

# The Alberta Buck Wealth-Backed Currency Proposal: A Strategic Framework for Provincial Monetary Sovereignty

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## 1 Executive Summary

Alberta stands at a historic crossroads where fiscal strength, constitutional opportunity, and technological innovation converge to enable transformative monetary reform that benefits all Albertans regardless of our province's future constitutional arrangement. This proposal outlines a legally compliant pathway to establish an "Alberta Buck" commodity ownership system that will **eliminate \$3.2 billion in annual public debt servicing costs**, reduce economic dependence on debt-based finance, and position Alberta as a global pioneer in asset-backed wealth creation.

The proposal harnesses Alberta's unmatched advantages: the strongest provincial fiscal position in Canada (7.6% debt-to-GDP)<sup>1</sup>, \$30 billion Heritage Savings Trust Fund<sup>2</sup>, \$21+ billion annual resource revenues<sup>3</sup>, and proven financial infrastructure through ATB Financial. By implementing **commodity value units rather than currency issuance**, Alberta operates within established constitutional property rights while delivering genuine economic sovereignty to families, businesses, and communities.

Whether Alberta remains a proud province within Confederation or charts an independent course, this commodity-backed wealth system strengthens our economic foundation and protects Albertan prosperity. The system offers concrete solutions to rising costs, debt burdens, and monetary inflation while preserving the democratic values and entrepreneurial spirit that define Alberta's character.

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<sup>1</sup>RBC Budget Analysis 2024 showing Alberta maintains Canada's lowest debt-to-GDP ratio at 7.6%.

<sup>2</sup>Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund valued at \$30 billion as of 2025. Source: [alberta.ca/heritage-savings-trust-fund](https://alberta.ca/heritage-savings-trust-fund)

<sup>3</sup>Globe and Mail reporting Alberta's \$8.3 billion surplus from higher resource royalties, with annual resource revenues exceeding \$21 billion.

Alberta Bucks represent value units in a diversified basket of provincial commodities, created through a borrowing mechanism where Albertans pledge existing assets to receive commodity units without interest obligations. This eliminates interest payments while providing stable, inflation-proof value backed by real tangible wealth rather than government promises or financial speculation.

## 2 Constitutional Wealth Attestation vs Currency Issuance

Alberta possesses a unique constitutional opening that other provinces lack. **Section 92A of the Constitution Act**<sup>4</sup> grants exclusive provincial jurisdiction over natural resources development, conservation, and taxation - powers that can support innovative financial instruments without challenging federal currency authority.

The legal distinction is critical: while **currency issuance** remains federal jurisdiction under Section 91(15)<sup>5</sup>, **wealth attestation systems** that verify and track provincial assets fall within provincial property and civil rights powers<sup>6</sup>. Alberta can create government-issued certificates representing holdings of oil, gas, agricultural products, and other provincial wealth without issuing legal tender.

**The ATB Financial precedent**<sup>7</sup> proves provinces can operate sophisticated financial institutions outside federal banking regulation. Since 1938, ATB has provided full banking services under provincial rather than federal oversight, with deposits guaranteed by Alberta rather than CDIC.

“The repayment of all deposits with Alberta Treasury Branches and the payment of all interest thereon is guaranteed by the Crown in right of Alberta.” – Section 45(1)

This model demonstrates constitutional space for provincial monetary innovation.

**Constitutional safeguards for implementation:** The system must avoid functioning as legal tender, maintain Canadian dollar denomination for external transactions, ensure voluntary participation, and structure instruments as commodity value certificates rather than investment vehicles or payment systems. These constraints, properly managed, can actually strengthen the system’s credibility and stability.

## 3 Legal Framework: Commodity Ownership Units vs Currency or Investment Vehicles

The Alberta Buck represents a fundamentally different legal instrument than traditional currencies or investment securities. **Each Alberta Buck constitutes ownership of units representing a diversified basket of Alberta commodities** - energy (oil, natural gas), agricultural products (wheat, canola, beef), construction materials (lumber, minerals), and other tangible assets that form the foundation of Alberta’s economy.

**Borrowing mechanism, not investment:** Alberta Bucks are created through a borrowing process where individuals or entities pledge existing wealth (homes, land, equipment, stored produce, etc.) as collateral to receive commodity value units equivalent to a portion of the pledged asset’s

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<sup>4</sup>Section 92A of the Constitution Act, 1867 grants provinces exclusive jurisdiction over natural resource development and conservation.

<sup>5</sup>Section 91(15) of the Constitution Act, 1867 assigns "Currency and Coinage" to federal jurisdiction.

<sup>6</sup>Canada.ca constitutional distribution of legislative powers showing provincial jurisdiction over property and civil rights.

<sup>7</sup>ATB Financial has operated as a provincial Crown corporation since 1938, providing full banking services under Alberta rather than federal regulation.

value. This mirrors standard secured lending practices but replaces debt obligations with commodity value unit transfers.

**Tax-neutral loan proceeds:** Since Alberta Bucks represent "borrowed" commodity units secured by pledged assets rather than investment returns or currency appreciation, their creation and use should qualify for the same tax treatment as loan proceeds under existing Canadian tax law. The balance sheet operations are identical to those that occur when any bank or business creates a loan contract. No taxable income occurs when borrowing against assets, and repayment simply releases the collateral - a well-established legal precedent that avoids complex securities regulation.

**Redemption through repayment:** The pledged wealth is released (e.g. can be sold) when Alberta Bucks are "repaid" by returning equivalent commodity units to the system. This borrowing-and-repayment cycle maintains stable value without appreciation expectations, distinguishing Alberta Bucks from both investment securities and traditional currencies that fluctuate based on market speculation.

**Provincial commodity jurisdiction:** Alberta's constitutional authority over natural resources extends to creating systems that facilitate ownership and transfer of commodity units within provincial jurisdiction. This differs fundamentally from currency issuance (federal) or securities regulation (shared jurisdiction) by operating within established property rights frameworks.

## 4 Alberta's Exceptional Asset Position for Commodity Backing

Alberta's financial profile presents unparalleled backing capacity for a provincial commodity value based system. The province maintains **Canada's lowest debt-to-GDP ratio at 7.6%**<sup>8</sup> while generating over \$70 billion annually in productive economic capacity through energy and agricultural sectors.

**Heritage Savings Trust Fund strength:** The \$30 billion professionally managed portfolio returning 9.7% annually provides immediate liquid backing<sup>9</sup>, with growth trajectory targeting \$250 billion by 2050. This fund alone could back substantial Buck creation while maintaining robust reserve ratios.

**Resource revenue foundation:** Alberta generates \$21+ billion annually in resource royalties from proven reserves representing part of the world's third-largest oil reserves<sup>10</sup>. Unlike debt-based fiat currencies, these revenues provide real wealth backing tied to essential global commodities.

**Agricultural asset base:** With \$22+ billion annual farm production representing 25% of Canada's total agricultural output, Alberta possesses diversified commodity backing beyond petroleum. This agricultural foundation provides price stability and food security backing often absent in monetary systems.

**Public debt service elimination opportunity:** The province currently pays \$3.2 billion annually in debt servicing costs<sup>11</sup> - resources that could be redirected to productive investment under a debt-free financing system. This immediate fiscal dividend demonstrates tangible implementation benefits.

**Private debt service reduction:** Alberta's private secured debt (mortgages, HELOCs, auto loans) totals approximately \$400 billion with \$20 billion annual interest payments. When Albertans can pledge these same assets to create Alberta Bucks instead of traditional debt, even replacing half of this debt eliminates \$10 billion **per year** in interest payments, returning this cash flow directly

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<sup>8</sup>RBC provincial fiscal analysis confirming Alberta's 7.6% debt-to-GDP ratio as lowest in Canada.

<sup>9</sup>Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund annual report showing 9.7% returns and \$30 billion valuation.

<sup>10</sup>Globe and Mail analysis of Alberta resource revenues showing \$21+ billion annual royalty income.

<sup>11</sup>CBC News reporting Alberta budget with \$3.2 billion annual debt servicing costs.

to Alberta families and businesses.

## 5 Technical Architecture: Decentralized Cryptographic Wealth Attestation

Modern distributed ledger technology enables sophisticated wealth-backed systems that were technically impossible during historical experiments like Alberta's 1930s Social Credit initiatives.

**Holochain's agent-centric architecture**<sup>12</sup> provides the ideal technical foundation for decentralized asset valuation, attestation, and collateral management.

**Richard Werner's credit creation principles**<sup>13</sup> inform the system design, enabling community-controlled money supply backed by local net asset wealth rather than debt instruments. Unlike traditional fractional reserve banking, this system creates money against real wealth while maintaining full backing ratios. No creative accounting (reframing balance sheet liabilities as customer deposits) is required.

**Asset valuation and attestation process:** When Albertans pledge collateral (homes, land, equipment, vehicles, stored produce), the system employs established valuation methods identical to current lending practices - professional appraisals, market comparables, insurance valuations, liens, and third-party assessments. These assets are priced in their typical market currencies (CAD for real estate, USD for commodities, etc.) and cryptographically attested through distributed validation networks.

**Buck creation mechanism:** Each Alberta Buck represents a fractional value of a standardized commodity basket (energy, agricultural products, construction materials). When collateral is pledged, its market value determines the proportional Buck credit created. For example, pledging a \$500,000 home creates Alberta Bucks equivalent to that value's proportion of the commodity basket, calculated in real-time based on current commodity prices.

**Collateral management and insurance:** Pledged assets remain with their owners for continued use while cryptographically signed liens secure the Alberta Buck obligations. Standard insurance requirements and legal remedies protect against asset loss or damage, with insurance proceeds backing the Buck units if claims occur. This mirrors existing secured lending practices but eliminates interest obligations.

**Redemption and release process:** Pledged assets are released when Alberta Bucks equivalent to the original creation amount are returned to the system. The distributed ledger automatically validates redemption transactions and releases cryptographic liens, completing the borrowing-repayment cycle without debt accumulation or interest charges.

**Security and governance frameworks** incorporate multi-signature authentication, distributed validation across network participants, and transparent democratic governance mechanisms preventing manipulation while ensuring public accountability.

**Integration with existing infrastructure** leverages ATB Financial's, Bow Valley Credit Union's and others cryptocurrency industry expertise<sup>14</sup> and existing banking relationships to provide seamless conversion between Alberta wealth certificates and Canadian dollars. The system complements rather than replaces existing payment infrastructure.

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<sup>12</sup>Holochain provides agent-centric distributed ledger technology enabling scalable decentralized applications without blockchain limitations.

<sup>13</sup>Werner, Richard A. (2014). "How do banks create money, and why can other firms not do the same?" International Review of Financial Analysis.

<sup>14</sup>BNN Bloomberg reporting Canada's crypto industry turning to Alberta government-owned ATB Financial for banking services. Bow Valley Credit Union's Bitcoin Gateway and precious metals-backed loans are early examples of bank-supported asset-backed services.

## 6 Historical Lessons: Building on Success, Avoiding Past Failures

Alberta's monetary innovation history provides crucial guidance for contemporary implementation. **ATB Financial's 87-year success**<sup>15</sup> demonstrates that provinces can create lasting financial institutions by operating within constitutional bounds rather than challenging federal jurisdiction directly.

**The 1930s Social Credit experiments failed**<sup>16</sup> because they attempted direct currency creation and banking regulation - explicit federal powers. However, these failures illuminate the path forward: wealth-backed certificates representing provincial public and private assets avoid constitutional challenges while achieving monetary innovation objectives.

**International precedents**<sup>17</sup> consistently show federal governments rejecting currency union proposals from separating regions, but **gradual fiscal autonomy expansion succeeds** where revolutionary approaches fail. Switzerland's competitive fiscal federalism model<sup>18</sup> demonstrates how subnational jurisdictions can achieve substantial monetary autonomy within federal frameworks. While the recent Swiss Vollgeld Initiative failed (likely due to bank push back), this and other nation-level initiatives have paved the way for alternative national sound monetary systems.

**Quebec's Caisse de dépôt success**<sup>19</sup> shows provinces can create powerful financial institutions managing hundreds of billions in assets by focusing on investment management rather than direct monetary policy. Alberta could adapt this model while adding currency-backing functions.

The lesson for Alberta: **incremental implementation building on existing constitutional powers proves more durable than direct federal challenges**. Historical failures resulted from overreach, not inherent impossibility of provincial monetary innovation.

## 7 Implementation Strategy: Four-Phase Development

### 7.1 Phase 1: Foundation Building (Years 1-2)

Establishes legal and institutional framework through provincial digital asset legislation, expanded ATB, BVCU, etc. powers for cryptocurrency services, and creation of Alberta Monetary Policy Committee within the Treasury Board. This phase builds technical infrastructure while avoiding constitutional challenges. Execute the issuance of tokenized securities backed 100% by attested wealth, first with single fungible reserve assets (Bitcoin, Gold, Silver, Oil, Natural Gas, etc.), and then with other assets (e.g., homes, land) **priced in terms of** those assets (e.g., 500g of Gold tokens issued based on ownership of a home worth 1kg of Gold).

### 7.2 Phase 2: Cryptocurrency Implementation (Years 2-3)

Launches the "Alberta Buck" as a provincial government-issued digital currency, pegged to the price of a basket of foundational (food, energy, construction, etc.) Alberta commodities, with markets priced in CAD, USD, etc. Provincial employees optionally receive salaries in Alberta Buck, taxes are payable in the currency, and government procurement uses Alberta Buck denomination. Private sector adoption grows through tax incentives and resource royalty payments in the new currency.

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<sup>15</sup>ATB Financial Wikipedia entry documenting 87 years of successful provincial banking operations since 1938.

<sup>16</sup>Reference Re Alberta Statutes (1938) Supreme Court case striking down Social Credit monetary legislation as unconstitutional.

<sup>17</sup>Research on subnational sovereignty movements showing consistent federal rejection of currency union proposals.

<sup>18</sup>Swiss Journal of Economics showing Switzerland's competitive fiscal federalism model enabling substantial cantonal autonomy.

<sup>19</sup>Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec managing over \$400 billion in assets as provincial investment institution.

Conversion between Bucks and e.g., Canadian Dollars would be via well-tested and broadly available DeFi exchange mechanisms.

### 7.3 Phase 3: Resource-Backed Transition (Years 3-5)

Gradually transitions from CAD- and USD-priced resource markets to natively Buck-priced markets. Currency backing evolves to include oil/gas revenue streams, energy futures contracts, and Provincial Sovereign Wealth Fund reserves. Major Alberta businesses price in Alberta Buck, and international energy trade contracts offer Alberta Buck denominated terms.

### 7.4 Phase 4: Monetary Sovereignty (Years 5+)

Achieves full provincial monetary system with complete resource backing, independent central banking through an Alberta Central, separate clearing systems, and international recognition. This phase represents true monetary sovereignty within Canadian constitutional framework.

**Risk mitigation throughout** includes maintaining Canadian dollar convertibility, gradual transition to avoid market disruption, and Alberta government legislation to further reinforce the already strong legal foundations preventing federal interference.

## 8 Economic Benefits: Concrete Advantages for All Albertans

The economic advantages of wealth-backed financing deliver immediate, measurable benefits that strengthen Alberta families, businesses, and communities regardless of our province’s constitutional arrangement. **Eliminating \$3.2 billion in annual public debt servicing costs**<sup>20</sup> redirects resources from financial intermediaries to productive investments in healthcare, education, infrastructure, and economic development that benefit every Albertan.

**Enhanced economic resilience** enables Alberta to maintain essential services and continue infrastructure development during commodity price volatility without accumulating unsustainable debt burdens. Families and businesses gain stability through inflation-proof savings and predictable access to capital based on productivity rather than creditworthiness.

**Decentralized wealth creation** empowers individual Albertans, family farms, and small businesses to access capital by attesting their own assets rather than depending on bank credit decisions. This democratizes economic opportunity while preserving the entrepreneurial freedom that defines Alberta’s character.

**International competitive advantages** emerge as global partners recognize Alberta’s currency backed by essential energy and agricultural commodities rather than government promises. Our resource-backed monetary system attracts international investment and trade relationships that strengthen Alberta’s economy regardless of political arrangements.

**Generational wealth preservation** protects Alberta families from monetary debasement while growing our collective prosperity through Heritage Fund expansion and sustainable resource development. Children inherit real wealth instead of accumulated debt obligations created by previous generations’ financing decisions.

**Economic multiplier effects** occur as \$3.2 billion in annual interest savings circulate through Alberta communities rather than flowing to external creditors, supporting local employment, business development, and the entrepreneurial innovation that has always driven Alberta’s success.

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<sup>20</sup> Alberta budget documents showing \$3.2 billion annual debt servicing costs.

## 9 Political and Economic Context

Current democratic momentum creates unprecedented opportunity for monetary innovation that strengthens Alberta regardless of constitutional arrangements. Albertans across the political spectrum increasingly recognize that debt-based monetary systems transfer wealth from productive communities to financial intermediaries, undermining the entrepreneurial values that built our province.

**The Alberta Buck system** provides these benefits regardless of constitutional arrangements, strengthening Alberta's position whether operating as a province within reformed federal structures or as an independent jurisdiction.

**Federal fiscal relationship reform** becomes inevitable as Albertans witness \$6+ billion annual net transfers through equalization while our own communities struggle with infrastructure deficits and rising costs<sup>21</sup>. A provincial wealth-backed system reduces economic dependence on federal transfers while demonstrating constructive alternatives to perpetual fiscal conflict.

**Western Canadian economic cooperation** expands as Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and other resource-producing provinces recognize Alberta's leadership in sound money principles. Our success catalyzes broader regional monetary cooperation based on shared values of individual freedom, democratic accountability, and resource-based prosperity.

**Global monetary leadership** positions Alberta at the forefront of post-fiat currency development as nations worldwide seek alternatives to debt-based systems that concentrate wealth and undermine democratic governance. Alberta demonstrates that constitutionally compliant monetary innovation can protect citizens while strengthening rather than weakening federal structures.

## 10 Governance Structure: Sovereign Democratic Accountability

**Multi-stakeholder governance** ensures democratic control while preventing political manipulation. The Alberta Monetary Policy Committee includes Treasury Board representatives, ATB Financial and other bank and credit union executives, Alberta Central leadership<sup>22</sup>, private sector participants, and citizen representatives. Alberta decides what inflation-proof basket of wealth the Alberta Buck represents.

**Transparent operations** through cryptographically verified distributed ledger technology enable real-time public monitoring of Buck creation, commodity backing ratios, and collateral management. Citizens can verify that Alberta Buck issuance aligns with actual pledged assets and democratic decisions.

**Professional asset management** leverages AIMCo's \$168.9 billion management expertise<sup>23</sup> for Heritage Fund growth while maintaining arms-length governance preventing political interference in investment decisions.

**Democratic oversight** requires legislative approval for significant policy changes, annual public reporting on system performance, and citizen referendum rights for major modifications to currency backing or governance structures.

**Technical advisory board** includes international monetary experts, distributed ledger specialists, and constitutional law scholars ensuring system design reflects global best practices while maintaining legal compliance.

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<sup>21</sup>Fairness Alberta analysis showing Alberta contributes \$6+ billion annually in net federal transfers through equalization.

<sup>22</sup>Alberta Central serves as the central banking facility for Alberta's credit union system.

<sup>23</sup>Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo) manages \$168.9 billion in public sector funds.

## 11 Risk Assessment and Mitigation

**Constitutional challenges** represent the primary implementation risk, mitigated through careful legal foundation emphasizing commodity valuation rather than currency issuance, provincial jurisdiction over natural resources and property rights, and gradual implementation avoiding direct federal confrontation. The system operates on the same legal principles as existing title loans - if an Albertan can legally borrow against their vehicle, they can legally create Alberta Bucks using identical collateral mechanisms.

**Federal government resistance** could include regulatory challenges, payment system exclusion, or constitutional references. Alberta's response strategy leverages equalization withholding powers, alternative payment systems development, legal challenges to federal overreach, and international relationship building. However, such extreme measures should not become necessary; if an Albertan can legally use DeFi or an exchange to swap USDC for ETH, they can exchange an Alberta Buck for any other currency or token.

**Market volatility risks** are addressed through commodity diversification backing (energy, agriculture, forestry), Heritage Fund professional management providing stability reserves, initial CAD- and USD-dollar market valuation ensuring smooth transition, and maintained convertibility reducing adoption barriers. Since Albertans can see the valuation of the Alberta Buck vs. all of its underlying assets in real-time, they can choose to benefit from any short-lived exchange rate volatility.

**Technical implementation challenges** include integration with existing banking systems, regulatory compliance navigation, user education requirements, and achieving critical mass for network utility. Mitigation involves phased rollout identifying issues early, regulatory engagement preventing compliance problems, comprehensive education programs, and government backing ensuring initial adoption. However, these risks are mitigated by the rapid uptake of other stablecoins among global banks and other businesses.

**Public support maintenance** requires clear communication of economic benefits, demonstration of fiscal savings and improved services, protection against federal retaliation, and transparent governance preventing corruption or mismanagement. The questionable balance sheet accounting underlying the money creation event in traditional banking is now becoming common knowledge:

"It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning."  
– Henry Ford

## 12 Addressing Key Counter-Arguments

### 12.1 Constitutional Crisis Risk

Critics argue that provincial currency systems could trigger federal constitutional challenges and create jurisdictional conflicts. However, Alberta's approach specifically avoids this risk by operating within established provincial powers rather than challenging federal authority. The wealth attestation model mirrors existing provincial securities regulation, resource taxation, and investment management - all areas where provinces routinely operate sophisticated financial systems. Moreover, federal intervention against wealth-backed certificates would require overturning decades of provincial property rights precedent, potentially undermining the constitutional foundation of Canadian federalism itself. The federal government's reluctance to challenge ATB Financial's banking operations for 87 years demonstrates practical acceptance of provincial financial innovation within constitutional bounds.



## **12.2 Market Disruption Concerns**

Skeptics worry that introducing a new currency could destabilize Alberta's economy and create confusion in financial markets. This concern is mitigated by the system's design for gradual adoption and maintained Canadian dollar convertibility. Unlike revolutionary currency replacements, Alberta Bucks complement existing payment systems while providing additional options for wealth-backed transactions. The phased implementation allows market adaptation without forcing participation, while the commodity backing provides inherent stability that debt-based currencies lack. Historical precedent from successful regional currencies like the Ithaca HOURS and contemporary stablecoins demonstrates that well-designed complementary currencies enhance rather than disrupt local economic activity.

## **12.3 Implementation Complexity Challenges**

Government technology projects often face cost overruns and technical failures, raising concerns about Alberta Buck implementation feasibility. However, this system leverages proven technologies rather than experimental approaches: distributed ledger technology now powers hundreds of billions in financial transactions globally, while wealth attestation systems already operate successfully in commodity trading and asset-backed securities markets. The phased rollout beginning with simple government transactions allows testing and refinement before broader adoption. Most critically, Alberta's strong fiscal position provides implementation resources that other jurisdictions lack, while ATB Financial's existing cryptocurrency expertise offers proven technical capabilities for system development and operation.

## **12.4 Political Sustainability Questions**

Changes in provincial government could threaten system continuity, potentially undermining long-term adoption and international confidence. This risk is addressed through multi-party governance structures that insulate monetary policy from political interference, similar to how Alberta's Heritage Fund operates with arms-length professional management. The system's demonstrated fiscal benefits - eliminating billions in debt servicing costs while providing enhanced public services - create powerful political incentives for continuation regardless of governing party. Constitutional entrenchment through provincial legislation further protects against arbitrary policy reversals, while international recognition and trading relationships provide external pressure for system maintenance.

## **12.5 International Skepticism About Provincial Currencies**

Global markets may view subnational currency experiments as gimmicky or potentially unstable, limiting international acceptance and trading utility. However, Alberta's unique position as a major global energy producer with world-class resource reserves provides credibility that other regional currencies lack. International energy markets already recognize Alberta's commodity backing through existing oil and gas trading relationships, while the province's strong credit rating and transparent governance structures meet institutional investor standards. Contemporary examples like Wyoming's stable token legislation and Switzerland's cantonal monetary innovations demonstrate growing international acceptance of subnational financial innovation. As global monetary systems face increasing debt sustainability challenges, Alberta's wealth-backed model positions the province as a leader in post-fiat monetary arrangements rather than a follower of failed experiments.

## **13 Recommendations for Ministers Horner and Neudorf**

### **13.1 Immediate Actions**

- Commission constitutional law analysis of wealth attestation systems
- Engage AIMCo, ATB Financial and Bow Valley Credit Union for technical feasibility assessment
- Initiate discussions with Alberta Central regarding expanded provincial monetary functions
- Begin stakeholder consultations with energy and agricultural sectors

### **13.2 Short-term Implementation**

- Draft Alberta Digital Asset Act establishing provincial cryptocurrency regulatory framework
- Expand ATB Financial and Bow Valley Credit Union powers for digital currency services
- Create Alberta Monetary Policy Committee within Treasury Board structure
- Develop public education campaigns explaining wealth-backed currency benefits

### **13.3 Medium-term Development**

- Launch pilot program with select provincial government transactions
- Build private sector adoption through tax incentives and resource royalty options
- Establish relationships with other provinces and US states interested in monetary innovation
- Prepare legal defenses against potential federal challenges

### **13.4 Long-term Strategic Goals**

- Achieve substantial provincial currency adoption throughout Alberta economy
- Demonstrate fiscal benefits through reduced debt servicing and enhanced public services
- Build international recognition and trading relationships
- Potentially expand model to other resource-producing provinces
- Expand issuance of Alberta Bucks to other jurisdictions that strongly support private contract law.

### **13.5 Coalition Building Priorities**

- Engage western Canadian premiers regarding shared fiscal concerns
- Build relationships with sympathetic federal MPs and senators
- Connect with international monetary reform advocates
- Maintain public support through transparent operations and demonstrated benefits

## 14 Conclusion: Alberta's Call to Economic Leadership

Alberta possesses an unprecedented convergence of constitutional authority, financial strength, technical capability, and democratic mandate that enables transformative monetary innovation for the benefit of all Albertans. The combination of Section 92A natural resource jurisdiction, ATB Financial's proven provincial banking excellence, \$30+ billion Heritage Fund backing, and cutting-edge distributed ledger technology creates opportunities that no previous generation of Alberta leaders has enjoyed.

**The choice before us is fundamental:** continue surrendering \$6+ billion annually through federal fiscal extraction while burdening Albertans with \$3.2 billion in public debt servicing and \$40+ billion in private interest payments, or harness our constitutional powers and abundant wealth to build genuine economic freedom for Alberta families, farms, and enterprises.

**This wealth-backed monetary system delivers concrete benefits regardless of Alberta's constitutional future.** Whether we remain a proud and prosperous province within Canada or chart an independent path, eliminating debt-based finance strengthens every Alberta community. Our children inherit real wealth instead of accumulated debt. Our businesses access capital based on productivity rather than creditworthiness. Our retirees enjoy savings protected from monetary debasement.

**Alberta's leadership extends far beyond our borders:** as global monetary systems buckle under unprecedented debt accumulation and currency manipulation, Alberta's resource-backed approach pioneers sound money principles that protect working families worldwide. We demonstrate that democratic societies can escape the debt-servitude trap while preserving individual freedom and entrepreneurial opportunity.

**The generational responsibility is clear:** Albertans who built this province through courage, hard work, and principled governance have entrusted us with the greatest concentration of natural wealth in North America. We can either steward this inheritance by creating inflation-proof prosperity for future generations, or watch it dissolve through continued monetary manipulation and debt accumulation.

This proposal provides Ministers Horner and Neudorf with a constitutionally sound, technically feasible, and economically transformative pathway to Alberta's monetary independence. The convergence of democratic support, legal authority, and fiscal capacity creates a historic opportunity that demands bold leadership worthy of Alberta's heritage.

**Alberta has always led by example - in energy development, agricultural innovation, and entrepreneurial excellence.** Now we are called to lead the world toward sound money principles that protect families, reward productivity, and preserve democratic values. The question is not whether we can implement wealth-backed currency systems, but whether we will answer history's call to secure economic freedom for all Albertans and generations yet to come.