Canada’s Ecofiscal Commission was formed by a group of experienced, policy-minded economists from across the country, seeking to broaden the discussion of ecofiscal policy reform beyond the academic sphere and into the realm of practical policy application. The Ecofiscal Commission and its Commissioners are fully independent and aim to serve policy-makers across the political spectrum, at all levels of government. As the Chair, Dr. Ragan is involved in the research and policy recommendations championed by the Ecofiscal Commission. He will speak to the work of the commission in general, discuss policy recommendations and comment on how they relate to Canada’s economic growth.

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