

Canadian Environmental Law Association

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 1973

TO: Board of Directors, Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation

FROM: Gar Mahood, Executive Director

RE: Management Committee Meetings to Determine the Future of the
Canadian Environmental Law Association

At the April 12, 1973 meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), a committee was struck to investigate the long-range priorities of CELA. That committee composed of staff members and members of the CELA National Executive Committee, decided that we should explore four areas in detail where CELA might effectively apply environmental law expertise. It was widely agreed that acting in all areas might spread our efforts so thin that little might be accomplished overall.

To this end, it was decided to hold four information-gathering sessions and one decision-taking session. Resource people have been invited to each of the four information sessions in the hope that they will be able to tell us whether or not their fields need environmental law expertise. The schedule for the information sessions is as follows:

1. Tues. July 17, 4:30 to 6:30 - Urban
Resource Person - Michael D'Arcy Goldrick - Alderman
2. Tues. July 17, 6:30 to 8:30 - Resources
Resource Person - Sandy Osler, Probe
3. Thurs. July 19, 4:30 to 6:30 - Rural
Resource Person - Phil Lynd, Sierra Club
4. Thurs. July 19, 6:30 to 8:30 - Parks and Recreational Areas
Resource Person - Gavin Henderson, National and Provincial Parks Association

The date and time of the final decision-taking session will be decided at the July 17 meeting.

All meetings will be held in Room 432 of the Ramsay Wright Building at 25 Harbord Street, and we invite you to participate in all sessions.

I have enclosed for your interest two previous memoranda which relate to these discussions. I have also enclosed a flyer relating to our campaign for an Environmental Bill of Rights and a recent CELA fact sheet.

Please feel free to call me and to pass on your comments. I have not met many of you and your comments would give me an opportunity to make your acquaintance.

Food will be brought in between the sessions. Therefore, if you plan to attend, please leave word with Leslie at 928-7156 so that we may plan accordingly.

Finally, we apologize for the short notice. Our recent financial squeeze (threatened withdrawal of federal financial support), the pressures to change office locale as of July 31, and vacation-time all conspired to make it impossible to arrange these meetings such that more notice could be given.