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Brian Lee Crowley heads to Ottawa

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Part One: AIMS founding president on loan to Ottawa

It's being called "a great appointment for Brian Lee Crowley and a huge recognition for the work accomplished at AIMS over the years."

David McD. Mann, chairman of the AIMS Board of Directors, says, "This is an incredible honour for Brian and recognition of all the critical and important work he has conducted over the past twelve years at AIMS."

Brian Lee Crowley, the founding president of AIMS, has been appointed the Clifford Clark Visiting Economist with the Department of Finance, one of the most prestigious economic appointments in the country.

To read more about the changes at AIMS, [click here](#) to view the news release issued by the institute.

To learn more about the Clifford Clark appointment, [click here](#) to view the release issued by the Department of Finance.

Follow [this link](#) for a biography of Brian Lee Crowley.

Part Two: Acting President Charles Cirtwill no stranger to AIMS.

For more than half of the life of AIMS, Charles Cirtwill has played an integral role in the institute. He wasn't new to public policy when he arrived at the door, but he has certainly made his mark since his arrival.

For the past two years, Cirtwill has been Vice President and Director of Operations, as well as the driving force behind one of AIMS' most successful projects, the annual High School Report Card for Atlantic Canada.

While the public education reform initiative may be what Cirtwill is best known for, he has also been involved in all the projects covered by AIMS whether it is equalization, Atlantica or fiscal imbalance.

"The institute will continue to produce top-calibre, engaging and thought-provoking material while Brian is in Ottawa," said Cirtwill. "AIMS' best known public face may be missing for a while, but the institute still has many voices that will continue to take on the tough public policy issues that affect our lives."

To read more about Charles Cirtwill, [click here](#).

Part Three: Crowley's arrival in Ottawa sparks immediate reaction.

The editor of Atlantic Business magazine recently wrote, "Brian Lee Crowley is as renowned for his courage in incessantly questioning the status quo as he is celebrated for the ferocity of his intellect."

With such strong words from a journalist, it's not surprising that Crowley couldn't slip quietly into Ottawa, under the radar screen so to speak. The announcement of his appointment was met with a variety of reactions both inside the House of Commons and outside.

Follow the links below to read what was said and by whom:

- [Crowley to advise Tories on economics, The Chronicle-Herald](#)
- [Finance minister defends advisor, Times & Transcript](#)
- [Halifax MPs stick up for Crowley, The Chronicle-Herald](#)
- [Brian Crowley to advise on finance policy, The Ottawa Citizen](#)

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