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Topic: Charities, charitable giving and volunteerism

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

We recommend that the Finance Committee provide Canadians with verified scientific data concerning the economic contribution that community organizations make to Canada's economic well-being. The research exists, and it provides eloquent proof of our contributions to the economic development and vitality of our communities. Our hypothesis is that money invested in community development produces excellent returns for the government and for the greater benefit of Canadians' standard of living.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

$1 billion or more

3 years

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

The government has the experts working for it that it needs for producing and disseminating these data. Statistics Canada already has data, and many studies have been funded that have already collected information on this subject.
When the known results have been disseminated, we then need to make use of the information to support policy and program managers, in order to guide their administrative decision-making.
All that is needed is to invest and support funding that offers a good return on investment.
By then reducing government bureaucracy, savings

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

All well-managed sectors of social and community development that have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable about their socioeconomic environment and that they have effective management. Investments in schools, colleges and universities; in not-for-profit organizations in francophone and anglophone minority communities, in arts and culture, in public service organizations for young people, seniors, families and working people, in settlement services for immigrants and migrants, to facilitate ...

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

Standard of living is measured by the quality of the support provided for a dynamic community, in the support provided for enterprise management and the mentoring services organized. Many experienced people are currently retiring and they could contribute in numerous ways. The educational aspects of a community that is active and involved in its development should also be supported. There is an unrealized potential for the returns that could be achieved if residents of towns and villages are better organized and coordinate their efforts, to get their communities moving. Capitalize on people with sound education and management experience ...

Topic: Children, youth and families

Recommendation 2: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

Develop mechanisms to hold corporations that do harm to public assets and land completely accountable. In concrete terms, the cost of environmental damage should be borne by the polluter, who must pay. It is unacceptable for companies to generate millions of dollars in profits and make Canadians pay for the destruction they leave behind to us, after they exploit our communities, for decontamination and clean-up (e.g. gold mines in Yellowknife).

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unknown

1 year

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Implementing this would be self-financing from the outset. The cost might be a loss of political friends. The benefit to the country would be tax relief for all Canadians and undoubtedly for companies that made better use of the results of research to control their polluting waste output.

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All Canadians, in terms of the economy, and all residents of the regions, towns and villages left with the damage associated with the industry's temporary presence.

The money saved could be used in part for preventive health programs for individuals and education for our youth, which would mean double savings, since the health services and insurance plans cost us a lot of money.

Investments in prevention are self-financing, we are willing to wager.

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Canadians' debt levels could be reduced, and conditions in our communities could be improved at the same time as improving our everyday standard of living.

Trainers, the production of documentation, marketing activities for these programs, the production and dissemination of materials, research activities and more -- these represent thousands of jobs created.

Topic: Please select from the pull-down menu

Recommendation 3: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

Invest more in school and community centres, to expand learning, training and educational opportunities to promote active, healthy living and participation in a holistic development process.

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≤$499,999

2 years

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

The provinces have their school taxes. The territories have budgets from the federal treasury, a very large majority of which, however, they contribute to that treasury through the substantial royalties that they forgo from the exploitation of their resources.

The federal government could provide the impetus for this approach, in which the community contributes more to education, information and training for our young people. The return on investments in young people is longer-term, and lies in the preparation of citizens who are better informed about the history and economy of their community and about joint community activities

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All levels of society, and a more secure future. Better integration of our elders' wisdom and the spontaneity and initiative of our young people, whose natural curiosity would be put to better use than by playing with electronic gadgets. Investing in human relations and mutual support would benefit a diverse range of groups and of economic activities, and particularly education.

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We believe that the impact of a better educated and better informed society that is involved in managing community life will bring about new, creative initiatives in services and jobs. A better prepared and better trained citizen is a worker who is more capable of entering the labour market, which is a microcosm of a society of working people who support one another and take responsibility for themselves.

Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

Thank you for your interest in serving Canadians better.
We hope that your consultations provide you with food not only for thought, but also for action.

*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided