

From: [Peter Austin](#)
To: [Admin](#)
Subject: Re: Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project
Date: Monday, February 19, 2018 11:30:48 AM

Dear Diane,

I can't even express how completely welcome that you and your colleagues are, in receiving my information. I hope (and pray) for current and future citizens, including those yet unborn, that some good, and some justice, comes from the Inquiry/Audit processes. I genuinely fear what may happen to (and in), our province otherwise.

As a concerned citizen, and as an entrepreneurial business person who has been all but destroyed by government and crown corporation corruption in the past, (lottery related in 2001/02, Supreme Court of NL case outstanding), if I can provide any other assistance, general testimony or support, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Very sincerely,
Pete

On Mon, Feb 19, 2018 at 8:06 AM, Admin <admin@muskratfallsinquiry.ca> wrote:

Dear Mr. Austin:

Thank you again for your comments. I have forwarded them to the Commissioner and Counsel.

Diane

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From: Peter Austin [mailto:homemattersinc@muskratfallsinquiry.ca]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 10:23 AM
To: Admin <admin@MuskratFallsInquiry.ca>
Subject: Re: Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project

Thank you for your reply and please allow the following for consideration.

I write to you today to submit some materials that are not related to the Terms of Reference. Also, I apologize for a (small) error in my submission yesterday, as some of the text below was inadvertently pasted on that page in haste, below my name. Please ignore same and consider it in relation to the following.... 2 items for consideration 1 documentary and one article from Transparency.org... as follows:

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project, are no exception. The positive and enlightening documentary, that I hereby provide a link to, provide such context in more than one sense.

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In light of the fact that the Inquiry team may spend upwards of twenty-one thousand person hours in order to complete the necessary work, it would seem fully justified to invest approximately 4.5 hours, (1.5 for each of three Justices) to view this contextual information to form a balanced perspective about corporate behavior and executive decisions. (this estimate assumes 3 Justices and 3 assisting team

members x 35 hours per week x 50 weeks x 2 years = 21,000 hours). The investment of 4.5 hours represents .02%, I.E. two one-hundredths of 1% of that time.

For well over a decade the global trend towards “conscious capitalism” has been emerging and growing.

Here is a PRIME demonstration of how "corporations" can and should operate in today's world... ESPECIALLY publicly owned ("Crown") corporations. It's high time we stopped calling them that too. "Citizen Enterprises" seems more appropriate. EARTH ... is the new "monarchy".

I heartfully recommend this for ALL young people. It is our future because it HAS to be... and because it CAN be.

[https://go.well.org/prosperity/movie/view/alt/?contactId=1573862&inf_contact_key=5ffe0e1e4c35db677c94fc034eb6a3ff2ecc3c385af12f8ba2a1012677588842&inf_field_BrowserLanguage=en-US%2Cen%3Bq%3D0.9&inf_field_FirstName=Pete&inf_field_Email=\[REDACTED\]](https://go.well.org/prosperity/movie/view/alt/?contactId=1573862&inf_contact_key=5ffe0e1e4c35db677c94fc034eb6a3ff2ecc3c385af12f8ba2a1012677588842&inf_field_BrowserLanguage=en-US%2Cen%3Bq%3D0.9&inf_field_FirstName=Pete&inf_field_Email=[REDACTED])

2. NEW POLICE POWERS TO TARGET SUSPECTED CORRUPT WEALTH
COME INTO FORCE

https://www.transparency.org.uk/press-releases/new-police-powers-to-target-suspected-corrupt-wealth-come-into-force/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Global%20Newsletter%20%20February%202018&utm_content=Global%20Newsletter%20%20February%202018+CID_cee5196aa3fdea105ebcc0b9bb250a7c&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=new%20powers#.WncTHK6nEnS

On Fri, Feb 16, 2018 at 9:48 AM, Admin <admin@musktratfallsinquiry.ca> wrote:

Dear Mr. Austin:

On behalf of Commissioner LeBlanc and Commission Co-Counsel, I wish to thank you for taking time to share your comments with us. We very much appreciate your interest in the Inquiry.

I wish to assure you that all comments will be reviewed and considered by the Commission.

Regards,

Diane

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From: Peter Austin [mailto:homemattersinc@muskratfallsinquiry.ca]

Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:54 PM

To: Admin <admin@MuskratFallsInquiry.ca>

Subject: RE: Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project

Commissioner Justice Richard LeBlanc

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Dear Justice LeBlanc, and colleagues,

In the hopes of minimizing repetition to the Inquiry, I have reviewed draft submissions from other parties prior to preparing my submission, (herein). As such, I will only briefly reference many of the same points in order to emphasize their importance relative to my interpretation of how and why the Terms of Reference may be used to investigate this complex subject matter.

Prior to actually interpreting the Terms of Reference, one must first assess the purpose of those terms as they relate to the purpose of the Commission of Inquiry process itself. There seems to be little to no doubt, in any 'camp', that the Terms in their present form, are highly restrictive, and/or actually oppressive, of the core purpose of the Inquiry and of much of the desired justice that may come from such a process. Indeed there is a much larger picture to be considered in light of societal justice, than the Terms would indicate, or that they may accommodate in their present form.

I hereby attempt to demonstrate this fact, by briefly reviewing the problems inherent in (and around) the project, and also in the processes that were used to bully this project into becoming what is today's harsh reality for our province, and for its current and future citizens.... as follows:

For brevity I'll use a less sophisticated, albeit respectful, form of language hereafter.

Let's take stock of what requires investigation

- Why was a new corporation (Nalcor) ever established, when Newfoundland Power and NL Hydro adequately and competently served the electricity needs of our province?
- Why was that corporation established by such a narrow and select group of business minds, and why was the Board of Directors chosen and appointed without due public process.
- What were, and are, the connections between those Board members and the contracts and funds that have since flowed from the project?

For examples: Cathy Bennett and her company Sunny Corners (a recruiting/personnel firm), and Danny Williams (purportedly) receiving 1.2 million shares from a mining company (immediately after leaving office). Said mining company is set to receive significant electricity subsidies.

- The removal of, and/or overstepping of, virtually all critical means of oversight on the project.
- Political maneuvering, by several regimes of government, to promote and push through the Muskrat Falls project, up to and including the manipulation of our legislation and legislative processes.
- Excessive labour billings at MF when work was not ever performed in relation to said billings.
- Materials billings for materials that were dumped, (miles of cable, towers, concrete structures, partially constructed structures (building/s) then ordered to be destroyed.
- No social license for the project from either First Nations or other citizens.
- Poisoning of the food chain in Labrador (and beyond) while in possession of knowledge that the poisoning will occur.

- Potential drowning of citizens in the downstream valley of the Churchill (Grand) River.
- Potential (and some experts say imminent), failure of the North Spur.
- Purportedly falsified numbers put forth publicly and a campaign of apparent deceit in order to oppress ongoing and growing public dissent.
- The selection and eventual hiring of an inexperienced company which was and is internationally renown for corruption, (including Court convictions for same).
- Nepotism in hiring individuals who proved to be incompetent and inexperienced in managing projects of the nature for which they were hired.
- Deliberate concealment of an alarming safety report for several years, which eluded to the potential for loss of life if/when ignored.
- Political manipulation and oppression of our province's Judiciary and Inquiry process through the creation of obtrusively narrow Term of Reference for the Commission of Inquiry.
- The potential for the presence of criminal actions and/or inactions relative to the RCMP's definition of organized crime.

Additional points for consideration:

Should the subject of missing evidence and /or of shredded documents arise, it has been suggested that the Commission sequester the documents for service from supplier corporations such as Iron Mountain and Shred-it!, in order to see how much the service increased in the period leading up to the Inquiry.

Were expert entities invited, and adequately accommodated, in providing proposals in order to adequately assess all alternate forms or sources of energy? If so which entities were invited and included and which, if any, were excluded from the process and why?

Eg. Newfound Energies had all but established a wind-energy farm and the government of NL expropriated his land in order to oppress this soon to be public alternative source of energy. (Refer

Mr. Gerry Skinner)

The bigger picture:

The effect on our society of all of the above, including the obtrusively narrow Terms of Reference, and the effect that has on the capacity of the Inquiry to effect any real justice in 2018-2020.

Not only do the Terms of Reference need to be broadened and deepened, but either during or upon completion of same, the larger issues inherent in this project and how it came about need to be brought to a higher power such as the Supreme Court of Canada.

If/when professional journalists and good caring citizens are oppressed, forcefully restrained, prosecuted and incarcerated for peaceful protests through our Court systems ... then what does our society have left to use against the forces of corruption and organized crime?

The purpose of laws, Courts and our Judiciary is to prevent anarchy and violence in our communities, yet we have anarchy now in and around our governance and violence is certainly 'on the rise' in our society and will likely become far worse if the corruption is not curtailed now. Therefore, I hereby and very respectfully suggest, request, and recommend that the members of this Inquiry seriously consider these realities and use your existing Judicial power and influence, before said powers and influence are (further) manipulated, eroded and/or removed.

Thank you for your valued time and consideration in this very serious, and profoundly important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter J. Austin,

Concerned citizen [REDACTED]

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demonstrated lack of transparency – on all, or virtually all, publicly raised and publicly challenged issues.

demonstrated lack of ethical behavior – refusing to bring forth a serious and alarming report containing information that demonstrates life-safety issues with potentially fatalities.

regarding life demonstrated malicious and/or negligent actions or inaction (not bringing forthcoming with an alarming safety report

on virtually all issues facing the public even when lives are either at stake or perceived to be at stake by the people

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