

"ON THE TRAIL OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS IN ALBERTA"



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Alberta Property Rights Institute

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"To promote the entrenchment in law, full protection of the proprietary interest in property for the benefit of all Albertans"

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Good day folks:

The Alberta Property Rights Initiative is underway. It is a slow process as Alberta's economy is centred on the petroleum industry and less attention is paid at the landowner level regarding protection of proprietary right to property.

We are slowly gaining audience with provincial MLA.s, largely because various property rights groups forced the issue during the past PC leadership election. We have an opportunity to present our "Property Rights Preservation Bill" to the minister of sustainable resources in mid February. From there we hope to gain audience with the Provincial caucus committee on 'Environment, Sustainable Resources and Energy'. It is our intention that 'Parks and Recreation', and 'Agriculture' will also hear and act upon our presentation. At the next provincial AGM, a policy concerning recognition of partial takings of land will be brought forward by the Livingstone/Macleod constituency for membership ratification. We hope the PC.s under Premier Stelmach are more responsive than the past administration.

At the federal level, the CPC will have within its policy, a revamped property rights policy that includes a position on partial takings of land for public purposes accompanied with a compensation clause. The Macleod EDA, at the next AGM, will forward this in November.

We are currently working with various groups across Canada. The Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance (OPERA) is one. We together have co-authored a letter to the Prime Minister's Office to forward the principle that if any legislation or act passed by the federal government affects the use of privately acquired land, a compensation clause be included to provide for the loss of productivity and future leverage or development potential. AND WE CONTINUE!!!

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