginal tax rate of 29 percent, the rate in place since 1988 before it was increased in 2016—providing a much-needed boost to the Canadian economy by improving the incentives to work, save, and invest and for entrepreneurship and innovation.

“By making these tax changes, Canada would be more tax competitive with the U.S., who currently enjoy a substantial advantage over us on personal income taxes.”

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