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Our Readers Respond

Thank you again for all your help, Neel. I don't know what I would have done without PTC Canada. This was by far the smoothest service, and I'm really happy with everything. You have been great to work with!

Jennifer Gutierrez
 Calgary, Alberta

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As usual, we [welcome your comments](#) on the **Tax Tipper!**

Valentine's Message

Dear Clients and Friends,

It's a new decade and I'm excited. I think it's going to be a good year, with many more to come. Lots has happened since the New Year and, as always, I'll be here to bring you the *real* news through our newsletters, bulletins, [Facebook](#), and more. Also, it's the 20th anniversary of PTC's website, www.ptccanada.com, which is quite an accomplishment in my industry. Amazingly, there are still some accountants out there who don't have a website, and it's beyond me how they stay in business. Our site is designed for you, the client, to get your stuff on the go in minimal time and with maximum help, and I'm always challenging myself to make it better than ever as we go forward. Two features I'm looking at: adding live chat, and preventing de-platforming in case censorship gets out of hand. Don't laugh! Sites like www.naturalnews.com were de-platformed last month at the website level, and while they got back up, this is the first of many trial balloons.

The fake news is at it again, clogging up the news cycle with the [coronavirus scare](#). Sadly, [many independent media are falling for it](#), and while I don't deny its existence, with fatalities, I found out that the [coronavirus has been patented since 2018](#) by the UK's [Pirbright Institute](#). Like many previous scares, this will probably disappear by next month with a new crisis. These hoaxes coincide with the 2020 US election, which is now commonly expected to be a massive win for President Donald Trump. Also, we can anticipate a MAGA (Make America Great Again) congress with senate by a substantial margin. With the [US Federal Reserve fighting for its life](#), [George](#)

[Soros](#), to much surprise, has come out and [admitted this](#), and the direction of the world will drastically change. [Brexit's](#) been done for a week now, and the [USMCA](#) has been law for a month, so get ready for the good times.

Factories began fleeing China in record numbers even before the coronavirus, and, with billions in tariffs coming into US coffers with massive trade deals favouring the Americans, it's going to be wonderful. This is such a contrast when you consider that Canada [has been floundering for five years](#), [with no end in sight](#), while the world [perceives corruption rising under Trudeau's hopeless leadership](#). Expect new trade deals between the UK and US instead of the UK and EU. These will flow through the USMCA, turning Canada into a manufacturing and resource powerhouse. I'm predicting right here and now that we'll be booming like no other time in history sooner than you think.

The mainstream media is so pathetic. With over [50% of the population no longer trusting them](#), it's no wonder the [CBC's revenues have plunged 37%](#), while in Tennessee, [there's a bill to designate CNN as fake news](#). Recently there were two independent media sting operations that caught corruption red-handed.

[Project Veritas](#) did several undercover videos of [Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign](#), filming managers threatening to "burn cities down" and "lock conservatives into gulags." Shortly after that, [Project Veritas was locked down by Twitter](#). Similarly, in Canada, Rebel Media's [Ezra Levant was secretly interrogated without a lawyer](#) about his pre-election book [The Libranos](#). The [Liberal government has tried to license](#)

journalists since then—a classic communistic tactic—but had to quickly withdraw after much protest. I have no doubt they'll try again, since we're on the crescendo of a flood of censorship coming. In fact, a lawsuit has been launched by <http://justiceforcanada.ca> against Justin Trudeau under the Magna Carta for all the crimes he's been convicted of, including SNC Lavalin, etc. I will explain the history of the Magna Carta in a future newsletter, as it has been crucial to the foundation of our country and other English-speaking, Christian-predominant nations like the USA, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand, which have flourished for centuries.

The US election is bound to be the #1 story of this year. The Democrats are in a state of utter chaos, with failed caucuses, being embarrassed at the State of the Union, and of course the fake impeachment. I can't see it being much longer before indictments come out to arrest the deep state players, since they are now publicly blazoned about all the corruption they're involved in. In fact, Cindy McCain, widow of the late Senator John McCain, admitted in a show that they "all knew about the activities" of serial human trafficker Jeffrey Epstein but were too afraid to speak up. One must ask, what's all this about? I remember a client sending me a website link, <http://www.deagel.com/country/forecast.aspx>, which is a military intelligence prediction of the world's population in 2025. Yes, the forecast is for a decrease of a few billion, mostly in the developed countries like ours. It's a very complex topic, but research it for yourself. I have no doubt that if civil unrest happens, this will start this year.

Lastly, I want to comment on the markets, since it's RRSP season, and the bulk of my weekdays are spent monitoring the news cycle and markets so I'm in touch with events of the day while serving you. The stock market has done very well

under President Trump: precious metals like gold and silver have been climbing since the New Year. I've always recommended setting some aside in case of an emergency, and recently I found an alternative to pure silver. Ever heard of junk silver? There was a time in our country, up until 1966, when our quarters, dimes, and half/silver dollars were mostly silver (80%). Now one of those silver dollars is about \$13 in metal content while still legal tender. I bought some last year because of these advantages. While you can start collecting randomly on your own, I found a Canadian dealer who specializes in this, called <https://silvergolddbull.ca>. The bonus is that you can even make it RRSP deductible. Another commodity I'm watching is platinum and palladium, as that may be an explosive market due to limited supply, so stay tuned.

As things play out, I'll continue to keep you posted on these stories and more. With the Family Day long weekend coming up in Alberta, one of my favourite rituals is to go snowmobiling with friends on a frozen lake, weather permitting. It's awesome to slip out at night, roast wieners over an open fire while you listen to waves crashing a few feet under you, and gaze at a starry, mountain sky. While some may think that's dangerous, it's one of the most exhilarating things you can do. You have to try it at least once because, let's face it, no risk means no reward. You can't win all the time, but when you do, man, does it feel good! Remember, PTC Canada clients, we're playing to win—the right way! I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Valentine's Day and Family Day long weekend. Remember, *the best is yet to come!*



Neel Roberts
President and Founder



What's Happening

Upcoming for the 2020 Tax Season

There are a [variety of changes for this tax season](#), including elimination of the public transit tax credit, the children's fitness tax credit, and children's arts tax credit; changes to medical/donation credits; and enhanced scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, and artists' project grants exemption. There are also [improvements for e-services and how to interact with your tax professional](#) and/or CRA online. For further information contact general enquiries at 1-800-959-8281.



RRSP Deadline Approaching!

This year's contribution deadline is Monday, March 2, 2020, for your 2019 income tax return. If you miss the deadline, you can always use the contribution for your 2020 return. Make sure you have relevant information such as your contribution room, Home Buyers' Plan or Lifelong Learning Plan repayment requirements, and so forth. Check out the [RRSP webpage](#) for details or call 1-800-267-3100, and use your [CRA Account](#) to get your information online.



Have Your Say for 2020 Budget



You still have time to have your say in the upcoming [2020–2021 federal budget](#), so take advantage of this while you can. Many Canadians are still suffering from low incomes, high taxes, and much more. A [recent Knowledge Bureau article](#) has four main suggestions that most of us can sink our teeth into. So [fill out the survey here](#) or email directly to budget2020@canada.ca.

CRA Gets Very Poor Customer Service Score in Recent Survey



In a 2019 spring survey, CRA didn't make the grade, which was no surprise. [Jamie Golombek reported in the National Post](#) that 83% of participants gave CRA a failing grade, with 84% of those respondents ranking their interactions as "poor," between 1 and 3 on a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent). Comments included, "I sat on hold for more than 45 minutes and then got a message saying that all agents were busy and to call back another time. I got this message five times a day for a week." Tax professionals like myself also weighed in: "The telephone wait times are ridiculous. We can't bill this time back to the client. Dealing with CRA is just a terrible experience."

Top 10% of Earners Pay over 54% of Canada's Income Taxes



A [recent Fraser Institute article](#) ([Canada's #1 nonpartisan think tank](#)), entitled "Should Upper-income Canadians Pay More Income Tax?" revealed that the top 10% of income earners earned 34% of Canada's total income, yet paid more than 54% of total income taxes. To the surprise of many, lower income earners don't pay the bulk of the taxes even though they represent the majority of the population. Further, the effective tax rate rises within the top decile, with the top 1% paying nearly half their income to taxes, so taxing them more is simply going to drive them away. We need to take a lesson from the tax cuts in the US, which have made that country the hottest economy in the world. Taxes are simply too high no matter how you slice it, and a downward trend is inevitable.

2020 Tax Service Schedule Filling Up!



Friends, waiting until the last minute to get your taxes done is never a good idea, especially if you need them assessed soon. Once you're [ready to file your 2019 return](#), make arrangements TODAY rather than on April 30. Most pros like me are jammed to the rafters with appointments, and you may have to wait weeks before getting in. Take advantage of our email, fax, phone, and mail service. The days of office locations and 9–5 hours are a thing of the past, and regrettably businesses stuck in yesterday's ways will get left there. Most clients are demanding more options, and—no surprise—conventional appointments are becoming a thing of the past too!

More and Improved E-Services for 2019 Personal Returns



It's official. E-File starts first thing Monday, February 24, 2020, for all 2019 personal returns. Most refunds come in 1–2 weeks, and I suggest you get direct deposit. Also, there are [a variety of slips now available online](#) as far back as 10 years, with online mail and more. You can link between [My Account](#) and [My Service Canada Account](#). When you file your return, simply take your banking information or a blank cheque and you can have your refund, GST Credit, and Child Tax Benefits all done. If you forget, simply file the [Direct Deposit form](#) with CRA and they should be able to start in 1–2 months. Corporations can E-File all year round up to 4 years back, and can do direct deposit via the [Corporate Direct Deposit form](#). For further information, contact general inquiries at 1-800-959-8281.

2019 Tax Return Longest in History and More Complex



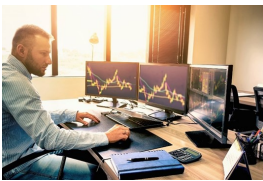
A recent [Knowledge Bureau article](#) explains how the new 8-page 2019 tax return is not only the longest in Canadian history but comes with many complications. For example, “All Canadians will be required to calculate a deduction for CPP/QPP enhanced contributions, as well as the non-refundable tax credit for base contributions.” These calculations are especially complex when there is an overpayment or an election to stop contributing to the CPP, which requires another 6-page form.

The new rules extend to unincorporated business owners as well. Jamie Golombek, in a [National Post article](#), explains the details of the changes, including the [Climate Action Incentive](#) if you were a resident of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, or Ontario (you need to complete Schedule 14).

Just Asking ... Just Answering

Full-time Stock Trader: Business or Capital Gains?

Real People with Real Questions About Real Situations



Dear Neel,
I'm currently a full-time engineer working out of my home, making over \$100K per year, employed by a company on the payroll. I've been trading part time in the stock market

with success, and reported the appropriate gains/losses of \$50K per year as capital income. I've been thinking of trading full time, in the hopes of replacing my income. So, would I report this like a business or keep it the same?

Catelyn J.

Dear Catelyn,
Bravo Zulu (that means Well Done!) for taking this initiative with successful results. From what I can see, you are doing everything correctly, unless you make trading your full and/or main income or occupation according to the [business income](#)

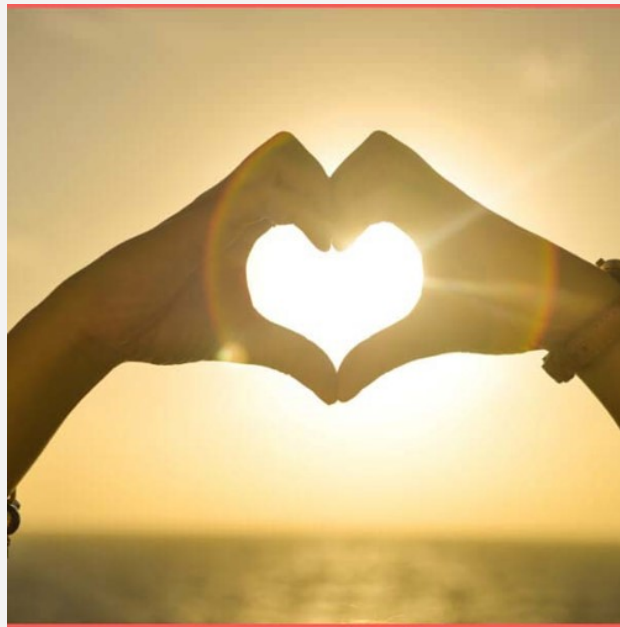
[guide](#). Investment income is generally considered passive and taxable at regular rates, but [capital gains are taxed at lower rates](#). CRA doesn't specifically spell out when you'd report your stock activities like a business, but if you were making \$50K as an engineer and \$100K in the stock market, then it would be considered business income and you could [deduct all related expenses](#). I think it's wise to keep your job as long as possible until you have enough cash, confidence, etc., before taking the plunge. From CRA's point of view, it's not always clear, but if the majority of your income and activities are in stocks, that's the turning point. Good luck!

Are You *Just Asking* tax questions?
[Neel can Just Answer them.](#)



It's a Photo Finish!

Sunshine Valentine Greeting!



Courtesy <https://mommyknowswhatsbest.com>

Are you looking to be creative for your Valentine? Flower, chocolates, and serenades still work, but this heartthrob really found something new. And the best part is, *it was free!* If you look closely, you'll see an aura around the hands, making it extra special. Whether or not that was planned, one thing's for sure—it got their Valentine's attention. You can do it too!

Did You Know?



... February 14th is the day birds choose their mates?

There's something in the air!



Astronomy fans or enthusiasts can follow Neel's monthly column [Sky's the Limit](#) in the [Vulcan Advocate](#) published the first Wednesday of every month!

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