

Ron Kneebone

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From 2006 to 2009 Dr. Kneebone served as Director of the University of Calgary's Institute for Advanced Policy Research. He joined The School of Public Policy upon its formation in 2009 to serve as the Scientific Director of the Social Policy and Health research division. For three years (2014-17) he also served as Director of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. His research interests focus mainly in the areas of macroeconomic aspects of public finances, though he has recently worked on issues related to homelessness and poverty reduction. Professor Kneebone is a co-author on two well-known undergraduate textbooks: A text on economic principles (with Gregory Mankiw, Ken McKenzie) and an intermediate level text on macroeconomic theory (with Andrew Abel and Ben Bernanke). For joint work with Ken McKenzie, he was awarded the Doug Purvis Memorial Prize for the best published work in Canadian public policy in 2000. From 2016 to 2019, he volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors for the Calgary Homeless Foundation where he was chair of the Public Policy Committee. Professor Kneebone has occasionally been asked to provide advice to governments concerning their budgets. In 2002 he served on the Technical Advisory Group for the *Alberta Financial Management Commission*. In 2017 he was one of 5 members on the *Yukon Financial Advisory Panel*. He is currently a member of the federal government's *Homelessness Data Advisory Committee*.

Research/interests:

- 1) The economics of homelessness
- 2) The economics of poverty
- 3) Provincial government finances