

Afternoon Media Scan w/ Pension Asset Expert Panel Article and Transcript - Monday February 13, 2017

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Attachments: Government Accounting Panel Nowhere Near Independent or Consistent - February 13, 2017.docx (19.96 kB); PENSION ASSET EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL REPORT - February 13, 2017.docx (32.63 kB); Feb. 13 - Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel Report.doc (107.01 kB)

TV NEWS SUMMARY (NOON EDITION)

Stations Surveyed: CFTO, CHCH, CKCO, CJOH, MCTV

CFTO (Toronto)

A poll suggests that support for NAFTA has gone up among Canadians since Trump was elected. The poll shows that 44% of those surveyed say NAFTA has benefited Canada; this number is up from 25% in a previous poll.

AFTERNOON CLIPS

Pension Asset - Budget / Debt

Pensions are an asset, expert panel concludes

thestar.com - Mon Feb 13 2017

Byline:Robert Benzie(<https://author.thestar.com/>»)

Newsroom : Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel Submits Report

news.ontario.ca - Mon Feb 13 2017

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Canada's Credit Rating

Canada's AAA Rating Is on Thin Ice - Bloomberg

www.bloomberg.com - Fri Feb 10 2017

Byline:Luke Kawa

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Federal Finance

[Stephen Gordon: Liberals continue to play suspiciously coy with the real budget numbers](#)

National Post - Mon Feb 13 2017

Byline:Stephen Gordon

[Ottawa may eye tax measures that hit higher earners; The federal government needs tax revenue to keep the deficit in check](#)

theglobeandmail.com - Sun Feb 12 2017, 4:11pm ET

Byline:Rob Carrick

Jobs / Employment

[Despite Black Shoots in Oil Patch, Canada Faces a Jobs Mirage](#)

www.bloomberg.com - Mon Feb 13 2017

Byline:Greg Quinn, Erik Hertzberg, and Robert Tuttle

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Trudeau / Trump

[Trudeau, Trump sit down in Oval Office for first face-to-face meeting; Justin Trudeau and Donald Trump meet in Washington](#)

theglobeandmail.com - Mon Feb 13 2017, 12:34pm ET

Byline:Robert Fife And Adrian Morrow

Pension - CPP

[CPPIB shakes up boardroom with two new directors; Ashleigh Everett and John Montalbano, two business leaders with experience in Western Canada, will join the pension plan's governance team](#)

theglobeandmail.com - Mon Feb 13 2017, 12:14pm ET

Byline:JACQUELINE NELSON

TWEETS

Pension Assets



[Allison Smith @QueensParkToday 5m5 minutes ago](#)

This is good news for the gov't, which would have big trouble balancing budget w/o these billions in assets.

Independent panel balks against Auditor General, sides with gov't on the accounting of joint pension assets.



[Allison Jones @allisonjones_cp](#) 1h1 hour ago

Expert panel sides with govt in accounting dispute with AG. Auditor's interpretation would have added \$1.5B to deficit, \$10.7B to net debt.

Panel says they're not all accountants. One is a pension lawyer and another is a comptroller...

[@OntarioAuditor](#) says she won't be making any comment until later this week on the expert accounting panel's findings.



[Mike Crawley @CBCQueensPark](#) 56m56 minutes ago

Independent panel sides w govt in dispute w [@OntarioAuditor](#) over whether joint pension surpluses count as prov assets



[Robert Benzie @robertbenzie](#) 21m21 minutes ago

Pension asset experts deem pension assets an asset (repeat that five times):

<https://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2017/02/13/pensions-are-an-asset-expert-panel-concludes.html> ... [#onpoli](#)

Hydro Rate Cut



[Mike Crawley @CBCQueensPark](#) 2h2 hours ago

CBC News exclusive- Ontario Liberals eye 'global adjustment' to cut hydro bills

CBC exclusive: Wynne govt considering changes that could knock 8% or more off hydro bills



[CBC Toronto @CBCToronto](#) 1h1 hour ago

Why your hydro bill could drop by 8% or more <http://bit.ly/2IHtGII>

Ontario Liberals eyeing hydro rate cut in the range of 8 per cent, sources say <http://bit.ly/2IBcwta>

Think Tanks / Research



[Conference Board Cda @ConfBoardofCda 54m54 minutes ago](#)

New report looks at how closing the Cdn [#tax](#) gap would increase revenues available to govts + fairness to taxpayers: <http://ow.ly/DkgM308XnSQ>



[Ontario Chamber @OntarioCofC 22m22 minutes ago](#)

The Business Confidence Survey presents the perspective of our 60,000 business members from across the province. <http://www.occ.ca/oer>

Housing Affordability



[National Post @nationalpost 2h2 hours ago](#)

'The housing bubble has burst': Economist warns market imbalances are threat to economy in long run [http://business.financialpost.com/personal-finance/mortgages-real-estate/the-housing-bubble-has-burst-economist-warns-market-imbalances-threat-to-economy-in-long-run ...](http://business.financialpost.com/personal-finance/mortgages-real-estate/the-housing-bubble-has-burst-economist-warns-market-imbalances-threat-to-economy-in-long-run...) [#business](#)

U.S. Economy



[Financial Post @financialpost 27m27 minutes ago](#)

U.S. debt seen as a risk? America's biggest creditors dump treasuries in warning to Trump [http://business.financialpost.com/news/economy/u-s-debt-seen-as-a-risk-americas-biggest-creditors-dump-treasuries-in-warning-to-trump ...](http://business.financialpost.com/news/economy/u-s-debt-seen-as-a-risk-americas-biggest-creditors-dump-treasuries-in-warning-to-trump...)



[The Globe and Mail @globeandmail 44m44 minutes ago](#)

Yellen unlikely to rule out March rate hike in Capital Hill testimony <http://trib.al/MoqQttr> from [@GlobeBusiness](#)

Federal Finance



[National Post @nationalpost 10m10 minutes ago](#)

Stephen Gordon: Liberals continue to play suspiciously coy with the real budget numbers [http://news.nationalpost.com/full-comment/stephen-gordon-liberals-continue-to-play-suspiciously-coy-with-the-real-budget-numbers ...](http://news.nationalpost.com/full-comment/stephen-gordon-liberals-continue-to-play-suspiciously-coy-with-the-real-budget-numbers...)

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