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## GLI Toronto Newsbreeze November 6

The report of the 2016 BIEN congress is now out. It is worth a read. They got something done at this one! There are points about the definition of BI which need to be incorporated in the Canadian movement.

Another thing they decided was to hold meetings every year. That will make them much more effective. So will registering as a non profit corporation. We hope BICN learns from this example.

<http://basicincome.org/news/2016/10/bien-report-general-assembly/>

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I have finally got some information about the **Peterborough event of November 19**. I did so just in time, because they were almost out of space. It seems some people are organizing carpools up there. I can claim a reimbursement if I take the Greyhound up.

It seems we had the usual problem of many people not knowing about it because some key people cannot get it through their heads that everyone is not on their favourite social media.

I will be up there with my notebook and will give everybody a full report on it. It seems the main object is strategizing. The advent of this Ontario pilot project suggests establishing an Ontario wide federation to respond to the provincial government.

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So the **Recommendations from Senator Segal** are finally public. Now the Consultation on a Basic Income Pilot Project starts. I am already getting airsick.

Now BI folks need to hurry up and get registered at one of the two consultation hearings to be held in Toronto.

I think they don't like us downtown Toronto snobs. One is in Scarborough on November 29th. It is at the Delta Hotel 2035 Kennedy Road, 6:30 to 9 PM

The other is way out by the Airport on December 13th. It is at Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon road, also 6:30 to 9 PM

Information on signing up is found here; <https://www.ontario.ca/page/basic-income-pilot-consultation#section-3> Register by sending e-mail to; [basicincomersvp@ontario.ca](mailto:basicincomersvp@ontario.ca)

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There is plenty of interesting but puzzling information about all this. One is that the province is going to be running an income security reform working group, seeing parallel to the BI consultation. <https://news.ontario.ca/mcss/en/2016/06/ontario-establishing-income-security-reform-working-group.html>

They also want to establish a "Basic Income Pilot Advisory Council" No information on who gets to be on this council.

But the full discussion paper will be found on the Livingrant website at; [http://www.livingrant.ch/curdocs/bi\\_pilot\\_consultationguide\\_nov02.pdf](http://www.livingrant.ch/curdocs/bi_pilot_consultationguide_nov02.pdf)

If you really want to work out on this, Segal's full discussion paper, 100+ pages, is found here. [https://files.ontario.ca/discussionpaper\\_nov3\\_english\\_final.pdf](https://files.ontario.ca/discussionpaper_nov3_english_final.pdf)

But the summary will be safely enclosed here; [http://www.livingrant.ch/curdocs/mcss\\_basic\\_income\\_discussion\\_paper\\_exec\\_summary\\_english.pdf](http://www.livingrant.ch/curdocs/mcss_basic_income_discussion_paper_exec_summary_english.pdf)

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Here is a very interesting **CBC interview with Senator Segal**. He no doubt means well, but the question is; is he a dunc of the Wynne government?

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I have followed the provincial Liberals and their "poverty [plans]" long enough to know not to trust them one inch.

[http://www.cbc.ca/radio/popup/audio/listen.html?autoPlay=true&clipIds=&mediaIds=2697209902&contentarea=radio&subsection1=radio1&subsection2=currentaffairs&subsection3=as\\_it\\_happens&contenttype=audio&title=2016/11/04/1.3836842-former-senator-hugh-segal-makes-his-pitch-for-a-\\$1320-basic-income&contentid=1.3836842](http://www.cbc.ca/radio/popup/audio/listen.html?autoPlay=true&clipIds=&mediaIds=2697209902&contentarea=radio&subsection1=radio1&subsection2=currentaffairs&subsection3=as_it_happens&contenttype=audio&title=2016/11/04/1.3836842-former-senator-hugh-segal-makes-his-pitch-for-a-$1320-basic-income&contentid=1.3836842)

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## Federal Anti Poverty Consultation

The web page about it is here; [http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/consultations/poverty\\_reduction.page?utm\\_source=ISAC+Media+%26+Policy+News&utm\\_campaign=b2cddf4c-Media+and+Policy+News+emails&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_342c280cba-b2cddf4c-140445945](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/consultations/poverty_reduction.page?utm_source=ISAC+Media+%26+Policy+News&utm_campaign=b2cddf4c-Media+and+Policy+News+emails&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_342c280cba-b2cddf4c-140445945)

I am puzzled as to why the BI/GLI movement in Canada has such a blind spot about this. In Ontario in particular, everybody is befuddled by the provincial BI "pilot" which obviously is not going anywhere.

The federal government is where the focus needs to be. Especially, Guaranteed Living Income people need to get into this federal anti-poverty consultation which is coming in 2017 and whip up a storm for a full federal Income Guarantee as the one series way of ending poverty.

It seems that it must be repeated endlessly; only the Federal government has the fiscal and constitutional capability to grant a BI/GLI.

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## Health and Strength Action Group November 3rd meet up.

The big topic was the **Maytree Foundation's Criticism of the Basic Income Concept**. The problem with it is it seems to be analyzing Wynne's concept instead of ours. Wynne's pilot project is really a poverty relief program. Agreed that a response to Maytree should be written by Robyn and Tim. They will get together sometime soon and merge ideas.

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We introduced our compiled reasons why **Keeping People in Poverty** helps the rich and powerful. It can be found on the livingrant web site at <http://www.livingrant.ch/GLIstuff/12%20reasons%20.pdf>

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We got a report from someone who attends **TTC riders** meetings and their campaign to gain a special pass for low income people. It seems the vote on it keeps getting delayed because there is not enough support for it.

The question is, how to gain enough support? How to put some serious pressure on those not supporting it? One argument which could be used is; you give out millions of tokens already, why not turn it into a low income pass. The need now is to survey all city departments to find out how many tokens are given out.

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## Admin stuff

However, it is felt that the administrative responsibilities should be spread out more. One suggestion is for members to rotate the facilitators role. So, D will facilitate the next meeting, November 17th.

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Now, are people interested in Susan Kwong from **Social Planning Toronto** coming to our next meeting to discuss the campaign over the city's poverty reduction plan and do some training with us on doing deputations to city council.

Yes, we can give her an hour on Dec 1 or Nov 17.

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## Buttons. Buttons

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We now have some buttons made, but people are not happy with the design. Some work about the word "Guaranteed" in the title.

I presented a better Guaranteed Living Income design and it was accepted. We can get together soon and use this design to make up more buttons with the remaining button materials we have.

If anyone else wants to use this amazing design, it will be at <http://www.livinggrant.ch/GLIstuff/GLI%20button%20%20template%202.pdf> for awhile.

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**Next GLI Nov 13**