

GLI newsbreeze July 24, 2016.

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Upcoming meetings

The meeting of the Basic Income group at 955 Queen east, Riverdale Health center, will occur at 1:30 the second thursday after the last, as usual, which is July 28. Further progress will be made in preparing a standard leaflet to hand out, and in defining strategy to help promote a BI.

As for the BITO group, there is some trouble around obtaining a meeting space. Many participants will be unable to attend on the fourth Tuesday in July either. The meeting may be put off into August. This can mean trouble with preparing for participation and conducting a workshop at the Montreal Social Forum next month.

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Interesting links

Ponder this article from Armine Yalnizian of Canada Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) . It begs for a response.

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2016/07/19/basic-income-how-about-basic-services.html>

Something else to ponder about income transfer programs and their effects

http://behindthenumbers.ca/2016/07/20/3-positive-steps-toward-ending-poverty-in-canada/#.V5AZEgv_azl.twitter

BI news brings us some actual news about Bi for a change. When do we get a political action group in Canada?

<http://www.basicincome.org/news/2016/07/us-new-political-action-committee-for-basic-income/>

Some useful stuff from our compadres in Waterloo

<http://biwr.ca/basic-income-baby-bonus-canada-child-benefit/>

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Research on High Segal

Here is a message from a member of this e-mail list, with some views and some research about Hugh Segal to show us.

I've attached the document I produced from my research that gives a good idea of the kind of thinking Hugh Segal has been putting into the basic income concept over the years.

His thinking seems to line up fairly well with ours. That's no guarantee, of course, that his thinking will prevail with the Wynne government. We need to bear in mind that Ed Clark is her chief economic adviser, and I suspect that he's no friend of a worthwhile basic income approach.

Still, every little helps. Segal will provide Wynne with a preliminary note this fall. This will give some general direction of how he sees his work progressing. In project management terms, it should be a 'statement of work'. It would be good if he could somehow be influenced in a beneficial way as he puts that SOW together.

From my perspective, a particular issue is that Wynne keeps on about a 'pilot' project. That will delay things significantly. Somehow, it would be good to get her off that pilot kick and into launching a proper programme sooner rather than later.

Whatever can be done in the next little while to convince the powers-that-be and to develop general public support will be to the good.

Cheers,

<http://www.livinggrant.ch/currentdocumentsfolder/Segal%20views%20BI.pdf>

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The June 29, 2016 event.

As for the debate on BI last June 29, here are notes from members of this list.

<http://www.livinggrant.ch/currentdocumentsfolder/UBI%20Event%20June%2029.pdf>

Video of this event published on July 12, 2016 and available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEWlHynzF8g&feature=youtu.be>