

TAXPAYER 2019

Naughty and Nice List



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1. Premier Jason Kenney

For scrapping the provincial carbon tax, fighting Ottawa's carbon tax and reducing business taxes.

During the last two Christmas seasons, the carbon tax made it more expensive to fill up our cars and heat our homes. But this year, Premier Jason Kenney [gave](#) Albertans the present of no carbon tax! Instead of paying more for the necessities, Albertans now have more money to make sure the stockings are full and the Christmas tree is surrounded with gifts for our loved ones. This holiday season, Kenney is also trying to get Albertans back to work the right way: by [reducing business taxes](#) across the board.

2. NDP MLA Richard Feehan

For having zero taxpayer expenses since the provincial election.

NDP Richard Feehan has been extremely frugal with his expenses and that fills us with joy. Since the spring election, Feehan [hasn't billed](#) taxpayers for a single expense for travel, accommodations or events. When it comes to expenses, taxpayers would like all other MLAs to keep expenses low and follow Feehan's example.

3. Chestermere City Council

For lowering property taxes two years in a row.

Chestermere city council is once again giving taxpayers the gift of lower property taxes. This is the second year in a row that Chestermere's taxpayers will be enjoying a [two per cent](#) property tax cut. Chestermere is moving in the right direction and is proving that it is indeed possible for city councils to lower taxes.

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1. Councillor Jeff Davison

For breaking his promise and gifting the Flames' owners tax dollars for a new professional arena.

While Calgary families are being hammered with higher tax bills, Coun. Jeff Davison made sure to gift the Flames' owners hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars for their new professional arena. To add insult to injury, Davison broke his campaign promise. When vying for votes, then-candidate Davison [promised](#) taxpayers that he was against using tax dollars for a new professional arena. But, once elected to the comfy council chair, Davison became booster-in-chief for the Flames' owners.

2. AUPE Union Bosses

For pushing for a greedy eight per cent pay hike

Being greedy is a sure-fire way to land yourself on Santa's naughty list. And this year, the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees' union bosses are grabbing for the moon. While [many](#) Albertans outside of government continue to be added to the ranks of the unemployed, the AUPE's union bosses have been pushing for [eight per cent](#) wage hikes. Instead of the wage hikes, the AUPE's union bosses should look forward to a lump of coal in their stockings.

3. Alberta Government Finance Department

For including bracket creep in the 2019 Alberta budget

Alberta's finance bureaucrats pulled a fast-one on taxpayers by including the sneaky bracket creep income tax hike in their 2019 budget. Bracket creep happens when governments don't move tax brackets with inflation and taxpayers automatically get bumped into a higher tax bracket even though what we can afford to buy hasn't changed. Finance bureaucrats estimate this will cost taxpayers [hundreds of millions of dollars](#). Before the budget, Kenney [promised](#) to balance the budget without hiking taxes, and he [knows very well](#) that bracket creep is a hidden tax grab. Alberta taxpayers are left wondering if Kenney even knew his budget contained bracket creep or if his finance department snuck it in the budget without his knowing, but either way, Grinch-style tax hikes lead to one place: the naughty list.