

What's on Your Mind?

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### Summer Vacation or Budget Woes?

We are in the middle of summer and should be planning or enjoying our summer holidays. With the incredible weather upon us, this may be the year you decide to stay put and enjoy some of the local delights. With the banks increasing the prime interest rate by a quarter percent, money may start getting a little tight. This is when you have to be creative and look for ways to entertain your families without breaking the budget.

While it is wonderful to travel and see other parts of Canada and the rest of the world the bills still have to be paid. There is no point to increasing the debt load for a one or two week vacation only to get stressed about how you will pay the bills when the credit card statements come in.

Depending on where you live there can be many enjoyable day trips that cost little or nothing that are quite enjoyable. Recently a client told me of a Sunday drive turning into a bonus Pioneer Village type scenario out around Kitchener-Waterloo area. St Jacobs offers a wonderful experience of stepping back in time with their farmers' markets, while Prince Edward County offers some amazing wineries to visit. With the internet there is no end of possibilities if you do a little research. There are many places that are within an easy day trip or a one overnight adventure.

Get outside the normal box and make this a memorable year to explore in your area. You may surprise yourself and your family with some great new memories made in your own back yard, so to speak, after all Ontario is yours to discover.

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