I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation (CELRF)

The Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation (CELRF) is a non-profit, charitable corporation founded in 1970 by a coalition of lawyers, scientists, and environmentalists who believe that the law can be used to protect and enhance our environment. The Foundation, through the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), provides information on environmental rights to persons with environmental problems, explains the law in language understandable to the lay person, sponsors legal research projects to assess existing laws, and recommends legal reform. The Foundation through its Board of Directors is responsible for establishing the priority of projects undertaken by the Association. This includes at least one major project in a given year.

The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)

The Canadian Environmental Law Association was founded at the same time as CELRF and works closely with the Foundation on its environmental objectives. Most of CELA's projects, with the exception of litigation activities, are sponsored by CELRF. Although the Association has never conducted a membership drive, CELA has attracted a membership of more than five hundred professional and lay people in Ontario. They share a common belief that the creative use of the law may be the critical factor in the long term prevention of environmental degradation.

In the brief period it has been operating, CELA has been praised for its work on many occasions. For example in 1974 CELA was the recipient of the White Owl Conservation Award after being cited as Canada's foremost environmental group in 1974 for its work in public education, public service, and law reform.

In the public service area, CELA has been recognized as an extremely effective environmental ombudsperson. Fraser Kelly wrote in his Toronto Star column that CELA

> "is now coming of age as one of Ontario's more effective pressure groups - in the best sense of that term...(CELA has) done a great deal to extend environmental law and government agencies at all governmental levels." (see Appendix I)

Most of CELA's ombudsperson work in Ontario has been carried out by the

The Environmental Law Advisory Office

The Environmental Law Advisory Office provides three basic services to the public by:

(1) providing legal assistance without charge to persons with pollution complaints and environmental management (planning) problems;

(2) providing information to the public on environmental rights and responsibilities; and

(3) sponsoring environmental law research projects;

The Advisory office provides assistance and advice to individuals and groups in solving environmental problems. For example, the Office has assisted the following groups:

1. Federation of Ontario Naturalists.
2. Clear Hamilton of Pollution Committee (CHOP).

3. Groups Organized to Retain the Gorge for Everyone (GORGE for the Elora Gorge people).

Individuals are assisted in many ways. When no legal remedy is apparent, the Office will provide guidance to the individual complainant by referring him to the appropriate governmental department. When an individual wishes to pursue litigation, we will refer that person to a panel of lawyers who have indicated an interest in taking environmental cases. In some cases, CELA will undertake litigation but such litigation is limited by available funds. The Advisory Office participates in meetings for members of the legal profession to explain alternate remedies to the civil suit for damages and generally acquaint lawyers with many details of environmental law.

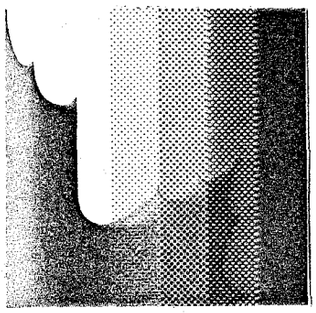
As part of this public education programme, CELA publishes the Canadian Environmental Law News. This is the only environmental law reporter in Canada. The Canadian Environmental Law News is published 6 times a year an and is subscribed to by most major law libraries in Canada and the U.S.

For a complete list of CELA publications see Appendix A.

CELA is also an "on campus" resource centre for U. of T. students. Information available includes case histories of recent environmental issues before the courts and current research papers. The use of our facilities by students is time-consuming for staff but we recognize that this is part of our obligation to U. of T. We are also available to students from York University and the Community Colleges. Information requests come from Universities all over Canada and the U.S. Staff members are requested as guest lecturers for environmental classes.

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BRIEFS AND SUBMISSIONS 1971-1975

1.	Critique on Proposed Ontario Environmental Protection Act (Bill 94); July 1971	$5.00
2.	The Need for Public Participation in Ontario's Environmental Planning; November 1971	$3.00
3.	Public Rights and Environmental Planning: A Preliminary Statement; January 1972	free
4.	Village Lake Louise - Public Trust and the Legality of the Development; February 1972	.70
5.	Legal and Planning Controls to Minimize Noise and Vibration Disturbance re New Toronto (Downsview) Subway; February 1972	$2.50
6.	The Right of a Private Citizen to Prosecute Offences under Ontario's Environmental Protection Act; February 1972	$1.70
7.	Private Prosecutions: An Important Precedent for Changing the Civil Court's Law of Standing; February 1972	.25
8.	Legal Weapons for Environmental Quality; April 1972	$1.90
9.	Yukon Territory Water Board - Procedure for Meaningful Public Hearings - Aishihik River Power Development; May 1972	$1.50
10.	Critique of United Nations Environmental Action Plan; May 1972	.40
11.	Ontario Cities can Act Now to Control the Automobile; June 1972	.50
12.	Submissions Concerning Bill 168, An Act to Amend Ontario's Environmental Protection Act; June 1972	$2.80
13.	Realistic Laws for Motorized Snow and All-Terrain Vehicles; September, 1972	$1.90
14.	The Unique Sandbanks of Prince-Edward County - A Lesson In Government-Industry Degradation of the Natural Environment September 1972	.50
15.	Brief re Aishihik River Power Development, Presented by Vancouver CELRF to the Yukon Territory Water Board; January 1973	$1.00

16. Public Participation in Environmental and Resources Planning; February 1973 — .90

17. Current Ontario Legislation Relating to Trees; March 1973 — $1.30

18. Needed: An Environmental Bill of Rights; April 1973 — .80

19. Tokenism and Environmental Protection - A Critical Assessment of Canadian Legislative Techniques for Environmental Control; June 1973 — $2.20

20. Meeting the Energy and Resource Challenge at the Expense of the Environment?! A Call for Meaningful Ontario Environmental Impact Procedures; August 1973 — $2.00

21. Principles for Environmental Impact Assessment. Submissions Concerning the Ministry of Environment 'Green Paper' on Environmental Assessment; October 1973 — $2.00

22. Environmental Impact Assessment: The Law As It Is And As It Should Be; January 1974 — $1.80

23. Recommendations of CELA to the Task Force on Legal Aid for the Province of Ontario March 26, 1974 — $2.50

24. Are Ontario's Proposals for Environmental Assessment Adequate? — $1.30

25. Environmental Impact Assessment: The Law As It Is and As It Should Be-(No.2)-a speech delivered at the Annual Conference of the PCAO-Royal York Hotel, Toronto by J.F. Castrilli - May 1, 1974 — $1.90

26. Criteria for an Environmental Impact Hearing (a brief presented to the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry) 6 May 1974 — $1.20

27. The Need for an Environmental Bill of Rights in Ontario by J.F. Castrilli for the Ontario Lib. Council's OBJECTIVES/ONTARIO Conference at McMaster University, August 17, 1974 — $1.10

28. Environmental Law - What We Need - John Low & Elizabeth Block September, 1974 — $1.50

29. The Need for an Environmental Bill of Rights Act in Ontario by J.F. Castrilli: an address to Save Our Streams and Trees - September 17, 1974, Port Credit, Ontario — $1.20

30. Resources Depletion, The Legal Perspective, Sudbury, November 2, 1974 — $1.30

31. Motorized Snow Vehicles & All-Terrain Vehicles; Planning for their use on public lands - Brief to the Halton Region Conservation Authority, October 1974 — $1.80

32. Advice to Citizens' Groups - John Swaigen — .40

33. Brief to Environmental Hearing Board - Lead Hearings January 31, 1975 $1.60

33 A. Supplementary submissions to the Environmental Hearing Board re legal reforms re lead - John Swaigen, April 9/75 $1.40

34. Concept of Parkland as a Public Trust by John Swaigen .30

35. Summary of Coroner's Act 1972 - Heather Mitchell .70

36. Ontario's Provincial Parks - Peter Woolley $2.10

37. Submissions of the Canadian Environmental Law Association to Environmental Hearing Board re: Fisher Harbour Development $1.60

38. Brief on Legal Implications of Solid Waste Disposal in Ontario - speech to Municipal Engineers Association Fall Workshop, November, 1974 $1.10

39. Recommendations on Bill C-25, The Environmental Contaminants Act, presented to the Standing Committee on Fisheries & Forestry May 1975 - Heather Mitchel and J.F. Castrilli $1.70

(The above briefs and submissions are priced at 10¢ per page, except Nos. 3, 14, 21)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Canadian Environmental Law News, published 6 times per year by CELA; Subscription rate - Student - $4.00; Other Individuals - $10.00; Libraries, Law Firms, Corporations, Government Agencies - $15.00; Associations - $25.00.

2. Environment on Trial: A Citizen's Guide to Ontario Environmental Law; February 1974; Distributor - General Publishing, 30 Lesmill Road, Don Mills, Ontario; Available in Bookstores; Special rates to environmental groups. $2.95