



Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year Too!

Dear Friends,

This past year has been a very interesting one as small businesses were blind-sided with a slew of proposed tax changes from our federal government. For many of our clients these proposed changes impacted forward planning, and took attention off of regular business operations. Our daily activities were interrupted by tax complications and we collectively complained about the impact. As we approach this Christmas season, I was reminded of that **first** Christmas and how the tax man played a huge part in that as well. In the first few verses of Luke chapter 2 it tells of how Joseph and his wife Mary were forced to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem because a census was decreed. A Census in those days was for the payment of taxes! So Mary, who was nine months pregnant, and Joseph had to travel by foot and by donkey about 160 km, which would have taken them 8-10 days. And all of this to deal with taxes! So, my friends, we are not the first ones to have taxes disrupt our daily lives. And although this has been a significant year of tax changes it does not quite rate with forcing a pregnant woman to travel 10 days on a donkey. Once again, my prayer for you this Christmas is that you will make time to set aside all the pressures of daily life, and reflect on the first gift that was given to this world. A tiny baby, who would give himself, to save all mankind. Merry Christmas!

Jeff – on behalf of the Partners & Staff at Friesen Pankratz & Associates LLP

Dates to Remember

Mid-February - Personal Tax appointment letters will be sent to you.

February 28th - All T3, T4, T5 etc. slips must be filed by this date.

March 31st - Deadline for the filing of Family Trusts.

April 30th - Deadline for the filing of Personal Tax Returns.

Holiday Hours

The office will close on Friday, December 22nd at 5 pm, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at 9am so that the Partners & Staff may enjoy spending the holidays with family & friends.