

Fraser file

January 8th, 1975.

Mr. John Fraser, M.P.,
Vancouver South,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear John:

As a small token of our appreciation for the effort which you made on our behalf at our recent annual meeting, the staff and members of the Canadian Environmental Law Association today instructed the Albert Britnall book store in Toronto to forward to you, under separate cover, a copy of Canada: A Year of the Land. As an environmentalist, we thought you might appreciate this beautiful volume, which we believe gives an excellent feel for this great country.

If by any chance you already have this in your library, kindly return it to us, and we would appreciate having the opportunity to do something else for you. Kindly let us know when it arrives, so that we know that Britnall's have not goofed things up as son many companies do these days.

We send our very best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Your sincerely,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

Gar Mahood

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O T T A W A
Jan. 7, 1975

Mr. Gar Mahood
Executive Director
Canadian Environmental Law Assoc.
Suite 303
One Spadina Crescent
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2J5

Dear Gar:

Thanks for your letter of December 3, 1974. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and hope it went well. There are no expenses to worry about.

I've been moved to Labour and Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain) takes Environment. He is a first rate M.P. and has my confidence. I am staying on the Committee and remain an environmentalist.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

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 John A. Fraser, M.P.
Vancouver South

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December 3rd, 1974.

John Fraser, M.P.,
Vancouver South,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear John:

On behalf of the Directors, staff and members of the Canadian Environmental Law Association, I want to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for the excellent address that you presented to our Annual Meeting. The comments that we received after the talk and in the days following, indicated that your presentation was very favourably received. Indeed, members of the staff of the Environmental Approvals Section, of the Ministry of the Environment, indicated that they were on your side.

We have had several requests for your speech. I should point out to you that Peter Whelan of the 'Globe and Mail' was extremely impressed by your knowledge of the field and by your political astuteness. He commented on this on more than one occasion. I hope he is able to get published an article on your talk as he has indicated his intentions to do so.

I heard a tape of the Warren Davis Tonight Show, on the weekend, and your presentation was similarly impressive. The Show went over extremely well. Finally, on behalf of those who were able to spend a relaxed period with you after the address, another vote of thanks. I wish that I had joined you.

Would you send us any copies of receipts so that we can get your expenses looked after with regard to your visit to Toronto. Please let us know if we have missed anything.

Kind regards,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

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On John Fraser More than leadership (III)

Globe Nov
14/74

By GEOFFREY STEVENS

OTTAWA

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He was serious. Fifteen MPs, plus, of course, a few refugees from provincial politics, perhaps a former MP or two and the usual assortment of cab drivers, crusaders and down-right crackpots who run for high office to promote a cause or to steal a little free publicity. The Tories could find themselves with a field of 20 or 30 candidates.

It is not likely to be this bad, at least I don't think it is. But the Conservatives do seem destined to wind up with far more candidates than they need and no one they really want, with an over-abundance of regional and factional candidates and no one who can speak for the party as a whole.

Even a partial list of prospective leadership candidates from the federal caucus illustrates the party's problem. From British Columbia, John Fraser and John Reynolds; from Alberta, Eldon Woolliams, Jack Horner, Peter Bawden, Marcel Lambert, Doug Roche and Joe Clark; from Saskatchewan, Jim Balfour; from Ontario, Flora MacDonald, Sinclair Stevens, Lincoln Alexander and Allan Lawrence; from Quebec, Claude Wagner and Heward Grafftey; from the Atlantic Provinces, Jim McGrath and David MacDonald. Each of these Tories has some stature in his own region or in his own philosophical sector of the party. None, at this stage, has any national standing.

The Tories face two fairly obvious challenges which may be overlooked in the scramble for the leadership. First, they must restore themselves in the public's eyes as a national party; to do this, they need to consolidate their base in their areas of strength (the Prairies, B.C., Atlantic Canada) while at the same time developing support in their larger areas of weakness, Quebec and Ontario. Second, they must somehow convince the voters they have the ability and, equally important, the determination to govern the country.

On the laundry list of prospective leaders, three names stand out marginally ahead of the others in their potential to meet these challenges. In no particular order, they are Mr. Wagner, Mr. Fraser and Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed. Mr. Wagner has the attraction of being a Quebecker (he would be the Tories' first French-Canadian leader) who could be made acceptable to the West. Mr. Fraser has the advantage of being younger (42), more progressive, extremely intelligent, articulate and from a region of growing Tory strength. Yet both men have liabilities that seem almost as compelling as their assets.

Premier Lougheed's name is mentioned on the assumption he will call a provincial election next year, win a splendid victory and thereby render himself irresistible to those Tories who still labor under the misapprehension that anyone who can win a provincial election can win a national election.

Although it is far too early to get serious about this, if the list of three could be narrowed to two, the two would be Mr. Wagner and Mr. Fraser. This is only because there exists a strong feeling in Ottawa that this time the party should choose a reasonably young, promising person from the caucus, someone the Conservatives can build around.

The process of building cannot really be separated from the process of choosing a leader. The Tories need to begin building now and the way to start would be if each Conservative who likes to think of himself as leader could make an honest assessment of his chances. Those who would be running simply as favorite sons or for the sake of establishing their credentials for the future could help the party by not cluttering up the race.

The litmus test for the remaining hopefuls would be their ability to attract a reasonable cross-section of support from the various sectors of the party—in the person both of elected representatives and constituency Conservatives. If the Tory Party could present just three or four candidates with reasonably broad support, an appreciation of the party's problems and a determination to lead and to win, no convention delegate could ask for more.

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613-992-3026

March 20, 1974

Mr. John Fraser
M.P., Vancouver South
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear John:

Thank you for writing to the Local Initiatives Program on our behalf with regard to the problems created by the time gap between the two grants. It appears that it is now too late to do anything about this problem and, consequently, we will not press LIP or the Ministry to alter their position on this matter.

As per my letter to you of November 2, 1973, would you please consider sending to us a letter of reference To Whom It May Concern explaining why you believe a group like the Canadian Environmental Law Association is worthy of financial support from government agencies, foundations, and corporations. We have such letters from Aldermen and provincial members but a letter from you as Environmental Critic of your party would be extremely helpful.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of our Activity Report and Financial Statements which you may find to be of interest. You may wish to "recycle" the inside of the report (our "environmental Bill of Rights" poster) by placing it on your notice board.

Yours sincerely,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Gar Mahood
Executive Director

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November 2, 1973

Mr. John Fraser
M.P., Vancouver South
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear John:

Thank you for meeting with me Tuesday, October 23rd with regard to the current activities of the Canadian Environmental Law Association. It was indeed a pleasure to discover a Member with such a rich understanding of environmental issues generally and environmental law in particular.

Further to our conversation I have enclosed photocopies of the Globe and Mail articles which we discussed in our meeting. As well I have enclosed an up-to-date brief on our activities, similar to the one that you commented favorably on at our meeting. I trust that this information will show that the Canadian Environmental Law Association has achieved a high degree of credibility in a brief period of time and is, therefore, worthy of community support.

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As per our discussion would you please be kind enough to send us a letter of reference To Whom It May Concern explaining why you believe a group like CELA should receive financial assistance from government agencies, foundations and corporations. If you have the time I would greatly appreciate it if you had a similar letter written to Mr. Eugene Harrigan, Coordinator, Local Initiatives Program, Box 48, 2180 Yonge Street, Toronto M4S 2Y4, with a copy to CELA, urging support for our application to LIP. You might mention that you encourage the support of the local LIP office because our activities overlap individual constituencies and hence is a matter for more widespread concern. This LIP grant is critically needed in order to give us time to have our fund-raising team take over increasing responsibility for our survival.

As a personal aside, I can readily envision a scenario whereby John Fraser M.P. becomes Minister of Environment Canada in the near future. Therefore, if you send these references signed as John Fraser, "Environmental Critic for the Progressive-Conservative Party" I think they will carry even greater weight. I have enclosed a copy of our LIP application for your information.

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Finally, I read your speech and your press release. Your defence of environmental groups in the Robert ~~Boyd~~/James Bay Press Release was particularly appreciated. I shall keep it on file for use against attacks of innuendo, etc.

Thank you, once more, for all your assistance.

Yours sincerely,
CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH FOUNDATION



Gar Mahood
Executive Director

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O T T A W A,
January 31, 1974.

The Honourable Robert Andras,
Minister of Manpower and Immigration,
E.A. Bourque Building,
305 Rideau Street,
K1A 0J9

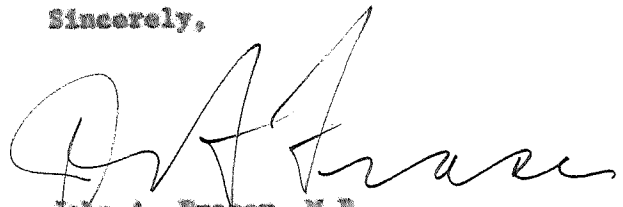
Dear Sir:

Re: Project 3k-2026
Citizens' Environmental
Law Advisory Office

I have been contacted in regard to the above project asking if funding for this project can be made retroactive to December 1, 1973 rather than January 1, 1974 as approved. The delay in receiving approval accounts for the fact that no funds were available in December.

Would you please give this your serious consideration?

Sincerely,



John A. Fraser, M.P.
Vancouver South

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CC: Mr. Guy Mahood, Environmental Law Assoc., Suite 303, 1 Spadina Crescent,
Toronto, Ont. M5S 2J5

Mr. Peter Stollery, M.P.

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Press Release

PRESS RELEASE
October 5, 1973

Read

RE: OTTAWA CITIZEN - Thursday, October 4, 1973
"MORE DEMAGOGUERY THAN SCIENCE"
APPROACH TO ECOLOGY PROBLEMS HIT

I am very much disturbed at the report in the Canadian Press yesterday of Mr. Robert Boyd's allegation that "some influential groups within the environmental movement --- believe --- that established institutions should be destroyed".

This is, in my view, an absolutely incredible statement to make coming from the President of the James Bay Energy Corporation which is embarked on a massive scheme for hydro electric power, when it is now an accepted fact that no environmental studies were done in advance of the decision to go ahead, and, what is just as important, no study was ever made as to whether there were alternative sources of power that would be less damaging to the environment.

Mr. Boyd has fallen into the utterly unintelligent error of assuming that those who disagree with the way our industrial system has abused our environment, and continues to abuse it, are somehow, because of this legitimate and

factual criticism, against our established institutions.

I want to say quite unequivocally to Mr. Boyd, and any other of his fellow travellers, that as a Conservative Member of Parliament, as one who served 17 years at the Bar of British Columbia (sworn, by the way, to uphold our laws and institutions) as one who proudly held the Queen's Commission in the Canadian Army, and as one who cherishes and defends our Parliamentary institutions and the Rule of Law, that I denounce his mischievous tactics in trying to categorize Canadians who care for our land as some sort of dangerous, subversive cabal, out to destroy our democratic system.

Mr. Boyd said to the press, and only after his speech, that only some of the critics of the James Bay project fall into the category of those who are seeking to destroy our "established institutions". If that is so, then he should name them, and give factual evidence to back up his allegations. His charges as headlined yesterday smear all Canadians who have very legitimate doubts about this project and whom, he admitted again, only after his speech, number some very "serious" people. His use of unuendo to discredit legitimate environmental concern is

cheap and tawdry.

Mr. Boyd is reported as saying that "I cannot accept that we be silent and defenceless in the face of all the abuse and exaggerations being directed at progress and growth". The criticism is directed at mindless "progress" and the ethic of "growth for growth's sake", but in any event, I invite Mr. Boyd to debate these questions publicly; I suggest he start in British Columbia where we are faced with a pollution threat from tankers from Alaska and have just had a collision at Vancouver harbour between two ships that spread oil all over our harbour. After his trip West perhaps Mr. Boyd would like to meet some of the people of Montreal who don't think it is a good thing to dump raw sewage into the St. Lawrence.

Come out and meet the people, Mr. Boyd, - they are all Canadians, they are concerned, and they are not out to destroy the established institutions of Canada.

STATEMENT MADE BY JOHN A. FRASER, M.P.,
ENVIRONMENTAL CRITIC FOR THE P.C. PARTY.
October 5, 1973

'More demagoguery than science'

Approach to ecology problems hit

MONTREAL (CP) — The president of the James Bay Energy Corp. Wednesday lashed out at people who approach the problems of the environment and ecology with "more demagoguery than science."

In the keynote speech to the Engineering Institute of Canada's annual meeting, Robert Boyd said "some influential groups within the environmental movement have a downright pessimistic view of the world" and believe that "established institutions should be destroyed."

Mr. Boyd, who is also a Hydro-Quebec commissioner, said air, and water pollution, the population increase and the depletion of natural resources are problems that need appropriate solutions just as quickly as possible.

"Unfortunately, some people approach these matters with more demagoguery than science," and while ecology is a science demanding objectivity and logic "these people are alarmist, emotional and intransigent."

"These pseudo-ecologists have attracted protesters of

all kinds who are constantly on the lookout for reasons to attack the system."

Asked later if he felt environmentalists who have criticized the \$8 billion James Bay hydroelectric development are seeking to destroy the system, Mr. Boyd said only some of the critics fall into that category while others "are very serious."

He told the engineers that the environmental question is here to stay and "this is a good thing."

"However, I cannot accept that we be silent and

defenceless in the face of all the abuse and exaggerations being directed at progress and growth.

"Industry and government," he said, "should consider the protection of the environment as a responsibility that has to be dealt with in a practical way and should beware if groups using the situation and the emotions it creates to jeopardize our economic way of life and to promote zero-growth propaganda."

He said pessimists underestimate man's creativity.

At times throughout his

tory people believed the world was faced with insoluble problems but "man constantly discovers new realities which affect the outcome of his destiny."

Engineers have already foreseen new ways of producing energy—such as fast-breeder nuclear reactors and thermo-nuclear fusion—that will make present day methods obsolete, Mr. Boyd said.

"Let us give researchers the means with which to work and we will see that there is at least one natural resource that is limitless—man's imagination."