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BUDGET 2016 - NOT ALL IT SHOULD BE

President's Message

Greetings from the helm!

As I write this the ink has dried on current government's budget. On the one hand, it seems that the Liberals have chosen to reverse some of the decisions made from the Conservative Government with regards to our Veterans which I feel we all should applaud! On the other hand, the Liberals have also followed suit and pushed out procurement for new equipment for the Canadian Armed Forces for the foreseeable fu-

ture. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that our procurement process has failed miserably. Costs have increased, projects have



been delayed and we are still operating equipment that should be in our Canadian War Museum. I also find it interesting that both our Prime Minister and our Minister of Foreign Affairs have stated that we are not at war with ISIL but are now courting our allies at NATO, and

that Canada is able to do more than just bomb ISIS targets. It would seem that our current direction is taking our CAF members on a collision course where they will be committed through multilateralism with our NATO partners but without the modern equipment required. It is incumbent on all of us the write our members of parliament and put pressure on them to fix our procurement issues and get the equipment required to safely interoperate with our allies!

Pete.

Military Committee Musings

Adequate National Defence:

If, Where, When and How Do We Get There?

Nanaimo, 4 April 2016... last evening I got a note from our Acting Editor, asking if I had anything to add for April's Newsletter. Well,

how about a late evening grouse? Politics for and inventive budgeting by the new Liberal Government are seeing us slip into an ever deepening

money pit. The previous Harper Government regularly blamed even earlier Martin-Chretien

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Salafist Islam - The Real Threat to Eurasia

Nanaimo, 14 March 2016

At our 9 March Lunch Meeting at *The Grand* I was asked what I meant by my remark in last month's Newsletter on *Sunni Salafist extremism*. I've tried to explain *Salafism* in the past, usually only in general terms, with not too much success. So, let me focus on this today.

**Death
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Seemingly, the *Salafists* first appeared on the scene during the hey-days of British influence in Egypt. Following the World War 1 demise of the Ottoman Empire, *Salafism* made its way to the new Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where it found a home among the fundamentalist *Sunni Wahhabis* of South-Western Saudi Arabia and

what is now Yemen. It was a comfortable fit for the adherents of a fundamental puritanical form of Islam more in tune with a desert society of 7th Century. *Salafism* is a religious sect, the members of which are as dedicated to the destruction of pompous corrupt forms of worship as were the champions of the Inquisition, Henry VIII, Luther or Oliver Cromwell in Middle Age Europe. *Salafists* do not believe in nation states, nor do they respect national borders. They do not believe in political processes, believing instead that life should be led entirely on the basis of the law as invoked in the *Koran*.

21st Century *Salafism* couldn't survive without the tacit support of our presumed allies, the Saudis. The destruction and desecration of numerous irreplaceable religious and archaeological gems, tombs, places of worship and the remnants of civilizations long gone & past are not new. It began in Arabia two hundred years past. But, it is today the hallmark of *Salafism* in Afghanistan, throughout the Middle East and in North & Central Africa. Idolatry, just as it was for the more ancient Hebrews or fundamentalist Christians, is regarded by *Salafists* as a cardinal sin and a capital offence.

Salafism is not popular with most Muslims. But, even the progressive among them are coming to realize *Salafism* is a growth cause. To challenge it within most Muslim communities, big

and small, is to be labelled an apostate. Apostates usually get just one chance to recant, failing which the cruellest of deaths is certain. Most *Salafist* wealth over the past 70 years came from petrodollars; much still does, although the faithful, in their hundreds of millions, are expected to cough up 7% of their annual wealth to Allah, manifest in *Salafism*. *Salafist* tax collectors don't take no or lengthy expense claims & tax write-offs for an answer. In most Muslim communities, outsiders may have been and still may be tolerated, but only conditionally so. Non-believers are levied additional annual taxes and "encouraged" to convert. Ultimately, the *Koran* demands surrender to Islam or enslavement for life, as long as that life continues.



Death is the ultimate fate of all non-believers or apostates...the later being those who dare betray the Faith.

Petrodollars built or are building & funding the day-to-day operation of thousands of mosques and madrases (religious schools) throughout Eurasia and right here in Canada. European and North American recruiting for *ITGIS* is occurring regularly in those mosques, madrases or in secondary or post secondary schools where *Salafist* influence is pre-



sent. Naively, we have assisted in the introduction of the serpent into our own Eden. The Grand Mosque in Ottawa was built with Saudi money.

The **immediate Salafist** dream is a new caliphate that includes: the Muslim provinces of Western China; India or its greater Muslim parts; the thousands of Muslim islands & lands of South East Asia; most of Central Asia; all of the Middle East; all of North and Central Africa; and, a few enclaves in Europe. And, that's just the immediate dream. Once that can be achieved, they will then turn to the conversion of all of mankind. Reminiscent of Hitler's 1935 Nuremberg speech, their vision is of...*one people; one caliphate; one Prophet.*

The very first victims of *Salafism* are other Muslims. The first heads at stake...literally, heads right on the stake... are those of the kings of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Morocco, together with the heads of the rulers, presidents or

prime ministers of a dozen or more Middle Eastern or North African states. Then comes the ethnic and religious cleansing of the caliphate of Christians, Jews, Persians and apostates. This is the real war a West-in-decline faces.



The *Salafists* are the enemies. Any enemy of this, our real enemy, has potential to be friend. Yes, compromises will have to be struck & stuck to by and with Russia, by the West, and, by & with real or even just passing allies in the Middle East. In effect, we need to *pick the war that's picking on us.* ITGIS and *al Qaeda*, not Russia or China best fit my WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE poster.

Col (Retd) W.J. McCullough

Our next luncheon meeting will be held at

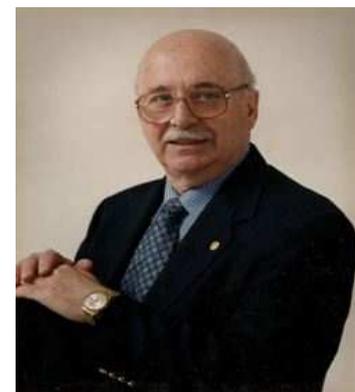
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on

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April 13, 2016
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per person

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If, Where, When and How Do We Get There?

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regimes for getting us into fiscal holes, while unproductively getting us into still another of its own. Now, our pristinely new *Trudeau le Deuxieme* Government argues, and most Canadians appear to agree, that we should dig the hole deeper with a \$29 Billion-plus deficit budget now on our books just for this year alone. God only knows what the deficit and the national debt will be three years along!

I don't pretend to be sufficiently versed on economics or higher finances to say whether or not stimulus spending is or is not sound. However, there are two realities evident to me. First, at age 80, I leave no family behind me. I have no children, grandchildren or great grand-children who might otherwise, someday, while trying to pay down our exploding national debt, inevitably ask: "what the heck were they thinking back in the early 21st Century?" Most of you do have parental progenies. I do hope

you'll include your own rationalization for wanton spending in your own Wills & Testaments.

Admittedly, stimulus spending has worked at least once in the recent past. In the Spring of 1940, realizing the then situation in Europe wasn't just some passing nightmare, the Mackenzie King Government launched off onto a mammoth "girding of the national loins" in which we printed money by the billions to finance not only our own national war effort, but underwriting the efforts of our other partners in the war against fascism and its autocratic partners. We printed our way out of the Great Depression, leaving the rest of the world in our debt and as markets for our own greater productivity.

But, stimulus spending a la *Trudeau Deuxieme* today is less principled. It's government spending and the printing of new money largely designed to make things better and a lot easier for governments at the provincial, territorial, municipal and community levels that simply haven't been focused

on doing the essentials that individuals:

- cannot reasonably be expected to do for themselves; or
- should not be expected to do on their own.

The second reality for me is the absence of even vaguely adequate thought for and spending on National Defence by this new Liberal Government. Oh, the previous Conservative Government was also long-on-talk when it came to National Defence, but also came way-up-short when it came or comes to actual equipment procurement, manning levels, training and sound deployments for the Canadian Armed Forces. Adequate National Defence simply has to be a real spending priority for a Federal Government, not just used as platitudes and throwaways on the hustings.

There is a third reality of which you may already be instinc-



tively aware. Has anyone seen or heard of our Minister of National Defence in recent weeks or months? After a quick launch in October- November past, MND has since been right off the radar screen. With no real money for the pot, I suspect his Cabinet colleagues will have suggested he just “zip up” for now! Of course, there will, at some point over the next 18 to 24 months, be a new White Paper or equivalent on Canada’s National Defence. But, don’t then hold your breath expectantly for anything to actually happen. It’ll all just dawdle along until the next election. Spending on defence just isn’t popular out there on the street, where most folk are more preoccupied in just getting the potholes fixed.

Our record for preparedness for war is a miserable one. We went into two 20th Century Global Wars woefully unready for the scope...the magnitude, the duration or the cost in lives & treasure of those wars. The Korean War, which wasn’t just some police action, was fought largely by vets



and ever so hastily recruited volunteers. Our many subsequent adventures have been carried on the backs of a shrinking bunch of Regulars, augmented at no little cost by Reservists. Now, when I look around our own Institute I do see our generation of Canadians who were partners in the collective victory of the Cold War. That was by no means a bloodless or no-cost war, but at least we won our war.

Sadly, today’s generation of self-serving Canadians, long on platitudes but short-of-sight, is at great risk of losing us that hard-won Peace. That’s going to be their legacy; the Peace they lost. How soon they forget. How soon we all forget.....

Col (Retd) W.J. McCullough

This month in Canadian Military History

- 9/4/1917** - Vimy Ridge is captured by the Canadian Corps.
- 15/4/1941** - The first RCAF attack over enemy territory occurs near Boulogne, France.
- 16/4/1945** - HMCS Esquimalt is torpedoed and sunk in the waters off of Halifax.
- 25/4/1945** - Canadian bombers from 6 Group attack Adolf Hitler ‘s retreat at Berchtesgaden.

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Any USINNI Member wishing to make a contribution or comment with respect to this publication may do so

Extract From the 2016 Budget With Respect to Defence Spending

DEFENDING CANADA

The Government is steadfast in its commitment to providing greater security for Canadians. This includes ensuring that the Canadian Armed Forces have the equipment and personnel required to protect Canadian sovereignty, defend North America, provide disaster relief, conduct search and rescue, support United Nations peace operations, and contribute to the security of our allies and to coalition operations abroad. The Canadian Armed Forces will continue to play an important role in the coalition fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and in North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) assurance measures in Central and Eastern Europe. Budget 2016 also reaffirms Canada's contribution to support Ukrainian forces through military training and capacity-building in 2016–17, in coordination with other countries providing similar training assistance.

The Government will conduct an open and transparent process to create a new defence strategy that will deliver a modern, more agile and better-equipped military. A new defence strategy will include improved processes to ensure more accurate costing for major defence procurements and to provide Canadians with regular updates on project costs and timelines. Over the course of 2016, the Government will seek the input of Canadians, experts, allies and partners, and Parliament on the strategic environment for the

Canadian Armed Forces, the roles for the Canadian Armed Forces, and the Canadian Armed Forces size, structure and capabilities.

RENEWING MAJOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

A modern, well-equipped Canadian Armed Forces is needed to support missions at home and abroad. The Department of National Defence is in the process of renewing its major equipment, including Canada's aging fleets of CF-18 fighter aircraft and maritime warships.

“Funding is being shifted into future years...”

For the purposes of fiscal planning, funding to support large-scale capital projects for defence, including the associated operating and sustainment costs, is set aside in the fiscal framework and managed on an accrual basis. In this context, the cost of a given capital project is amortized over the useful life of the asset; for example,

a \$1-billion capital project with a 25-year useful life would typically have an amortized expense profile of \$40 million per year over 25 years. The amortized costs of all projects cannot exceed the total funds available for large-scale capital projects in a given year. Cash appropriations for projects are sought as required by National Defence and are reflected in the department's Estimates.

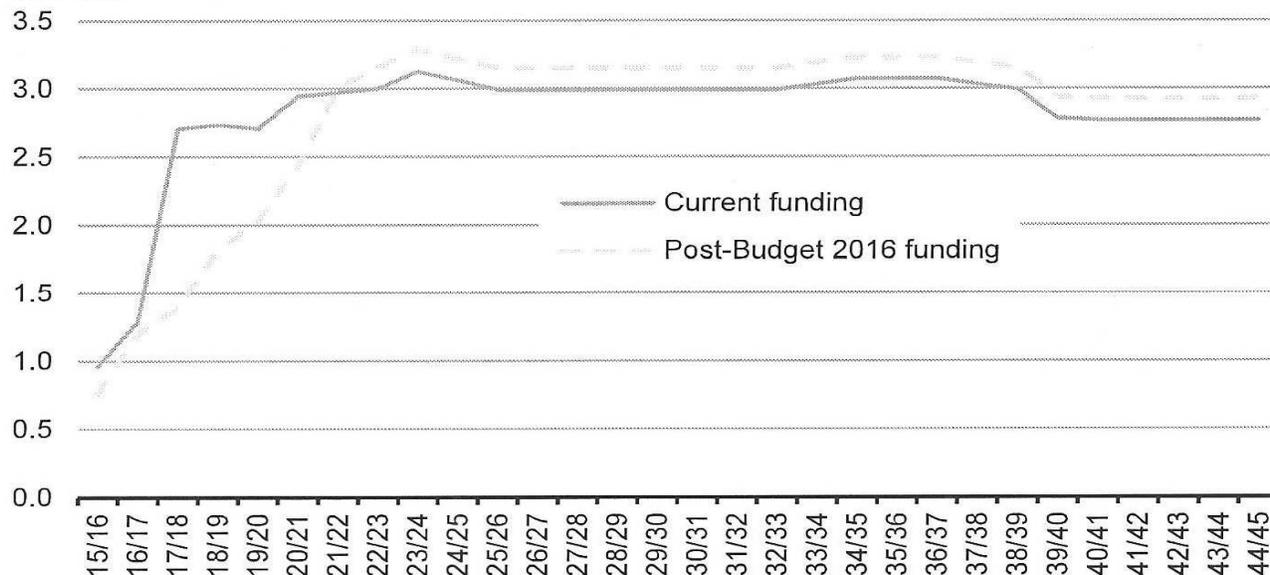
Total funding available to National Defence for large-scale capital projects is \$84.3 billion over 30 years out to 2044–45, and \$2.8 billion per year ongoing starting in 2045–46, on an accrual basis. To ensure that funding is available when key capital acquisitions will be made, funding that is not yet allocated to specific projects, or that cannot be spent due to unforeseen delays in planned projects, can be moved forward into future years when it will be needed.

Budget 2016 proposes to reallocate funding of \$3.716 billion for large-scale capital projects from the 2015–16 to 2020–21 period to future years. This is not a reduction in National Defence's budget. This will ensure that funding is available for large-scale capital projects when it is needed. Funding is being shifted into future years to align with the current timing of National Defence's major equipment acquisitions. Chart 6.2 shows funding for large-scale capital projects available to National Defence prior to Budget 2016 and following Budget 2016, reflecting the shifting of funding into future years.

Chart 6.2

FUNDING FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE LARGE-SCALE CAPITAL PROJECTS

\$ billions



Notes: The annual profile of this funding may be subject to change depending on project schedules.

Figures do not include ongoing core funding in National Defence's annual budget for smaller capital projects and one-time funding for other capital (e.g. Budget 2016 federal infrastructure initiative).

Funding for large-scale capital acquisitions is reflected in National Defence's Estimates when authority is sought to appropriate cash for a given purchase.

Source: Department of National Defence with Department of Finance calculations.

Addressing the Infrastructure Needs of the Canadian Armed Forces

The Government is committed to ensuring that Canadian Armed Forces personnel and their families have the support they need, including safe and modern facilities in which to live, work and train. As part of the federal infrastructure initiative in Chapter 2—Growth for the Middle Class, Budget 2016 proposes to provide \$200.5 million over two years on a cash basis, starting in 2016–17, to National Defence to undertake infrastructure projects at Canadian Forces Bases and other defence properties across Canada.

Investments will include:

- \$77.1 million on projects to support readiness for Canadian Armed Forces military operations, including investments to repair and construct live-fire ranges, airfields and hangars and naval jetties across Canada;
- \$67.4 million on projects to support the Reserve Force, including investments to repair and maintain armouries in Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia;
- \$50.0 million on projects to support military personnel and their families, including investments to upgrade and construct military housing across Canada; and
- \$6.0 million on projects to support northern operations, including investments in airfield ramp reconstruction that is critical to northern search and rescue and upgrades to fire suppression systems that directly support the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).



SNOWBIRDS DEMONSTRATION AND CF-18 DEMO FLIGHTS TRAINING SCHEDULE

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds are scheduled to be in Comox for Spring training flights from 7 to 27 April. As this is training they do not publicize their timings. Generally they fly twice a day, weather permitting (mid-morning, 9:30-10:20 and mid-afternoon, 14:55- 15:40). In addition, the CF-18 demo Spring training flights are planned for 24 April to the 5 May and generally practice at 10:40-11:00 am and 15:10-15:30 pm. For further inquiries please contact the 19 Wing Public Affairs Officer Capt Trevor Reid at (250) 339-8201.

NTF: For those that might be interested in making the trip to Comox. Great vantage points are the parking lot at, "Air Force Beach" or the, "888 RCAFA Wing Patio" located next to the retired aircraft static display... Leroy

A Note from our Secretary:

Just a reminder for those very few Ordinary or Associate Members who have not yet renewed their 2016 Memberships. The Constitutional period-of-grace expires/expired 31 March. If you have questions on this, please contact Tony Pearson or me and we'll assist as necessary. Life or Honourary Memberships do not time-expire, although we are in the process of contacting inactive Life Members to confirm that they wish to remain on our contact lists.....Bill

Front Page Photo

The Honourable William Francis Morneau, P.C., M.P.. Minister of Finance, presents Budget 2016 to Parliament, March 22, 2016.

A Note from our Vice President:

Members are reminded to please ensure that they contact or are contacted by their respective telephone contact coordinator to confirm attendance at our luncheons. This process simplifies the task of the luncheon catering staff by ensuring that sufficient food and place settings are prepared in anticipation of our function.

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