

HAPPINESS MEETING WASTE OF TIME, MONEY

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I was stunned when I read the article, Well-being can mean more than just money (June 20), about the latest "think-tank" that was meeting in Nova Scotia to discuss, of all things, "a way to calculate a country's gross national happiness."

Tell me that can't be happening. Imagine 400 people from 35 countries meeting to discuss such an inane and asinine topic, not to mention the cost of hotels, meals and transportation for such a group.

What a supreme and utter waste of time and funds -- when the political will is non-existent today to implement whatever recommendations they might come up with.

It's almost as ridiculous as allowing SUVs and buses and diesel trucks to spew their pollution into the air, causing smog alerts -- and then banning cigarette smoking.