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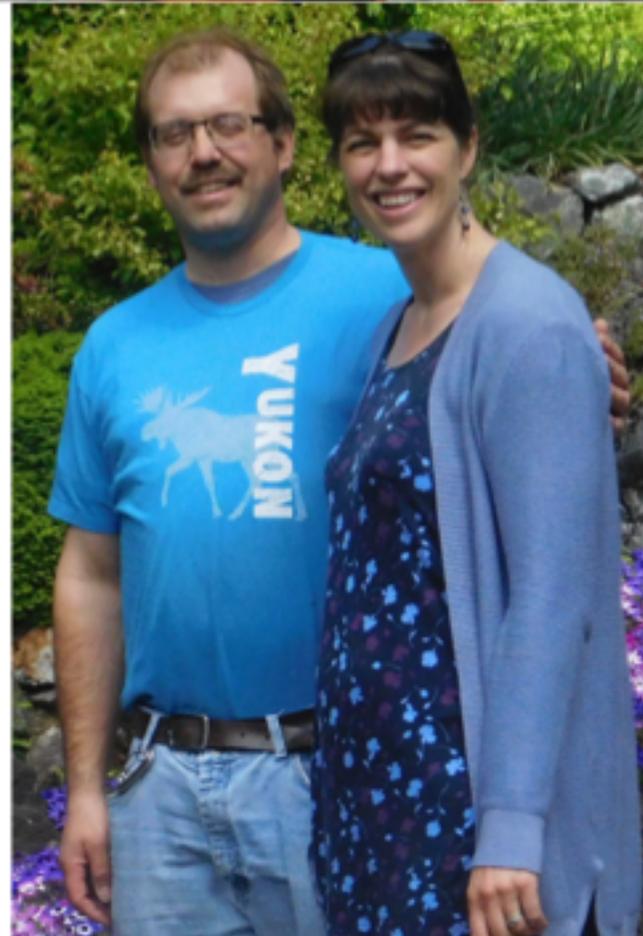


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Another issue of The Stormrider Magazine coming to you! Welcome readers. Merry Christmas. This week Ramona will share with us how to grow tomatoes. We are also going to examine Atlantic Canada and the opportunities that it presents. I have a question for you. What do you think about vaccines? Is it okay for governments to mandate them? Some feel that this issue is over now, but really it isn't. Even in December of 2022 there are some vaccine mandates still in place. Many, even now, still need to come to terms with the recently passed, Covid crisis, the government's over-reaction to it and with the general question over a citizen's right to refuse vaccines. We will also



look at the heroic stand of Alberta pastors James Coates and Tim Stephens. God bless you as you read!

Shawn Stevens

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## **Growing Tomatoes Doesn't Require a Green Thumb**

Home grown tomatoes are much sweeter and more flavourful than store bought tomatoes. There are many varieties of tomatoes. For sandwiches, beefsteak are a

great choice. For a bite -size snack cherry tomatoes are a good choice. Check your local nursery or if you like to shop online I recommend: <https://www.seedsnow.com/> Be sure to check the tag as there are early season and late season varieties of tomatoes. If you live in an area that has a short growing season you'll want to be sure to buy early-season tomatoes to ensure that they ripen in time for you to enjoy them.

#### Watering:

Water two inches deep and slow at the roots, as watering from above causes disease which in turn causes pests to attack the tomato plants. Furthermore, watering from above evaporates quickly, rendering it ineffective. The drip method is recommended to keep the soil evenly moist. Water once a week in the cooler times of the year and every 2-3 days in the peak of summer. Also, the time of day is important. Water either early morning or evening. Watering in the heat of the day is ineffective as the soil will be hot and the water will evaporate. Keep the soil moist but do your best not to water directly on the leaves of the tomato plant. Mulching is another trick to keep the soil moist. Wood chips are a good form of mulch. Many companies will deliver trees that have been mulched to your property for free. You may want to try calling tree mulchers in your area to see if this is an option for you.

#### Starting from seeds:

Determine the date of the last frost in your area. Sow seeds indoors one month before the date of the last frost. When the seedlings have grown to 3 to 4 inches tall, you can plant them outside, one quarter inch deep in the soil. Sunlight needed is minimum of 6-8 hours throughout the day (doesn't have to be constant). Planting deeply is important up to the first set of leaves. In order to do this you need to first pinch off all the lower leaves. Next space your seedlings 2-3 feet apart. Tomatoes naturally like to spread out in width. To encourage your tomatoes to grow vertically each plant should have either a tomato cage or stake (long stick or bamboo pole).

#### Pruning:

Pruning is necessary to encourage tomatoes to produce more fruit and less leaves. Look at the intersection of the main branch and the stem. If you see another branch growing in this space you have a sucker. It looks like an extra arm growing out of an armpit. This is what you prune or pinch off. Also, prune all leaves that hang a foot from the ground to prevent blight, which is a brown fungus that grows on leaves.

#### Harvesting:

When your tomatoes have turned from green to red they are ready for picking (Note: there are different types of

tomatoes that ripen to different colours including yellow, pink and black, so if you are unsure check the tag). Gently pinch off the tomato. If you pull too hard you may break off the whole branch. Be sure to pick all your tomatoes before the first cold snap of fall. If some of your tomatoes are still green, you can either use them in recipes like fried green tomatoes or green salsa or they can be ripened indoors. To ripen your green tomatoes indoors cover them in newspaper and place them in a cardboard box near a sunny window. Then unwrap and check your tomatoes weekly to see if they have turned red. Extra tomatoes can also be frozen to use for making soups or pasta sauce later in the year.

Ramona Stevens

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# ATLANTIC CANADA A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

A place where time stands still, Canada's Atlantic provinces continue to draw many Canadians, from every part of this country, who are looking for a slower pace of life, exposure to coastal living and affordable accommodation. Atlantic Canada was the first part of Canada settled by Europeans and is rich in British, Scottish, Gaelic and French culture. Its population is low and its natural beauty is stunning.

What is the politics of Atlantic Canada? As of the time of this writing, December 2022, Nova Scotia – Progressive Conservative, PEI – Progressive Conservative, New Brunswick (Not normally considered Atlantic Canada but mentioned anyway) – Progressive Conservative, Newfoundland/Labrador-Liberal.

In 2021 the people of Nova Scotia chose a Conservative government to replace two previous terms of Liberal governments. Conservatives appealed to common-sense Nova Scotian voters who liked the PC commitments to improving the lives of Nova Scotians, job creation and rebuilding the economy. (See <https://www.pcparty.ns.ca/>)

Similarly, the PEI Progressive Conservatives resonated with voters over their platform of greater democracy, accountability, responsibility, compassion, respect, entrepreneurship, stewardship and patriotism. They claim; “Progressive Conservatives on PEI see an Island that provides a healthy

economy, society, and environment allowing the capacity for all of its citizens to achieve happiness and prosperity.”([https://www.peipc.ca/the\\_constitution](https://www.peipc.ca/the_constitution))

In 2020, New Brunswick voters voted in favour of the Progressive Conservative Party. The Progressive Conservative Party platform stressed providing open accessible government, respecting the will of the people, living within our means, and respecting the rights of the individual. (See <https://www.pcnb.ca/en/about>)

Newfoundland/ Labrador has chosen a different path, the Liberal path. The Liberal government there says that peoples' rights and freedoms need to be balanced out by societal needs. They boast that “Liberals take pride in having implemented fundamental changes” ([https://nliberals.ca/site/uploads/2022/01/LPNL-Constitution-and-By-Laws\\_2022.pdf](https://nliberals.ca/site/uploads/2022/01/LPNL-Constitution-and-By-Laws_2022.pdf)) that constitute “such profound achievements.” ([https://nliberals.ca/site/uploads/2022/01/LPNL-Constitution-and-By-Laws\\_2022.pdf](https://nliberals.ca/site/uploads/2022/01/LPNL-Constitution-and-By-Laws_2022.pdf)) They aim to protect the environment and defend peoples sexual orientation. The Liberal government of Newfoundland/Labrador has launched an initiative that they call “The Big Reset.” In their official report they admit; “The province is in financial trouble.” One of their goals is to re-educate the younger population as to their obligations under this Big Reset. They say; “The province’s young people need to be positioned better to assume the responsibilities that these changes place upon them and this requires a change in how they are educated. With the aging of the population and the decline in birth rates, young people will have to be more productive and better educated as they build and power the new

economy.” To pull off the Big Reset they say that they will need trillions of dollars. They say “Over the coming decades, trillions of dollars in capital are expected to be allocated by corporations and governments toward this effort.” They propose that the Big Reset will prioritize environmental conservation and reaching net-zero carbon emissions. (For above quotes and more, see [The Big Reset - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/files/The-Big-Reset): <https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/files/The-Big-Reset>)

Where are Canadians interested in Atlantic Canada moving to? In an article by CBC News titled “The rest of Canada is booming. Why is N.L.'s population falling behind?” They say; “As the rest of Canada grows, Newfoundland and Labrador can anticipate losing a sizable chunk of its current population, according to [new data](#) from Statistics Canada. The agency looked at multiple scenarios, finding that in all foreseeable cases, the province will shrink by 2043. In the worst case, N.L. can expect its population to drop by almost 90,000 people — about one-fifth of its current number — thanks to a potent medley of old age, low birth rate and near-stagnant immigration.” (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/nl-population-projection-1.5289419>)

According to Statscan research Nova Scotia's population “could number between 916,900 (scenario LG) and 1,078,900 (scenario HG) by 2043 according to all projection scenarios, from 959,900 in 2018.” (<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/91-520-x/91-520-x2019001-eng.pdf?st=OZ8jFc3U>) This is approximately what Nova Scotia's population is currently, sitting at **1,002,586**.

as of January 1, 2022. ([https://novascotia.ca/finance/statistics/archive\\_news.asp?id=17640&dg=&df=&dto=0&dti=3](https://novascotia.ca/finance/statistics/archive_news.asp?id=17640&dg=&df=&dto=0&dti=3))

Concerning PEI Statscan says “According to all projection scenarios, the population of Prince Edward Island would continue to grow during the next 25 years. Its annual percentage growth would be substantially larger than that of any other Atlantic province during the period. By 2043, the province’s population would reach between 177,800 (scenario LG) and 220,800 (scenario HG), compared to 153,200 in 2018. The demographic weight of the province within Canada is projected to remain stable in all scenarios (0.4%).” (“<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/91-520-x/91-520-x2019001-eng.pdf?st=OZ8jFc3U>)

Statscan says the following about New Brunswick; “According to the projection scenarios, New Brunswick’s population would be between 736,900 (scenario LG) and 855,100 (scenario HG) by 2043, compared to 770,600 in 2018.” (<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/91-520-x/91-520-x2019001-eng.pdf?st=OZ8jFc3U>)

So considering this information, over the next 20 years, Atlantic Canada, with the exception of Newfoundland/Labrador, can expect to keep their population levels approximately where they are now.

The appeal of the Maritimes is easy to understand. Nova Scotia is full of forests and has lots of ocean everywhere. It is gorgeous and peaceful. Nova Scotia is laced with sandy beaches and dotted with fishing harbours. It's coastal scenery is spectacular; “from the foggy Atlantic

Ocean in the southeast to the tidal salt marshes of the Bay of Fundy in the west and Gaelic highlands of Cape Breton to the north.” (<https://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/nova-scotia-cdn-ns-ns.htm>) Nova Scotia has a damp, coastal climate. It is mild and sunny in the summer and it is snowy in the winter. (<https://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/nova-scotia-cdn-ns-ns.htm>)

PEI has the same coastal features plus bridge access to the rest of Canada. For cyclists, it has the Confederation trail, which encircles the entire Island.

New Brunswick is a gem of a place with much coastline. Its Bay of Fundy is a much loved destination for tourists and locals alike. It is the home of 4MyCanada and Fayettev tv, one of our favourite ministries reaching the hearts of Canadians and standing for our rights and freedoms.

Real estate in Atlantic Canada is much less expensive than in other parts of Canada. Nowhere is this more true than in Nova Scotia where you can still buy a four bedroom house on twenty acres of land for as low as \$200,000 or more. Realestate searching service, points 2 homes advertises 2,908 properties in Nova Scotia selling for \$300,000 or less. ( see [https://www.point2homes.com/CA/Real-Estate-Listings/NS.html?location=Nova+Scotia&PriceMax=300%2C000&search\\_mode=location&page=1&SelectedView=listings&locationGeoId=205403&location\\_changed=&aj=1](https://www.point2homes.com/CA/Real-Estate-Listings/NS.html?location=Nova+Scotia&PriceMax=300%2C000&search_mode=location&page=1&SelectedView=listings&locationGeoId=205403&location_changed=&aj=1))

They advertise 2,361 properties for \$200,000 or less. ([https://www.point2homes.com/CA/Real-Estate-Listings/NS.html?location=Nova+Scotia&PriceMax=200%2C000&search\\_mode=location&page=1&SelectedView=listings&locationGeoId=205403&location\\_changed=&aj=1](https://www.point2homes.com/CA/Real-Estate-Listings/NS.html?location=Nova+Scotia&PriceMax=200%2C000&search_mode=location&page=1&SelectedView=listings&locationGeoId=205403&location_changed=&aj=1))

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## **RIGHT TO REFUSE VACCINES**

Not everyone wants a vaccine. Every Canadian should weigh carefully the benefits and the dangers of receiving a vaccine and then make a choice for themselves. In a free society, citizens should not be coerced, manipulated or threatened for the choice that they have made to receive or to refuse a vaccine. In other words, a decision to refuse taking a vaccine should never

cause someone to lose their job, restrict their movement, restrict their interaction with others or cause them to lose any of their rights and freedoms. Having the right to choose or refuse, is a part of our human rights that we have come to expect as Canadians.

Many Canadians view vaccines as unnecessary because they have maintained a strong natural immunity system. Our immune systems can be strengthened by taking vitamin supplements, particularly vitamin D and vitamin C and by living an active lifestyle with exercise and outdoor activity. Keeping yourself healthy is a key factor in not contracting viruses.

The idea of vaccination is based on the presumption that artificial immunity is superior to natural immunity. However, many of us do not accept that premise. One objection to vaccines is that they disrupt and undermine our natural immune systems, making them weaker. Another objection is because of the many side

effects of vaccines. Even vaccine manufacturers insert warnings on the packaging of some vaccines warning of side effects which may include life-threatening allergic reactions and even death.

There is a flip-side to vaccinations and that is the dangers of side effects. Vaccines are complex biochemical substances that can rightly be called drugs. The reaction to having these biochemical substances injected into a person may be positive or may be negative, or may have both positive and negative effects. Those effects may be different for different people because our systems are not identical. One person may show no negative effects while another person may exhibit a strong allergic reaction and even go into anaphylactic shock (Which could kill them).

The problem with mandating vaccines is that they treat everyone alike, not accounting for the difference in peoples' systems, a one-size-fits-all

approach. Mandatory vaccinations do not accommodate a person's individual state of health, their health history, pre-existing conditions or genetic background. Don't these mandatory vaccination policies grant exceptions for especially dangerous cases? Many do, however nobody knows for sure how their body will react to these vaccines until after they have taken them. If you don't experience a negative reaction, then you maybe don't care. However, if you do experience a negative reaction, you may end up being very, very sick.

Sadly, people becoming very, very sick after receiving a vaccination has been the experience of many. I wish that I had Canadian statistics for how many people this would be. However, consider that in the United States a National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program was set up in the 1980s to compensate people for vaccine injuries. Since the time of its creation there have been 20,000 petitions for vaccine injuries and the U.S. government has paid out over 4 billion dollars in compensation.

Vaccination is an invasive medical procedure that breaks the skin which, from a legal standpoint, classifies it as surgery. Consequently, it carries with it the risks of injury and even death, and is subject to the legal principles contained in Canadian Medical Law.

Every Canadian has the right to be free from unwanted physical interference. A patient should also be informed of the medical risks, regardless of how statistically small or great those statistics may be.

Medical Law was put in place to protect a citizen's right to physical autonomy and to protect their full participation in decision making regarding medical treatment. In the Canadian Charter Of Rights, citizens are promised rights to "security of the person." "Security of the person" is actually a basic entitlement guaranteed by the [United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), enacted

in 1948. This usually refers to a person's right not to be imprisoned unlawfully. However, in Canadian Law “security of the person” extends to defend the “rights to privacy of the body and its health.” Mandating vaccinations violates this security of the person and individual physical autonomy.

It is because of our laws of informed medical consent that vaccine manufacturers include warning statements that their vaccine may cause life-threatening allergic reactions and even death. However, often patients receiving a vaccine are not given these warnings to read for themselves. This is leaving the door wide open to serious lawsuits if this information is not provided. Canadians want to know what dangers they are opening themselves up to by receiving a vaccination and, after thinking it over, they want the right to refuse that vaccine if they so choose.

This should be recognized as a fundamental human right. The right to refuse a vaccine is the

right to self-determination over our own body. This is fundamental in a free society.

For society to be free, citizens need to be informed of the dangers of vaccines and be allowed to refuse a vaccine. If they refuse a vaccine they must be allowed to keep their job and to continue to enjoy all of the other rights and freedoms that other Canadians enjoy. This is fundamental to human rights.

Not everyone wants a vaccine. Covid-19 vaccines have now been out since December of 2020. They have not undergone the usual five to ten year trial testing period. In the frantic rush to provide immunization for the public, are the rights of all Canadians being respected? Is the public being given all of the information that is legally required to be given to us, for us to make an informed consent or an informed refusal? Or is the whole emphasis of government and employers to get everyone vaccinated as quickly as possible? Are the sensitivities of

Canadians who would rather not compromise their own natural immune systems and would not like to risk side effects like chronic illness or death, being respected? Should we not have the right to refuse invasive medical procedures that inject complex biochemical substances into our own bodies? Do we not have a legal right to our own bodies, to security of the person, rights to privacy of the body and its health and individual physical autonomy? Our individual state of health, individual health history, and individual pre-existing conditions or genetic background may cause our own body to react differently to a vaccine than the way another person's body would react. There has been great pressure coming from government for us to receive the Covid 19 vaccines. What about our freedom to choose? Harsh consequences have been handed out for protesting the vaccine mandates or for refusing the vaccines.

Not everyone wants a vaccine, but my family and I do want and need for me to keep my job. Therefore, we need the government to make

commitments to Canadians in the form of Bills and formalized laws that clearly state and guarantee that:

- 1) Vaccines will always be voluntary and not mandatory.
- 2) That the rights and freedoms of Canadians will not be over-ridden to expedite mass vaccination.
- 3) That employers may not dismiss an employee from his or her job on the basis of them refusing a vaccine.
- 4) That in job interviews candidates for employment will not be asked whether or not they have received a vaccine.
- 5) That Canadians who refuse a vaccine will still keep all of the same rights and freedoms that other Canadians enjoy.
- 6) That anyone offered a vaccine must also be informed of the risks.
- 7) That we will still be allowed to travel and leave Canada without being required to vaccinate.

Human rights are important to Canadians. Human rights do not become less important during times of national crisis. If anything, they become more important because they are at greater risk of being lost. Thank you for reading my concerns. God bless you.

Shawn Stevens

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## **CANADIAN HEROS PART 2 PASTOR JAMES COATES AND PASTOR TIM STEPHENS**

One of the most publicized examples of a Canadian Church standing up to government restrictions during this Covid era is that of the GraceLife Church, led by Pastor James Coates. Pastor Coates turned himself in to authorities after being at odds with the official public health orders regarding places of worship. Alberta's provincial restrictions, at the time, limited in-person attendance to 15 per cent of fire code capacity. He was incarcerated for 35 days in Edmonton's maximum security Remand Centre and then released. Because the Church continued to gather outside of the

restricted requirements, the RCMP had seized control of the Church property. This was followed by a demonstration of approximately 400 people supporting the Church's stand.

Grace Life Church has printed a lengthy statement explaining their position and explaining their careful efforts to protect members and attendees during this time. I will quote a small portion but invite you to visit their website and read their full statement at <https://gracelife.ca/>.

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Here are two excerpts of some of what their public statement says;

“Dear fellow Albertans,

It goes without saying this has been an incredibly difficult 11 months. The effects and ramifications of COVID-19 on our precious province are not insignificant. We sympathize with everyone who has suffered loss in this time, whether it be the loss of a loved one, or loss stemming from government lockdowns (such as economic loss or suffering as a result of being denied necessary health care).

Given the attention our church has received in recent

days, we want to address the broader public on our reasons for gathering as a local church. What follows is not a theological defence. We have already addressed that sufficiently here, here, here

and here (and it is primarily and predominantly obedience to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that has shaped our stance). ...

When COVID-19 first appeared, we shifted to livestream and abided by most of the new government guidelines for our gatherings. But when the first declared public health emergency ended, we opened our doors

and returned to nearly normal gatherings on Sunday June 21st, 2020. We did so recognizing COVID-19 was much less severe than the government had initially projected. This sentiment was reflected in the assessment of the Premier of Alberta, who deliberately referred to COVID-19 as “influenza” multiple times in a speech announcing the end of the first declared public health emergency.

In early July, it was brought to our attention that two separate individuals had attended our gatherings on two consecutive Sundays and subsequently tested positive for the virus (both

cases being unrelated to each other). At that time, we did our own internal contact tracing (prior to AHS notifying us of the exposure), many of our congregants were tested, and it was determined that no transmission of the virus had taken place. Out of an abundance of caution, we shifted exclusively to livestream and shutdown all other ministries for two weeks (14 days). We did this to mitigate any further spread of COVID-19. When it was evident that no further spread had taken place, we resumed our nearly normal gatherings. Since then, we have gathered as a church each

Sunday without incident (28  
Sundays to date).”

<https://gracelife.ca/>

Another pastor, Pastor Tim Stephens of Fairview Baptist Church in Calgary, came under police and government Health Service surveillance for refusing to limit his congregation and refusing to force them into wearing masks. Calgary police saw fit to interrupt Church services. Calgary police came to Pastor Stephens' Church and arrested him in front of his crying family.

In June of 2021, Rebel News reported;

“Alberta authorities were forced to drop other charges against Pastor Tim last month, after discovering that Alberta Health Services never served Pastor Stephens with the court order he was accused of having violated, a requirement under the order. That effectively ended the case against Pastor Tim, but he will now be facing another legal battle. On Tuesday, Rebel News reported that Pastor Tim will be held in prison until June 28 due to his refusal to sign bail conditions that would limit his ability to gather with his congregants.” ([https://www.rebelnews.com/release\\_pastor\\_tim\\_stephens\\_petition](https://www.rebelnews.com/release_pastor_tim_stephens_petition))

Even with police actions against the Church, many congregants continued meeting and continued practicing

their faith. The Church continued to meet at another location and actually increased in numbers. A helicopter was seen making repeated passes over the congregants and police vehicles have been seen circling them but no further intervention or arrests have been made.

On November 1 of 2022 Pastor Tim was acquitted of two Public Health Act violations. Pastor Tim argued in court that he had no obligation "to enforce COVID rules among his congregation." (see <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/calgary-pastor-accused-of-breaking-covid-19-rules-acquitted-1.6134580>) Instead, he made health rules known and allowed congregants to make their own decisions concerning them. Justice A.A. Fradsham essentially agreed and ruled that there was no "legal obligation on Pastor Stephens to ensure, compel or encourage compliance". (see <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/calgary-pastor-accused-of-breaking-covid-19-rules-acquitted-1.6134580>)

Both Pastor James Coates and Pastor Tim Stephens are true Canadian heroes for taking the stand that they did and for being willing to suffer persecution for that stand.

Shawn Stevens

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