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“This [provincial] budget doesn’t satisfy our seniors – not by a long shot!”

What do seniors want? Sylvia MacLeay, President of the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of British Columbia says seniors want what most others want:

“... reform of Olympic proportion: affordable housing, more adequate home support (to stay out of expensive institutions) and secure pension income. We want a clean environment for ourselves and our families, reasonable access to parks and recreation and communities that are age-friendly. Building these things and investing in them is a perfect economic stimulus and helps to maintain and create a healthy community.”

In addition to all of the increases in user fees, gasoline taxes, delisting of certain medications and services, etc. the HARMONIZED SALES TAX promises to add an average of \$900/year to individual’s expenditure– an amount that is impossible for people on a fixed income to raise. Seniors in particular understand that in order to have the public services we want – in healthcare, education, and clean environment - we have to pay taxes. We support fair taxation but this government has to stop its drive to privatize just about every public institution and service.

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