

## Circling dates

### EDITORIAL

Now that a new year has dawned, it is time to start circling dates on the political calendar.

Like April 1, for example.

No April Fool's Day joke, it is the day Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, egged on by his principal secretary Gerald Butts and his environment minister, Catherine McKenna, begin to saddle us even more with their supposedly planet-saving carbon tax.

And will it ever cost us.

Internal government documents show that while the Trudeau Liberals will start their carbon tax at a modest \$20 a tonne, and plan to hike it to \$50 a tonne within three years, their real target is \$300 a tonne, or 15 times larger than their introductory hit on taxpayers.

That translates into an additional \$1000 a year for each of us to heat our homes, and an additional 60 cents a litre every time we go to the gas pumps.

Yes, 60 more cents a litre. So, enjoy the somewhat low prices currently posted on gas station marquees because they are about to spike.

And all this while the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases will be getting massive exemptions.

In other words, it's the little guy?meaning you?who will be doing the paying.

Or, put another way, business as usual.

No wonder Conservative leader Andrew Scheer used the statutory holiday of New Year's Day to double-down on Trudeau and use his carbon tax as a dollars-and-cents reason to limit the Liberals in the fall election to a single term in government.

As for Trudeau? Well, his official itinerary had him taking personal time on the ski slopes of Whistler.

It must be nice.

Trudeau's carbon tax will do absolutely nothing to save the environment, of course, but it will make everyday essentials for expensive for all Canadians.

Simply put, hard-working taxpayers cannot afford to have the Trudeau Liberals re-elected.

The Liberals' plan is to tax us out of house and home.

The numbers do not lie.