

Alberta Prosperity Project



At APP our primary focus is to educate and inspire all Albertans on the rationale and merits of empowering the provincial government to restructure Alberta's relationship with Canada. **WHY?** Since joining confederation in 1905, Alberta has been treated as a colony to serve the interests of eastern Canada at Alberta's expense, as planned by Clifford Sifton, the Liberal Minister of the Interior in 1904 (*Ref1: Sir Clifford Sifton, pg 95*), who was responsible for bringing Alberta into Confederation.

Alberta's subservience to Ottawa was exacerbated by the 1980 National Energy Policy (NEP), which was "designed to prevent Alberta from ever again becoming the center of economic power in Canada", as stated by Marc Lalonde, the federal Liberal minister responsible for the NEP.

As a result of the aforementioned, there exists an imbalance in power between Ottawa and Alberta that no Alberta government has hitherto been able to overcome, and the imbalance is getting worse.

Now, increasingly egregious federal attacks by Ottawa on our freedoms, self-determination and hydrocarbon industry have created an existential threat to our way of life and economic well-being; a threat that will come to fruition, **if we do nothing**.

Ref1: Clifford Sifton, Volume 2, D.J.Hall, A Lonely Eminence, 1901-1929, pg 95, UBC Press, Vancouver, 1985

Do You Know?

- Annually, Albertans pay \$60 billion in federal taxes. In return, we receive only \$27 billion in transfer payments (a \$33 billion loss each year).
- We over-contribute \$3 billion to CPP and \$1 billion to EI annually.
- Since 1965, Albertans have contributed nearly \$700 Billion to Ottawa due to equalization and the NEP, without a cent in return.
- Alberta is by far the largest contributor of equalization payments in Canada. Of these payments, 2 out of every 3 dollars goes to Quebec - even when Quebec runs a surplus budget and Alberta runs a deficit.
- Worldwide demand for oil is not decreasing, but the federal government still plans to import oil from countries with poorer environmental and social standards at a greater cost than we can produce in Alberta. Ottawa claims that Alberta's oil and gas industry is an existential threat to the planet. In reality, a complete elimination of oil and gas in Canada will do nothing to change the climate or benefit the planet.
Note: over 1609 climate scientists, including 2 Nobel Prize winners, have signed a "World Climate Declaration" stating that there is no climate emergency. (Ref2)
- Canadian technology to mitigate CO2 is leading edge and already contributing to reducing our inconsequential carbon footprint.
- Oil and gas are still the dominant global sources of energy. Meanwhile, the much hyped solar and wind renewables are causing higher electricity prices with increasing blackouts, as well as causing more financial strain - not just in Canada, but all around the world.

Ref2: <https://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration/>

Federal Plans Include:

- By 2030, eliminating 42% or more of our oil and gas industry, with **the complete elimination of power generation from oil, gas, and coal by 2035, which both energy producers and the Government of Alberta have stated is impossible**. Yet, the federal government's green "Just Transition" is moving ahead without regard to science, economics, or the hardship that those living in Alberta will have to endure.
- Implementation of:
 - Digital ID
 - Programmable currency
 - A social credit score
 - Censorship of our information we send or receive.

Restrictive Legislation

Ottawa is ensuring that Alberta can never challenge the east as the center of economic power by enacting increasingly restrictive legislation:

- Bill C69 (Impact Assessment Act) effectively blocking new pipelines. *Ref3*
- Bill C48 (B.C.'s Tanker Ban) based on unproved environmental concerns (only applies to Western Canada).
- Federal Carbon Tax on oil and gas deemed illegal by the Alberta Supreme Court but overruled by the PMO-controlled Supreme Court of Canada.
- Bill S 243 (the "Climate-Aligned Finance Act") which, when passed, will prevent any financial institution from investing in our oil and gas industry - the kill shot!

Ref3: Deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court on Sept 13, 2023,

What about changing The Constitution?

For Albertans who believe that opening and changing the constitution is the pathway to build a better relationship with Canada, know that **this is impossible without leverage.**

WHY? Because it requires overcoming the following 5 hurdles:

1. Support of 7/10 provincial legislatures representing 50% of the population.
2. Support in the House of Commons where there is not representation by population.
3. Support in the Senate, which also lacks representation by population.
4. Overcoming Quebec's veto.
5. Support from the Supreme Court of Canada. With 3 justices from Quebec, 3 from Ontario, 1 from the Maritimes, and 2 from all of Western Canada, and with all these justices being appointed from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), constitutional disputes will always be decided in favour of the east.

What Can Albertans Do?

It has always been in our hands to prevent and overturn federal policy that harms Albertans and Alberta's interests; however, there was **never a clear plan** to galvanize Albertans for this common cause **until the APP developed a legal strategy to empower our Alberta government.**

The Supreme Court of Canada's Clarity Act defines the legal process required to empower the Government of Alberta to restructure its relationship with Canada. Triggering the Clarity Act enables the Government of Alberta to negotiate from a position of strength to resolve our dysfunctional relationship with Ottawa.

To trigger the clarity act, the people of Alberta must vote in favor of secession on a referendum on independence. **We can ensure our future via a successful Citizens' Initiative which will obligate the Government of Alberta to hold a referendum on Independence.**

Be assured that a successful referendum to empower the Government of Alberta will NOT necessarily lead to secession per se; rather, it is the only plausible solution to open and change the 1982 Constitution Act to protect Alberta from federal overreach into provincial constitutional authority, and to ensure our self-determination is unfettered by Ottawa.

Do you believe that it is time to acknowledge both the historical and current mistreatment of Alberta by Ottawa within the current construct of confederation, and to move forward with a solution?

If so, then subsequent to an empowering referendum by Albertans no later than 2025, our provincial government will have the necessary leverage to negotiate a free and prosperous future for Alberta within or without Canada.

**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION
IF YOU CHOSE TO DO NOTHING
YOU BECOME PART OF THE
PROBLEM**

Strength is in numbers. Once 600,000 or more Albertans choose "Change" by registering their intent to vote "yes" on the APP website, APP will initiate the Citizens' Initiative for a referendum on independence with Elections Alberta.

The future of Alberta is in your hands!

Take the time and choose to be part of the **SOLUTION** and say **"No More!" to the federal government's interference into provincial matters.** Support restructuring Alberta's relationship with Canada!

Please register your intent to support the Citizens' Initiative for a referendum to empower the provincial government at: bit.ly/appvoteyes (or scan the QR code below).



Or, text "YES" to 1-825-809-5447 for "Change".

