Thanks for keeping your social distance!



TAKE 5 WEDNESDAY

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Here is your weekly dose of "TAKE 5 Wednesday", a list of what I'm enjoying, pondering and working on.



Spring cleaning your finances

With the arrival of spring, "spring cleaning" is on a lot of people's minds. It's a great time to tidy up more than just your home — your personal finances should get a clean start as well. Once you have your budget, your paperwork, and your bills in order, your personal finances will be easier to manage. Here are some tips and advice on how to spring clean your finances.



File your taxes online using certified tax software

The Canada Revenue Agency has published a list of tax software programs that they have certified for use with their NETFILE web service. Some paid tax software provides free offerings for certain users, and pay-what-you-can options are also available. Click here to see what software programs are available for electronic filing of your 2020 income tax return.



The importance of talking to your children about money

According to this article, one in four Canadians are uncomfortable talking about their finances. Yet it's never been more important to talk about money with our children, to help them learn the skills they need to manage their own finances as adults. Check out the article's tips for opening the lines of communication with your children about money.



The collections agencies are coming

Credit experts say that Canadian consumers who are in debt should prepare for collections agencies to ramp up their activity as the economy reopens. According to this article, if your debt goes to a collections agency, a credit counselling agency can ensure you know your rights and help you to negotiate a repayment plan. If you have more debt than you can pay back, reach out to a credit counselling agency and ask for their assistance. It could be an important move to protect your financial future.

Quote I'm pondering

"The deep roots never doubt spring will come."

— Marty Rubin

Thanks for TAKING 5!

Scott

Whenever you're ready... here are 3 ways I can help:

Option 1.

Let's have a chat: Just <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see my calendar through our online scheduler. Then, select a time that works for you. The scheduler will book our time and send you the call-in details.

Option 2.

Let's "meet": If you would like to book a free, no-obligation information session, please email me at scottplaskett@ironshield.ca and we can coordinate a time that fits into your schedule.

Option 3.

Attend my next free webinar: Every Friday I get together online with a handful of other local business owners and share with them the most current research and insights into proper financial planning - specifically for business owners. If you'd like to participate or just listen in on the next session, please email me at scottplaskett@ironshield.ca and I'll forward you the details.

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