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Federal government is a long way from fulfilling 2 Billion Trees Program

COMMENTARY BY MICHAEL KRAM

Member of Parliament, Regina Wascana

If there is one thing I have learned about the Liberal government during my time in office, it is that they prefer virtue-signalling to results. They would rather look good, especially for the media, than actually accomplish something. I was reminded of this lately with my new committee assignment on the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee.

I should say, at the outset, that we all agree that the environment and sustainable development are issues of significant public concern. Yet even on these issues, the Liberals would rather invest in window dressing than solutions.

At a recent Environment and Sustainable Development Committee meeting, parliamentarians had a chance to question the officials from the 2 Billion Trees Program. This was a 2019 Trudeau campaign promise to plant two billion carbon-sucking trees by 2030. With only seven years left in their mandate, I asked the officials how it was going.

Not so well, it turns out. Out of the two billion, the government had only planted 110 million trees. However, not all of those were actually planted by the 2 Billion Trees Program. Many of those were planted as part of the routine business of Parks Canada and other government departments. In other words, those trees would have been planted anyway whether this initiative existed or not.

Under further probing, the officials admitted that they couldn't even totally swear by the 110 million number because their small staff of 50 were running into problems of counting the same trees twice (in their defence, many trees do look a lot alike).

But it gets even more disheartening. The Department of Natural Resources supplied information that Canada already has over 300 billion trees, so although two billion sounds like an impressive number, it's not likely to have any measurable benefit for the environment. Also, the private sector lumber industry, as part of its best practice of overstocking re-plantings, plants billions more trees every decade than the initiative had promised.



As we proceeded with this comedy show, I ultimately asked the 2 Billion Trees official why they even called it that anymore, since they clearly were never going to get close to that number.

"Yes, it's a good question," she replied. "For us it was trying to be clear about the intent and the whole-of-government commitment to try to rally interest among Canadians."

"Rally interest"? In other words, the Liberals never intended to plant two billion trees. They just wanted Canadians to think they were doing it. Nothing but a PR stunt, like so much of what the Liberal government does.

- *The opinions expressed in this column are from Michael Kram and may not reflect the views of the Chamber. Kram is a member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development.*

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Canadian Club of Regina event set for Dec. 6 Downtown Regina Gift Card is now available

The next event for the Canadian Club of Regina will be held on Wednesday, December 6 and feature Randy Brooks as guest speaker.

Set for the Conexus Arts Centre, the seasonal luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by Brooks's address at 12 noon. Brooks is a teacher, an Army reservist and President of the Last Post Fund.



Admission is \$15 for annual members, \$20 members, \$25 for non-members and for \$15 for students.

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Corteo ticket offer available to Chamber members

Cirque du Soleil is bringing "Corteo" to Regina in December and the world-renowned entertainment production company is extending ticket offers to members of the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce.

This special offer allows individuals to purchase up to eight tickets with a 20 per cent discount. To take advantage of this opportunity, click [HERE](#).

Do you need 10 or more tickets? If so, you are eligible for an even deeper savings off tickets. Contact Sarah Hudson at sarah.hudson@cirquedusoleil.com to go over seating

options and pricing.

"Corteo" will be in Regina at the Brandt Centre from Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, December 17 with six shows over the four days.

"Corteo", which means "cortege" in Italian, is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown.

The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between heaven and earth.



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