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### **Part One: Insights From the Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney- An AIMS Success**

On Thursday, 21 June 2012, the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies hosted a special AIMS Luncheon featuring insights from Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney. The event brought over 600 guests to the Cunard Centre in Halifax to hear remarks from AIMS President and CEO, Charles Cirtwill, AIMS Board Chair, John Risley, and an important keynote from Governor Carney. This was followed by an informative open Question & Answer session with the audience and Governor Carney. The event received national media coverage.

[Read Mark Carney's insights here.](#)

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### **Part Two: EI- What's Left To Do?**

In this Op-Ed, originally published in The Hill Times, AIMS President, Charles Cirtwill, presents a solution which would reduce the overall cost of the EI program, reduce the required premiums, and make offering and accepting employment more attractive for both employers and employees. Cirtwill recognizes that, presently, Employment Insurance is not a program about "insurance". He argues that your habits, skills, and industry should be predictors for the frequency of your need for aid and should be reflected in your premiums, and those of your employer. The rules could be national in scope and eliminate the negative consequences of

regionally differentiated benefits. The rate one pays into the program could also be adjusted to fit what level of benefit you wanted, and the type of deductible you might be prepared to accept. He goes on to offer solutions for both structural and cyclical unemployment as well- solutions that should be separate and distinct from the insurance function. Ultimately, Cirtwill concludes the current proposed changes have created a lot of stir but actually changed very little- and a lot needed to be changed.

[Read the full op-ed here.](#)

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### **Part Three: Building a Bigger Tent- Serving all special needs students better in New Brunswick's inclusive education system**

One in ten Canadians reportedly suffers from a learning disability. 2,100-4,200 New Brunswick public school students are struggling with serious learning challenges. In this paper, AIMS Author Dr. Paul W. Bennett calls for a true review of New Brunswick's public education system, with the goal of creating a fully inclusive environment for learning disabled students.

Many research findings in New Brunswick's 2012 report *Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools*, raise serious questions about whether the existing "full inclusion" model can ever serve the diverse and complex needs of today's students. There is a place- and perhaps a need- for specialized learning programs where provincial education authorities build a bigger tent.

In *Building a Bigger Tent: serving all special needs students better in New Brunswick's inclusive education system*, Bennett references the Nova Scotia Tuition Support Program (TSP) as a model for New Brunswick to follow, providing per-student grants for learning disabled students to attend specialized schools that meet their unique, individual needs. The Nova Scotia Tuition Support Program has proven effective as a funding model in Nova Scotia. According to Bennett, students with complex needs in New Brunswick would be better served by introducing new forms of schooling and programs, using evidence-based programs like the Nova Scotia TSP.

It's time for New Brunswick to embrace 21st century education. Bennett recommends a provincial review of New Brunswick's current model of special education delivery, and ultimately the

development of a new continuum of service, including self-contained classes and special education alternative schools.

[Read New Brunswick's 2012 Report: Strengthening Inclusion, Strengthening Schools here.](#)

[Read Building a Bigger Tent here.](#)

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#### **Part Four: Fishing For Change**

AIMS Board Chair John Risley knows the ups and downs of the fishing industry first-hand through his wild seafood company, Clearwater Fine Foods. In this commentary, Risley argues that reform to the federal Fisheries Act and entire fishing industry in Canada are needed if the industry is to sustain over the long-term. With the proper reforms, the fishing industry in Canada could go from an outdated 'social fisheries' model to a productive industry guided by conservation and profit.

Currently, the Department of Fisheries is required to conduct complex, costly studies surrounding habitat protection, even when there are no commercial or environmentally important species to protect. Risley agrees the government may have a vested interest in protecting underwater habitats, but reducing regulatory inefficiency and reallocating resources to focus on legitimate fish conservation would likely improve overall habitat protection in a more effective way. The current practice of having multiple levels of government conduct these studies is too expensive and unnecessary.

In Fishing for Change, Risley explains that the industry is trying to "grow up", dealing with an ageing workforce on sea and land, and competing with the opportunities afforded by the energy industries across the country. Instead of embracing the memories of what the industry once was, Risley argues that we should direct our policy away from over-regulation, to create an industry capable of creating career opportunities for a young, mobile workforce.

[Read Fishing for Change here.](#)

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## **Part Five: AIMS in the Media**

### [New Mortgage Rules Coming Effective July 9, 2012](#)

Speaking at an AIMS event after Minister Flaherty announced a series of changes, Mark Carney reiterated his concerns about the effects that his ultra-low interest rates have had on the behaviour of both borrowers and lenders.

### [Mark Carney calls for 'open, resilient, global financial system'](#)

Macleans Magazine covered Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney's speaking notes for a speech he delivered to AIMS on Thursday, June 21.

### [Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney's Speech in Halifax \(Text\)](#)

The text of Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney's speech to AIMS in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The document was released today in Ottawa.

### [\\*\\*BOC's Carney: Stagnating Europe Needs To Centralize](#)

Europe is stagnating, rebalancing the global economy between debt and growth is stalled, and the public taxpayer should not have to pay for private banking excesses, Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney said.

### [Canadian Dollar Declines Most Since June 1 as Retail Sales Fall](#)

BOC Governor Mark Carney, speaking at an AIMS event in Halifax, Nova Scotia, reiterated that he may raise interest rates as the economy continues to move toward full output.

### [Ottawa's new mortgage rules will lead to 'long-term stability': Carney](#)

The government's latest move to tame the mortgage market will support the "long-term stability" of the housing market and guard against economic risks posed by excessive borrowing, BOC Governor Mark Carney said at an AIMS event.

### [StatsCan: Fewer Nova Scotians drawing EI](#)

Despite blanket regional statements from Ottawa about EI dependence in Atlantic Canada, the latest StatsCan report showing fewer Nova Scotians drawing EI suggests the jobs market is more nuanced.

### [Carney: Financing the Global Transition](#)

Forex Factory covered Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney's speech in Halifax on Thursday, June 21.

### [Mark Carney: "It is not enough to have our own house in order"](#)

Speaking at AIMS in Halifax, Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney made the case for reforming global finance, in particular "two flawed monetary unions," the formal one in Europe, and the informal one of Breton Woods II.

[Sustained World Growth Requires a Resilient Financial System, Says Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney](#)

An open, resilient global financial system is required to underpin sustained global economic growth and realise the potential of globalisation, said Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of Canada in a speech to AIMS in Halifax.

[Carney: Mortgage rules 'prudent and timely'](#)

New mortgage rules will help keep Canadians from getting too far in debt and putting the economy at risk, said Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney at an AIMS event.

[Building a Bigger Tent is a badly needed critical analysis of New Brunswick inclusive education policies and the Porter-Aucoin report](#)

Author agrees with AIMS Author Paul Bennett that the NB government needs to do a critical analysis of the Porter Aucoin inclusive education report.

[Standard exams changing](#)

As the NS Education Department is moving standardized testing for high school math and literacy from Grade 12 to Grade 10, Charles Cirtwill said adding a test in Grade 10 is fine, but without an additional Grade 12 exam, educators won't be able to assess any improvements or failings.

[\[AUDIO\] Students with learning disabilities not being well served by education system: report](#)

[Atlantic premiers expanding joint buying](#)

Atlantic Canadian premiers are looking to cooperate on purchasing so they can save money, but AIMS President Charles Cirtwill doubts the commitment of the premiers to saving with bulk purchasing over the long run.

[N.S. unemployment level spikes again](#)

Nova Scotia's unemployment rate surged to 9.2%, while both New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador posted job gains. Charles Cirtwill said the modest growth in other Atlantic provinces reflects a friendlier business environment and lower taxes.

[David Gratzer: Why conservatives treat access to junk food as a freedom](#)

David Gratzer makes the argument that public schools have responsibility to serve healthy food, while an AIMS blog post argues that with student choice for comes responsibility.

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**Nova Scotia's Tuition Support Program:** AIMS proposes support for students with learning disabilities.

**AIMS on Campus:** An exciting opportunity for students! The AIMS on Campus project is made possible through the generous support of the Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation.

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