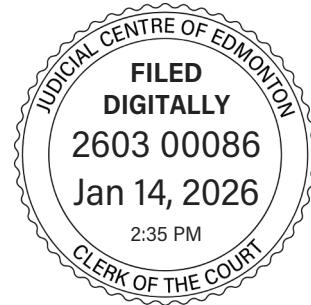


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AFFIDAVIT OF SHELDON SUNSHINE

Affirmed on January 14, 2026

I, Sheldon Sunshine, of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, in the Province of Alberta, AFFIRM AND SAY THAT:

1. I am the elected Chief of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation ("SLCN"). I make this affidavit as a supplemental one to my affidavit sworn January 7, 2026. This action was filed with the full support of our Chief and Council.

Treaty Nations' support

2. As Chiefs, we are the spokesperson for our Nations, like the Prime Minister is the representative of Canada. Our Nations are governed by our elected Chief and Councils and we are the representatives when it comes to defending and litigating our collective rights, which I understand and do believe were guaranteed to us under Treaty and affirmed under the Constitution of Canada.

3. On January 8, 2026, I attended an emergency meeting with almost all of the Treaty Chiefs in Alberta. Most of the Chiefs of the approximately forty-eight (48) First Nations in what is now Alberta attended in person at the Treaty 8 office in Edmonton; others joined online. I am currently the Deputy Grand Chief of the Treaty 8 Nations of Alberta.
4. At that meeting, the Chiefs expressed unanimous opposition to Bill 14 and separationism. The Chiefs who spoke, as representatives of their Nations, supported Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation's litigation and thanked us for taking the lead in such urgent circumstances over the holidays. From this meeting and public statements, I am informed and do believe that there are other Nations contemplating their own legal action, but it was agreed that the Treaty Nations in attendance would express support for Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, rather than intervene, so as not to delay the hearing of this injunction. We also discussed our support for Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's court application for judicial review, which was similarly unanimous.
5. There were no Chiefs present who supported Bill 14 or separationism. I am not aware of any First Nation in Alberta that supports separationism and Bill 14.
6. Out of the January 8, 2026 Chiefs' meeting, we all agreed to a joint letter of the Chiefs of Treaties 6, 7, and 8, dated January 9, 2026, a copy of which is attached and marked as **Exhibit "1"** to my affidavit, as posted on the Facebook pages of the Confederacy of Treaty Six Nations and the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Facebook pages also on January 9, 2026.
7. On January 9, 2026, we had a meeting with Chiefs of Treaty 8 only. Again, unanimous support was confirmed from the Treaty 8 First Nations, and the Chiefs of Treaty 8 authorized Grand Chief Mercredi to sign a letter on our behalf, a copy of which is attached and marked as **Exhibit "2"** to my affidavit.
8. On January 12, 2026, we received a letter of support from the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, a copy of which is attached and marked as **Exhibit "3"**.
9. Between Friday, January 9, 2026, and Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Sturgeon Lake received the following letters, all of which are attached and collectively marked as **Exhibit "4"** to my affidavit:

- (i) Blood Tribe, Kainaiwa, Treaty 7, January 8, 2026
- (ii) Sucker Creek First Nation, Treaty 8, January 9, 2026
- (iii) Mikisew Cree First Nation, Treaty 8 January 12, 2026
- (iv) Saddle Lake Cree Nation, Treaty 6, January 13, 2026
- (v) Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (vi) Alexander First Nation, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (vii) Samson Cree Nation, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (viii) Ermineskin Cree Nation, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (ix) Whitefish Lake First Nation #128, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (x) Montana First Nation, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (xi) Louis Bull, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (xii) Kehewin Cree Nation, Treaty 6, January 12, 2026
- (xiii) Driftpile Cree Nation, Treaty 8, January 13, 2026
- (xiv) Lubicon Lake Band, Treaty 8, January 13, 2026
- (xv) Swan River First Nation, Treaty 8, January 13, 2026

10. I am informed by the Confederacy of Treaty Six Nations and do believe that many Treaty 6 Nations included “Without Prejudice” to ensure that these letters could not be used against them in their own litigation, and not to detract from their support for SLCN’s litigation.

11. We also received support from Treaty 8 outside Alberta, namely Tthebatthie Denesuline Nation, Smith’s Landing First Nation in the Northwest Territories, January 12, 2026, which attached and marked as **Exhibit “5”**.

12. Other First Nations wanted to get support statements to SLCN, but simply did not have time, these included: Tallcree Tribal Government (Treaty 8), O'Chiese First Nation (Treaty 6), Onion Lake Cree Nation (Treaty 6), Tsuu T'ina (Treaty 7) and Piikani Nation (Treaty 7).
13. The aforementioned unity among Treaty Nations is unprecedented in my time as Chief, since 2022.

Disinformation, racism and American involvement

14. Since December 22, 2025, and then again since January 2, 2026, I have witnessed racism, misinformation on Treaties and our peoples' anxiety accelerate. In the face of the misinformation and anxiety, we are expending significant resources to educate our members *and* Canadians about Treaty and the harms that are coming from the petition process itself.

[@RiseofAlberta](#)

15. Since January 2, 2026, some of the online hate and misinformation is targeted at our Chief and Council to de-legitimize us as leaders and interfere in our own governance; some is directed at me personally.
16. For example, one self-described “Treaty Indian”, Darren Grimes, who states he is from a Nation in Ontario, posted messaging reminiscent of the 1969 White Paper, which proposed legislation to eliminate our “status”, and other assimilationist language (i.e. that First Nations are just citizens with votes in a referendum like all other Canadians). This post is going viral on Alberta separatist pages as if this individual can speak for Indigenous Peoples in what is now Alberta. Attached and marked as **Exhibit “6”** is copy of this letter to our nation, which was shared twice on [@RiseofAlberta](#) Facebook on January 9, 2026, including some of the comments randomly selected, which have been liked collectively 3,500 times on [@RiseofAlberta](#) on Facebook.
17. [@RiseofAlberta](#) is an account that amplifies the Alberta Prosperity Project messaging and speaks, often, in the first person as the petitioner and in relation to meetings in Washington, for example in a X post-dated October 1, 2025, available here:
<https://x.com/RiseOfAlberta/status/1973594252606349472?s=20> . Indeed, I have seen that

lawyer Keith Wilson, whose videos are linked on the APP website, shares an address with @RiseofAlberta. Attached and marked as **Exhibit “7”** is a copy of the screenshot of the October 1, 2025 post and a screenshot of the address pages of Keith Wilson and @RiseofAlberta which have since been hidden. These screenshots were shared by @TheBreakdown on X and other platforms, currently available here:

<https://x.com/TheBreakdownAB/status/2002623205392146680?s=20>.

18. We have also witnessed @RiseofAlberta solicit signatures and publish polling data, saying that support for independence is 45%, for example in a screenshots attached and collectively marked as **Exhibit “8”**. I have never seen a poll above the 30 per cent range published in the mainstream media. The poll in the news around that time, by Leger, said 29% supported the idea of Alberta becoming independent, in a poll published here, <https://leger360.com/in-the-news-alberta-separatism/>. The Tyee noted that the 30 percent was the approximate figure since 2019, in an article available here: <https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2025/11/05/Has-Alberta-Separatism-Gone-Mainstream-Common-Ground/>. Attached and marked as **Exhibit “9”** are the Leger poll from May 15, 2025 and the Tyee article dated November 5, 2025.
19. Finally, Cory Morgan at an APP event, posted on @RiseofAlberta is talking beside someone named Eva Chipiuk, who I am informed and do believe was one of the lawyers for Mitch Sylvestre on the *Sylvestre v. CEO* decision. This was a signature collection event with speakers scheduled for January 10, 2026. In that video, Morgan makes statements about Treaties. Ms. Chipiuk does not correct Mr. Morgan on the clip that is posted January 11, 2026, currently available here and which has 27,000 views as of January 13, 2026: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1DKAGKwzn2/>. The full statement of Mr. Morgan is:

But of course, quite seriously, getting to the treaty thing. Treaties were mythical things for most of us. We'd read about it in school. We'd grow up, and we'd hear about treaty violations, and we'd hear about problems with treaties. And of course, nobody had read them, and it was difficult. Where would you find one? You'd go to a library, perhaps, and find a book with a treaty in it, or archives somewhere. But now we've got that beautiful thing called the internet, and I don't know how many years ago was the first time I went out and actually read a treaty. And these are very simple documents. They aren't that complicated, they're important, and they have to be abided by. I fully agree with that, but people have interpreted what these treaties mean and encompass into something that's

absolutely untrue, and it's a myth. We've got to cut through. They are very clear. The biggest and most important part of these treaties, and that's where the worst violations they're going to work. We're defining where the reserve lands. You say from this river down to here, and from that boundary there, and this is where the reserve is where the reserve is going to be, but it's also and this is the part they don't like talking about. Says cede surrender, permanently, forever, every other part of the province. That's what people forget. the misinformation we're seeing right now. You might have seen a meme if your internet types. They show a map of Alberta, and they show all the zones of treaties that were under, and Alberta's under four treaties. You said six, seven and eight, which are big ones, and just a little tiny chunk of 10 comes in from Saskatchewan. But they interpret, and they put this little thing on all those shaded areas and said, not your land, not your land, not your land. It's actually quite the opposite. What they're trying to claim is that this is treaty land, thus it's ineligible for independence. But no, that's the ceded land permanently, 100% forever ceded land, 1.3% of the province is reserve land. Maybe it'll be a little higher, because, as I said, there was some bad deal there enough. There still are some things to be said. But for people to say the treaties stop us from becoming independent. Read one, there's nothing in there, says anything of the sort. And people say, constitutionally, the First Nations rights are in the Constitution that prevents it. Have a look at that, because that's again, where people are being disingenuous. And play with the words, because constitution says consult. That's important. Consult that's important. I think it's pretty rude that our fellow fellow citizens to do anything [sic] consulting. But people are reading in consent. We'll start with C but there's a very big difference between the two. We don't need consent. Do not, not for independence, not for pipelines, not for many things.

There is intentionally no **Exhibit “10”** to my affidavit.

20. I have seen many inaccurate and what I have received as racist posts, but it is impossible to capture them all, and it is hurtful to listen to these statements all apparently made for the purpose of garnering support for the petition since December 22, 2025 (when the petition was approved) and increasing after January 2, 2026 (when the petition was issued). I have observed these comments getting worse and louder, and they detrimentally affect my dignity as a First Nation person and leader. We have fought so hard for recognition and rights, and have so much further to go, and this petition process has set us back decades in

our legal status and relationship with non-Indigenous Canadians living in what is now Alberta. If it continues, I am fearful for how far we could be set back.

Comments by Sylvestre, Modry and Rath on unilateral secession and American's recognition

21. We have witnessed several alarming and harmful statements by the Alberta Prosperity Project, its representatives (CEO, Mitch Sylvestre, founder, Dennis Modry, and lawyer/founder, Jeffrey Rath) and its adjacent accounts.
22. In a YouTube video podcast by “Real Citizen” dated November 14, 2025, and available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSs4TJMt4mg>, the following statements are made:
 - i. Rath claims that there is 35 % for Alberta independence according to an Angus Reed poll on separatism and he is calling it 40 plus %. (1:05:46)
 - ii. Sylvestre states that he has discussed this Citizen Initiative Act with Premier Smith (1:13:47) and she explained: “And the reason that they do it, the Citizens [*sic*] Initiative Act is so people can do [*sic*] ask questions of the government that basically government hasn’t got the courage to ask questions of on their own. So they can shift the blame to the people. If the people want to do it badly enough, go out there get enough signatures, put it on our desk and then we’re compelled to do something with it or not do something with it. Right. So, something as important as this is a question that you know is going to have to be dealt with now because... isn’t not going away. Yeah. But the whole spirit of the Citizens Initiative Act is not to have bureaucracy weigh in on it. ...”
 - iii. Sylvestre calls the Forever Canada petition a “mosquito bite” (1:15:22) and that their petition “question is like being bit by a great white shark because it will trigger real change. So, the other thing that I wanted to explain to you is that based on our position and based on what we’re doing, I have had conversation with people that were. Highly involved with Brexit. They started their petition at in the low 30 per cent. Okay. They say that they say that if we’re anywhere near or over 40 um chances of us winning this referendum are very very good.”

23. In the November 14, 2025 podcast, Rath states the following in discussion with the Real Citizen Podcaster and Rath:

PODCASTER: “quickly first answer Trump administration you got, someone who’s mentioned that they would be willing to recognize Alberta...”

RATH: shortest free trade agreement of all time, one page, zero tariffs on both sides of the Alberta- US border

PODCASTER: Alberta-US Border?

RATH: Yeah, Alberta- US Border, all goods and services. We’ve also spoke to the US about immediately recognizing Alberta as an independent country, immediately upon a successful referendum result.

PODCASTER: Who did you guys speak with? You said Trump administration.

RATH: Yeah, we were meeting at a very senior level. We’re not going to disclose the identity of the people that we were meeting with, but I mean, people were leaving our meeting and going directly to the Oval Office.

PODCASTER: You went down to DC?

RATH: Yeah, we’ve been to DC twice, and I’m in touch with them on a weekly basis.

24. Attached and marked as **Exhibit “11”** is a screen of the November 14, 2025 podcast link and the number of views as of 55,572 views as of January 13, 2026.

25. The Alberta Prosperity Project (“APP”) hosted event said to be held in Red Deer on or about June 14, in a video posted to the APP website under “Videos” available here: <https://albertaprospensityproject.com/videos/> and currently available here: <https://rumble.com/v6ut1fx-dr-dennis-modry-rebel-news-live-red-deer-2025-06-14.html?mref=rwhnu&mc=ce4s3>. Attached and marked as **Exhibit 12** is a screen shot of this video and the APP “Videos” tab captured on January 13, 2026.

26. In this video recording someone introduced as Dennis Modry, speaks about several issues including:

- i. explaining what Mark Carney's book "Values" "says", which he tells the crowd will require control of their bank accounts and that they cannot eat meat, among other things. Modry says that everything "happening right now is to subjugate the West, and to control us and pillage our wealth." He talks about the need to be free from "persecution" which they have faced from "this federal government".
- ii. stating in relation to the petition that he has the contact information of over a "quarter million" and that he has 18,000 volunteers and "we" will be able to get the signatures very soon. With respect to the *Clarity Act*, preamble "successful referendum" obligates to negotiate in good faith and negotiations "might" lead to secession. Modry then says, if negotiations fail, at around 20:40, says:

There's another solution to that, and when you look at how the Supreme Court analyzed the whole issue of unilateral declaration of independence, there's section 154 and 155 in that analysis, this is really important to understand. It says that if a region is subjugated, dominated, exploited and their aspirations of self-determination are not met, that region has the right to have a referendum on sovereignty and it is political legitimacy then becomes legal legitimacy when other nations acknowledge that Alberta has had a successful referendum and if the premier has the guts to do it, the day after that successful referendum, she will declare Alberta as a sovereign nation, and the US, we know this first hand because we were there talking with them on April 22, will acknowledge Alberta as a sovereign nation

27. Another APP question and answer panel in Red Deer was said to be held on or about June 9, 2025, currently available at: <https://rumble.com/v6un6yd-part-2-alberta-prosperity-project-red-deer-2025-06-09-questions.html?mref=rwhnu&mc=ce4s3>. Attached and marked as **Exhibit "13"** is a copy of a screen shot of the talk with Sylvestre, Modry and Rath, where statements are made as follows:

- i. At 2:00, after being asked about the “fight” with First Nations, Rath says: “I honestly don’t think it is going to be much of one. I had lunch with a Chief and Council today and was walking them through our plan today and they were delighted and they said it had to get out to every First Nation community in Alberta....” He continued about the APP plan for First Nations would be that “they don’t need to go to Ottawa anymore with a begging bowl.”
- ii. Rath is then asked about the “Treaty rights in place” “some of which are with federal government”, and asked what is the barrier to separate from these rights. Rath answers: “We don’t have to get around it. There is a process under the Clarity Act that requires negotiations with First Nations to begin with.” He then claims that his proposal, APP’s proposal, will leave First Nations far better off than “150 years of... poverty” with the federal government.
- iii. Around 11:00: Modry, sitting beside Sylvestre and Rath, goes back to “the analysis of the Supreme Court in the Quebec Secession Reference and that analysis, sections 154 and 155, .. it’s it’s it’s ...the brilliant solution. It’s political legitimacy to have a referendum that is successful that should be 50 % + 1, and then when the international community acknowledges it, Alberta has the right just like Kosovo did, to declare its independence unilaterally. That would be the easiest, fastest way, then the negotiations are just on the terms, there’s no muddying of the waters, of negotiations about maybe if we get a better deal in Canada, we’ll stay.... We’re out.” Rath is then asked if he has anything to say on this and he shakes his head no.
- iv. Around 12:50, after Modry further explains his view on the poor drafting of the Clarity Act, Rath responds “I think at the end of the day if you look at paragraphs 154 and 155 and, you know, clearly Albertans are oppressed people, you just look at Senate balance, the Supreme Court balance, you look at the way we have been treated throughout Confederation, umm you know, we could unilaterally secede under paragraph 154 or alternatively we could simply unilaterally declare our independence under section 155. And we have it on pretty good authority that if we issue that declaration of independence, the Americans would recognize us the next day. So, I would far rather negotiate with Canada- nation to nation - than as a

province on bended knees saying ‘oh please great Canada, can we please have our money back.’”

28. Sometime in the spring, I first saw Jeffrey Rath as the apparent spokesperson for the 51st state movement and announcing a “delegation” to Washington DC. This included an appearance on Fox News. A copy of the Fox News article dated March 6, 2025 is attached and marked as **Exhibit “14”** to my affidavit.
29. On or about March 6, 2025, the APP posted “EXCLUSIVE: Alberta delegates head to Washington for statehood”, currently available here: <https://albertaprospertyproject.com/economy/exclusive-alberta-delegates-head-to-d-c-for-statehood/>. This is posted on the APP website that the 51st state is “leverage” for the separatist movement and APP. Attached and marked as **Exhibit “15”** is a copy of this article from the APP website dated March 6, 2025.

Rath as former counsel to SLCN

30. I know Mr. Rath because he was former counsel to Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, as noted in the *Goodswimmer* decisions. In these decisions, Rath was found to have engaged in “serious misconduct” (paragraph 121) and subject to a personal costs award: *Goodswimmer v Canada (Attorney General)*, 2022 ABKB 841 (CanLII), at para [175](#). The Court in *Goodswimmer* also noted that Rath took many steps not at our instructions (paragraph 154). Having spoken with previous Councillors, I am informed and do believe that Rath did act without instructions.
31. We also have ongoing litigation with Rath over the review of a \$28 million contingency fee Rath charged our nation under a contingency fee agreement that the Alberta Court of Appeal found on February 26, 2025 to be unenforceable (*SLCN v. Rath & Company*, [2025 ABCA 65](#)). I am informed by legal counsel on that matter (Jon Faulds, KC) and do believe, that Rath is still holding the entire \$28 million and is opposing attempts to expedite that review process. We also have an ongoing application to remove Rath as trustee on our Nation’s minors’ trust (Court File 2203 14676). Rath is also opposing this application to have him removed as trustee and replaced with the Royal Bank Canada.

Offer of consent, interim injunction

32. On January 13, 2026, I am informed and do believe that SLCN's lawyer wrote to all of counsel in this action to request an interim consent injunction given the real and present dangers to foreign interference all opened up by Bill 14 allowing the petition proposal on the question of independence. At the time of affirming this affidavit, I am informed and do believe that our counsel did not hear back from counsel for Alberta, Canada and the Chief Electoral Officer on the issue of a consent interim injunction order.

33. I make this affidavit in support of the SLCN application for an injunction and for no other purpose.

AFFIRMED before me at Calais,
in the Province of Alberta, this 14th day of
January, 2026.

Tina Kappo
Commissioner for Oaths, Justice of the Peace
or Notary Public in and for Alberta

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A Commissioner for Oaths
in and for Alberta
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Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations

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STATEMENT FROM THE FIRST NATIONS OF TREATY NO. 6, TREATY NO. 7, AND TREATY NO. 8



Treaty No. 6



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Strong and united, Treaty First Nations and their peoples, where the Province of Alberta is, will not tolerate any action that seeks to undermine our Treaties, our Rights or our Sovereignty. Our Treaty Regions extend across borders and our Treaty Rights transcend political interests and games.

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Treaty No. 8 "as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, the rivers flow
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Premier Danielle Smith
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Urgent Demand to Implement the Treaty and End Citizen-Led Separatist Activities

Premier Smith,

This letter is to serve notice that the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta stands together against your government's separatist agenda.

The Land which the Province of Alberta is located on is Treaty land. Treaty No. 8 is with the Imperial Crown, not with the Province of Alberta. You govern here only because those Treaties made it possible. Without them, Alberta sits on unlawfully occupied territory.

We will not allow any discussion, petition, or referendum on separation without our consent. We want to make it clear; we do not consent. The courts have already made that clear, and so does the Treaty No. 8. Only the Treaty partners, our Nations and the Imperial Crown, have the authority to alter these agreements. Citizen petitions or referendums cannot override that.

Your government's actions, enabling and supporting the so-called Alberta Prosperity Project petition, and changing the law through Bill 14 on December 12, 2025, to overturn a court ruling in our favour, are a direct violation of Treaty obligations and the Honour of the Crown. These are not the actions of a government that respects democratic institutions or the rule of law.

Your interference has already caused harm. The separatist push has spread racist disinformation against our peoples and fuels division across this province. We hold your government responsible for these consequences.

As Treaty Chiefs, we demand the following actions:

1. Call an emergency session in the Legislature to immediately repeal Bill 14 as it relates to the *Citizen Initiative Act*;
2. Instruct the Minister of Justice to seek to exercise his powers in Court or otherwise to pause the separatist petition issued on January 2, 2026.

You have until January 31, 2026, to act. You proved your government can move quickly when it benefits separatists, now, we expect the same effort to uphold the law and the Treaties. Failure to comply will be seen as a deliberate refusal, and we will respond accordingly.

If you believe Albertans should decide their path, then call an election and seek that mandate honestly. But do not continue down this reckless road, especially in a time of global instability, when governments undermining lawful order have led to chaos and suffering elsewhere.

In the Spirit of Treaty,



Trevor Mercredi
Grand Chief

CONFEDERACY OF TREATY SIX FIRST NATIONS

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12 January 2026

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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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TINA KAPPO

A Commissioner for Oaths
in and for Alberta

My Commission expires April 16, 2027
Appointee No. 0721854

Dear Premier Smith,

Treaty No. 6, 1876 and Adhesion Treaty Nations stand in solidarity and support Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation of Treaty No. 8, 1899

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Sincerely,



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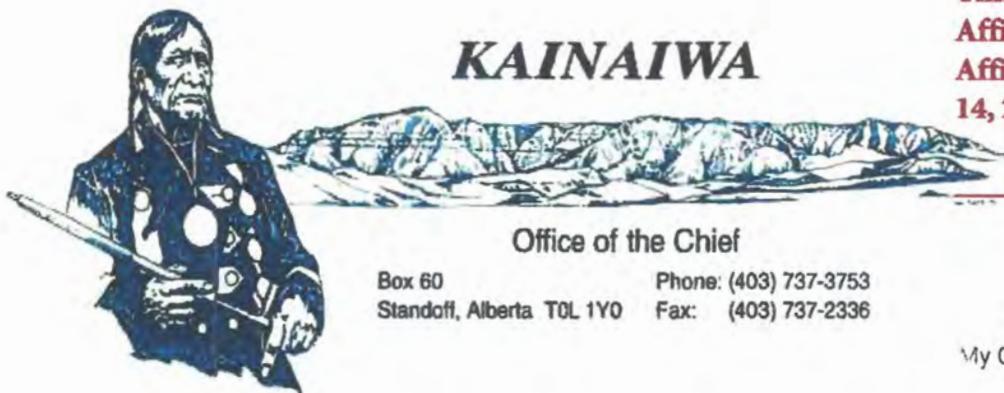
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**A Commissioner for Oaths
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My Commission expires April 16, 2027
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Via Email: premier@gov.ab.ca

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Dear Premier Danielle Smith:

RE: Demand to Honour the Blackfoot Treaty and Terminate Citizen-Led Separatist Activities

As the Chief of the Blood Tribe and on behalf of the Blood Tribe Council and Blood Tribe members, I write to communicate that the Blood Tribe stands opposed to the separatist agenda which is being encouraged and legally facilitated by your UCP Government.

The Blood Tribe occupies Blackfoot Traditional Territory and has Reserve lands in what is now known as present-day southern Alberta. Our People, along with the other constituent member Nations of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Piikani Nation, Siksika Nation, and the Blackfeet Nation who reside in present-day Montana), have occupied Blackfoot Traditional Territory since time immemorial. A significant percentage of Blackfoot Traditional Territory is situated in present-day Alberta.

As documented throughout history, as well as in various Court proceedings, any occupation of Blackfoot Traditional Territory by outsiders was made possible only with the consent of Blackfoot Confederacy Nations. The Blood Tribe entered into the Blackfoot Treaty of 1877 (Treaty No. 7) with the Crown with the sole purpose of creating peace with the newcomers. Our ancestors made Treaty in accordance with our customary practice of *Innaihtsiyissini*- when two powerful nations come together into a peace agreement. We maintain the position that we have never surrendered our interest in our traditional territory, through Treaty or otherwise.

We have never, and will never, sell or allow the illegitimate surrender or transfer of Blackfoot Traditional Territory to a sovereign nation without our consent.

The Blood Tribe stands in opposition to any initiative for Alberta secession and have grave concerns regarding the current use of Alberta's *Citizen Initiative Act*, especially following your government's amendments which removed screening mechanisms designed to ensure that citizen-led proposals did not contravene the Constitution.

Despite tabling this position with our MLA, the Honourable Joseph Schow, both he and the remainder of your UCP Government Alberta voted in favour Bill 14 in December 2025, notwithstanding scathing criticism from the Courts and unanimous opposition from First Nations. In doing so, your government made clear that it would support the concept of an illegitimate and unconstitutional transfer of lands – including Blackfoot Traditional Territory – to a sovereign nation that has no obligations to our People under Treaty, common law, or otherwise. This political act lays bare your government's true view of its obligations to our People.

Your government's amendments to the *Citizen Initiative Act* strip away the integrity and independence of Alberta's democratic processes and expose a deliberate effort to rig the rules to serve your political agenda. This conduct is unconscionable. It sends a clear and troubling message to our People that our voices are to be sidelined when they are inconvenient. That message is rejected. If our voices are not being heard, we will ensure our voice becomes impossible to ignore.

The Court of King's Bench was clear that initiatives for Alberta secession under the *Citizen Initiative Act* constitute an abrogation or derogation of our Treaty rights. At a minimum, they signal a profound disregard for the Treaty relationship which Alberta is bound to uphold. Treaties were not agreements with a province, nor were they made subject to provincial public opinion. Any attempt to redefine the political or constitutional status of our traditional territory and our Treaty relationship is incompatible with Treaty and with the honour of the Crown.

Alberta has an affirmative obligation to uphold the Treaty relationship. This includes ensuring that provincial legislation, processes, and public initiatives do not undermine Treaties or create the false impression that the province may unilaterally alter the constitutional framework within which Treaties exist. Allowing or advancing citizen-led initiatives that ignore Treaty rights represents a failure to meet that obligation.

We therefore call on your government to:

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- Publicly acknowledge that Alberta has no authority to alter Treaty relationships or the constitutional status of First Nations;

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We are aware that other First Nations in Alberta are voicing similar positions. We stand in solidarity with those Nations and will explore all legal avenues to protect and uphold our Treaty and Aboriginal Rights, our Treaty relationship, and our traditional territory.

Treaties are not historical artifacts. They are the foundation of peaceful coexistence and shared governance on these lands. Any failure to respect them erodes trust and undermines the legitimacy of the Crown itself. We expect Alberta to act consistently with its constitutional duties and to conduct itself in a manner that upholds the honour of the Crown.

We look forward to your response and to concrete actions that demonstrate Alberta's commitment to the Treaty relationship.

Yours truly,

Blood Tribe/Kainai



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Urgent Demand to Implement the Treaty and End Citizen-Led Separatist Activities

Premier Smith,

This letter is to serve notice that the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta stands together against your government's separatist agenda.

The Land which the Province of Alberta is located on is Treaty land. Treaty No. 8 is with the Imperial Crown, not with the Province of Alberta. You govern here only because those Treaties made it possible. Without them, Alberta sits on unlawfully occupied territory.

We will not allow any discussion, petition, or referendum on separation without our consent. We want to make it clear; we do not consent. The courts have already made that clear, and so does the Treaty No. 8. Only the Treaty partners, our Nations and the Imperial Crown, have the authority to alter these agreements. Citizen petitions or referendums cannot override that.

Your government's actions, enabling and supporting the so-called Alberta Prosperity Project petition, and changing the law through Bill 14 on December 12, 2025, to overturn a court ruling in our favour, are a direct violation of Treaty obligations and the Honour of the Crown. These are not the actions of a government that respects democratic institutions or the rule of law.

Your interference has already caused harm. The separatist push has spread racist disinformation against our peoples and fuels division across this province. We hold your government responsible for these consequences.

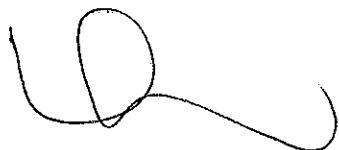
As Treaty Chiefs, we demand the following actions:

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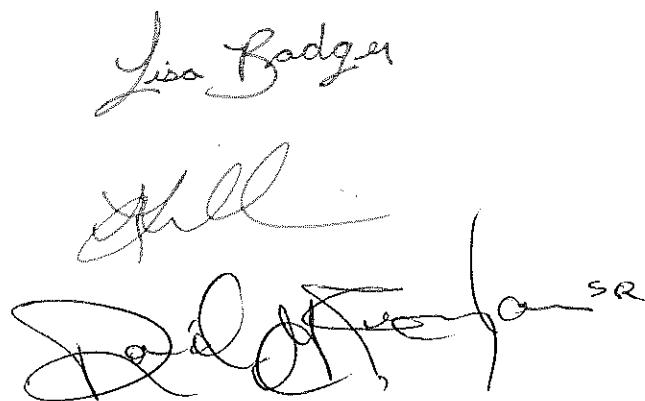
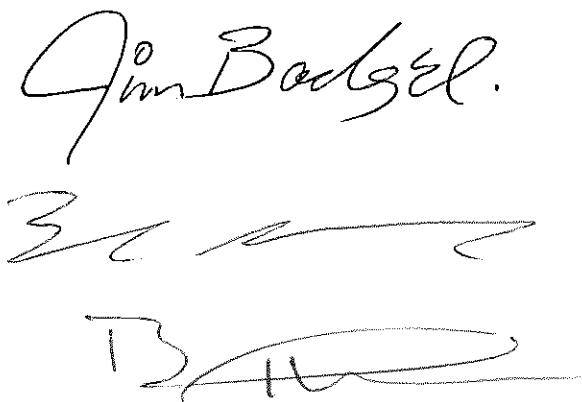
You have until January 31, 2026, to act. You proved your government can move quickly when it benefits separatists, now, we expect the same effort to uphold the law and the Treaties. Failure to comply will be seen as a deliberate refusal, and we will respond accordingly.

If you believe Albertans should decide their path, then call an election and seek that mandate honestly. But do not continue down this reckless road, especially in a time of global instability, when governments undermining lawful order have led to chaos and suffering elsewhere.

In the Spirit of Treaty,



Chief Barb Okemow
Sucker Creek First Nation





January 12, 2026

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Sent VIA Email - chief@sturgeonlake.ca

Dear Chief Sunshine.

Mikisew Cree First Nation rejects in the strongest terms the process that the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta has set in motion.

The Chief Electoral Officer has already asked the Court of King's Bench in a reference case to decide whether the proposed petition for Alberta Independence would contravene our Treaty rights. The Court heard from many Alberta First Nations, including the Treaty Six Confederacy and Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta, who explained that the Crown cannot be replaced as a Treaty partner. Alberta's borders are not our borders and our Treaties protect our traditional territories.

On December 5th 2025, Justice Feasby agreed. He found that the referendum *would* infringe our Treaty rights. More than that, he confirmed what we have been saying for generations:

"First Nations' consent to non-Indigenous settlement in what is now Alberta, memorialized in the Numbered Treaties, led to the creation of Alberta and continues to confer legitimacy on Alberta. First Nations, as founding partners in the creation of Alberta, cannot be ignored or bypassed as Alberta contemplates its future whether that is as part of Canada or not."

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Mikisew Cree First Nation fully supports and endorses the judicial review filed by Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation to have the decision set aside and declared unconstitutional.

Sincerely,

Chief Billy-Joe Tuccaro

CC: MCFN Chief and Council
Aaron Lepine, MCFN CEO



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SADDLE LAKE CREE NATION STANDS IN SUPPORT OF CHIEF SUNSHINE OF TREATY NO. 8

Treaty No. 6 Territory — January 13, 2026. Fully supporting Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation’s Chief Sheldon Sunshine to oppose Alberta separation initiatives, Saddle Lake Cree Nation stands united against any attempt to discuss, petition, or initiate a referendum. Chief Sunshine, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, initiated an “urgent” interim injunction with the Court of King’s Bench, Alberta, regarding a petition initiated by the Alberta Prosperity Project (APP), stating that it violates Treaty No. 8, an agreement entered with the British Crown in 1899. The actions of the APP defies Treaty No. 6 as well as Treaty No. 8.

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The Treaty relationship is the foundation of the constitutional framework of Canada. Chief Dale E. Steinhauer of Saddle Lake reminds all that, “Treaties are perpetual; to last as long as the sun shines, waters flow and grass grows.” The Saddle Lake Cree Nation Chief calls upon all Numbered Treaty Nations to stand united in upholding the Treaties.

The Saddle Lake Cree Nation (▷σ"↑Ρ^nб·ΛΔσ^x, onihcikiskwapiwin) are Plains Cree peoples, signatory to Treaty No. 6, located in the Amiskwacīwiyiniwak (“Beaver Hills Peoples”) region of central Alberta, Canada.

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Treaty No. 6, 1876 and Adhesion Treaty Nations stand in solidarity and support Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation of Treaty No. 8, 1899

We submit this letter in solidarity and support of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation of Treaty No. 8, 1899 and its recently filed court injunction on Alberta's Bill 14,

Treaty No. 6 Nations reject the statements, actions and beliefs of the Alberta Separation movement. We also reject those legislative actions of the Alberta UCP government that appear embolden and support the claims of the aforementioned. We assert that such proposals are not hypothetical or benign political expressions, instead they represent real and legally impermissible acts that are being actively contemplated and advanced. These actions are already causing harm, they are fuelling racist disinformation, destabilizing communities, and placing Treaty No. 6 Nations and peoples at risk. Therefore, we call for the firm and immediate rejection of separation proposals to preserve the safety and wellbeing of all.

Any separation movement that proposes the unilateral withdrawal of Alberta from Canada, constitutes a fundamental constitutional legal violation. Any attempt at separation without the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of Numbered Treaty First Nations is a direct breach of the Numbered Treaties entered into between Sovereign Nations and not with a province. Alberta has no lawful authority to alter, extinguish, suspend, or renegotiate Treaty relationships, nor can it assume Crown Treaty obligations without the consent of the Numbered Treaty Nations. Such a proposal also violates section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, the honour of the Crown, and the principle affirmed in constitutional jurisprudence that Numbered Treaty Nations and their Treaty Rights predate, pre-exist and constrain Crown sovereignty. Further, separation would unlawfully presume Alberta provincial jurisdiction over Numbered Treaty lands and

Numbered Treaty peoples, undermining Numbered Treaty Nations jurisdiction, international legal character, and the Canadian Constitutional framework itself, therefore Alberta separation is not merely a political question but a legally impermissible act.

Numbered Treaties are not historical artefacts or political accommodations, they are solemn Nation to Nation agreements grounded in Indigenous worldview and legal orders, international treaty-making principles, and the honour of the Crown. Numbered Treaties were intended to establish peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, benefit, shared responsibilities while providing protection to the Imperial Crown and its representatives.

Numbered Treaty Nations did not alter, diminish, surrender or extinguish our right to self-determination, our sovereignty, our right to govern ourselves, our lands, territories or our resources. Numbered Treaty agreements affirm existing Treaty Nation governance, jurisdiction, our connection to the lands, territories and resources and our responsibility and inherent right to protect the same; these are also reciprocal obligations of our Treaty Partner, originally the Imperial Crown, now the Crown in the Right of Canada that will endure for “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow.”

The International Character and Canadian Constitutional status of Numbered Treaties is well documented and established through numerous bodies of work. Within Canada, Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights, placing Numbered Treaty obligations at the highest level of Canadian law. In this context, it is important to recall the words of Lord Denning in his judgment arising from the Patriation Reference, where he affirmed that Indigenous peoples possess rights that predate Canada itself and that such rights cannot be unilaterally taken away. Lord Denning recognized that Treaties represent binding commitments that continue to limit and shape the authority of the Crown and its successors, reinforcing the principle that constitutional sovereignty in Canada is neither absolute nor detached from its Numbered Treaty foundations,

“There is nothing, so far as I can see, to warrant any distrust by the Indians of the Government of Canada. But, in case there should be, the discussion in this case will strengthen their hand so as to enable them to withstand any onslaught. They will be able to say that their rights and freedoms have been guaranteed to them by the Crown, originally by the Crown in respect of the United Kingdom, now by the Crown in respect of Canada, but in any case, by the Crown... “... No Parliament shall do anything to lessen the worth of these guarantees. They should be honoured by the Crown in respect of Canada “as long as the sun rises and the river flows”. The promise must never be broken.” - Lord Denning, High Court of the United Kingdom, January 28, 1982

Importantly it must be understood that Numbered Treaty obligations are not borne by the federal Crown alone. Canadian provinces are constitutionally and legally bound to uphold, respect, and implement Numbered Treaties within their areas of assumed jurisdiction. Provinces derive their assumed authority from the Canadian Constitution, which itself is conditioned by the existence of Numbered Treaties. As such, provincial

governments cannot legislate, regulate, or act in ways that undermine, infringe, or disregard existing Numbered Treaty Rights. The division of powers within Canada does not absolve provinces of responsibility, instead it requires them to exercise their jurisdiction in a manner consistent with the honour of the Crown, Treaty obligations, and constitutional supremacy.

The legal responsibility of provinces to uphold Numbered Treaties is reinforced by constitutional law, Supreme Court of Canada jurisprudence, and International Human Rights law and standards, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which is now a part of Canadian federal positive law.

Meaningful implementation of Numbered Treaties requires more than symbolic recognition. It requires good faith, shared decision-making, consent-based processes, and concrete action-based measures that reflect the original spirit and intent of the Treaty relationship, not just between Numbered Treaty Nations and the successor Crown but also between Numbered Treaty Nations and the provinces which continue to benefit from Numbered Treaties.

Upholding Numbered Treaties is not optional, discretionary, or aspirational. They are a legal and constitutional obligation, a legal duty, and a moral imperative. Respecting Numbered Treaty commitments and guarantees not only strengthens the rule of law, it also advances reconciliation, and affirms the foundational truth that Canada exists because it is the basis for the strengthened partnership of Numbered Treaties, not despite of them.

Treaty No. 6 Nations reject Alberta separation not only as a political proposition, but as a present and actionable legal threat that, if pursued, would amount to a fundamental violation of Numbered Treaties as international agreements and the constitutional order of Canada. We reiterate that Treaty No. 6 Nations do not consent and will not consent to any proposal that directly impacts Treaty No. 6 and violates the relevant articles of the UN Declaration including Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

We call on all levels of government, including provincial authorities, to act with urgency and consistently with their legal responsibilities and obligations to fully honour, implement, uphold and enforce the Numbered Treaties in all areas of law and governance.

Respectfully,



Chief Vernon Watchmaker

Kehewin Cree Nation

C.c.: Chiefs of Treaty No. 6
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To: Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Leadership,

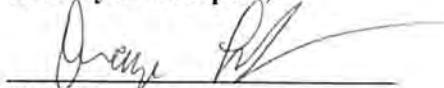
Driftpile Cree Nation extends its full and unwavering support to Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation in your opposition to Bill 14 and the proposed separation measures that threaten Treaty obligations, jurisdictional integrity, and the NationtoNation relationship with the Crown.

We recognize the gravity of the challenges before you and the farreaching implications this legislation may have on Treaty rights, governance structures, and the inherent authority of First Nations across Turtle Island. The steadfast commitment to protecting our people, our lands, and our Treaty relationship with the Crown reflects the strength, leadership, and resilience that continue to guide our Nations.

Driftpile Cree Nation stands firmly beside Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation in collective opposition to Bill 14. We support your right to assert your position, demand accountability from the Crown, and safeguard the interests and wellbeing of your members. At a time when legislative changes may undermine the foundations of our Treaty relationship, unity among First Nations is essential.

Driftpile Cree Nation remains committed to working alongside Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation through continued dialogue, coordinated advocacy, and NationtoNation support as this matter progresses.

In unity and respect,



Chief, Dwayne Laboucan
Driftpile Cree Nation



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Chief Billy Joe-Tuccaro, on behalf of Mikisew Cree First Nation

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Should you require any additional information or follow-up from our Nation, please feel free to reach out!

Kind regards,
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From the Office of Chief Lee Twinn- Treaty No. 8 Territory

Swan River First Nation

January 8th, 2026

On behalf of Swan River First Nation, we write to express our full and unequivocal support for Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation and Chief Sheldon Sunshine in their actions to uphold and defend the rights affirmed under Treaty No. 8.

We stand in unity with Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation in asserting that no separation of Alberta from Canada can occur without the free, prior, and informed consent of the First Nations whose lands are subject to Treaty. Treaty No. 8 is a living, binding agreement that continues to hold the full force of law. Any action that disregards or undermines this Treaty relationship represents a serious breach of constitutional, legal, and moral obligations.

We share deep concern regarding the approval of a separatist petition without consultation or consent from Treaty Nations. Such actions not only violate Treaty rights, but also create foreseeable economic, legal, and societal harms, particularly for First Nations peoples whose sovereignty, jurisdiction, and inherent rights are directly affected.

Swan River First Nation supports the legal steps being taken by Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation to protect Treaty No. 8 and to seek accountability from the province of Alberta and its agents. These actions are not only necessary, but essential to preserving the integrity of Treaty relationships for current and future generations.

We affirm that Treaty Nations are not stakeholders, they are rights holders. Any political or constitutional changes affecting our territories must respect this fundamental truth.

We stand with Chief Sheldon Sunshine, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, and all Treaty Nations in defense of our lands, our laws, and our Treaties.

In unity and respect,

Chief Lee Twinn
Swan River First Nation



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Tina Kappo

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Kevin Sheena



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Shawn Carter
Go look at Sheldon house. You'll have your answer.

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Pat Hunt
Where's the letter from the club of Rome giving Alberta kingdom 11?

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Dale Lapointe
Hmmm this is just a thought but how much are the chiefs getting paid to back the federal government?

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Victor Guerette
Playing devils advocate. We all know that it's the chiefs making the big claims and such. Above says the FN individuals aren't happy. Let's assume this is all true. Without having a seat at the table ourselves, we don't know how much of this is true or not. I as a nobody albertan would be willing to sit and discuss with nobody FN people and hear about their side of the story. Maybe we will agree. Maybe we won't. But so long as only government and chiefs are at the table we will never know ourselves if any of this is true or not.

Just trying to get everyone thinking. Playing devils advocate.

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Raymond N Shura
I think the chief has to good of a deal going with carney and Trudeau he's making millions and not giving it to the people that need it . I'm sure it's true . You should look in to how much they got from 2022 oh wait there is no statements I wonder why 😊

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Bernard Stoney

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AJ Goethals

The answer: chiefs don't wanna give up the money laundering, payoffs and kickbacks they get to keep themselves rich and "their people" living on reservations on welfare & government handouts. No better than the freeloading immigrants that come here. Only difference between the 2 is place of birth; foreign Indians & domestic Indians.

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Dave English

One opinion.....soooooooooo important that ONE OPINION.

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Mike Gust

This is a really great and well written letter.

These crooked chiefs need to hear this message.

The system isn't working for indigenous people. It isn't about money or land. It's about people.

I want to see every indigenous person in Alberta thriving. I want to see them break out of poverty, addiction, hopelessness.

We need to free them along with all of Alberta.

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Greg Wilson

Once the Referendum is signed and the desire to separate is established, discussions with First Nations will commence in earnest before any separation vote is held

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Ted Tyschinski

Very well said and true! Whether you like what he said or not it is TRUE! Why is it that FN people can't own their own homes? I'll tell you why, TOTAL and COMPLETE CONTROL over them! I believe lots of FN people are just as fed up with the system as the rest of us are!!!

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Judy Nygaard

What was their answer I wonder

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Jim Riley

Indigenous people often times don't have the sophistication to figure these things out. They need to be nurtured and taught genuinely with logic and precision in order for them to understand the many benefits of separation from Ottawa. They're not stupid people. They just need genuine conversation by people who are sincere. Once they realize they would be much better off with the separation, forming a new nation or state with tremendous benefits for them they would be on board. Said from the heart.



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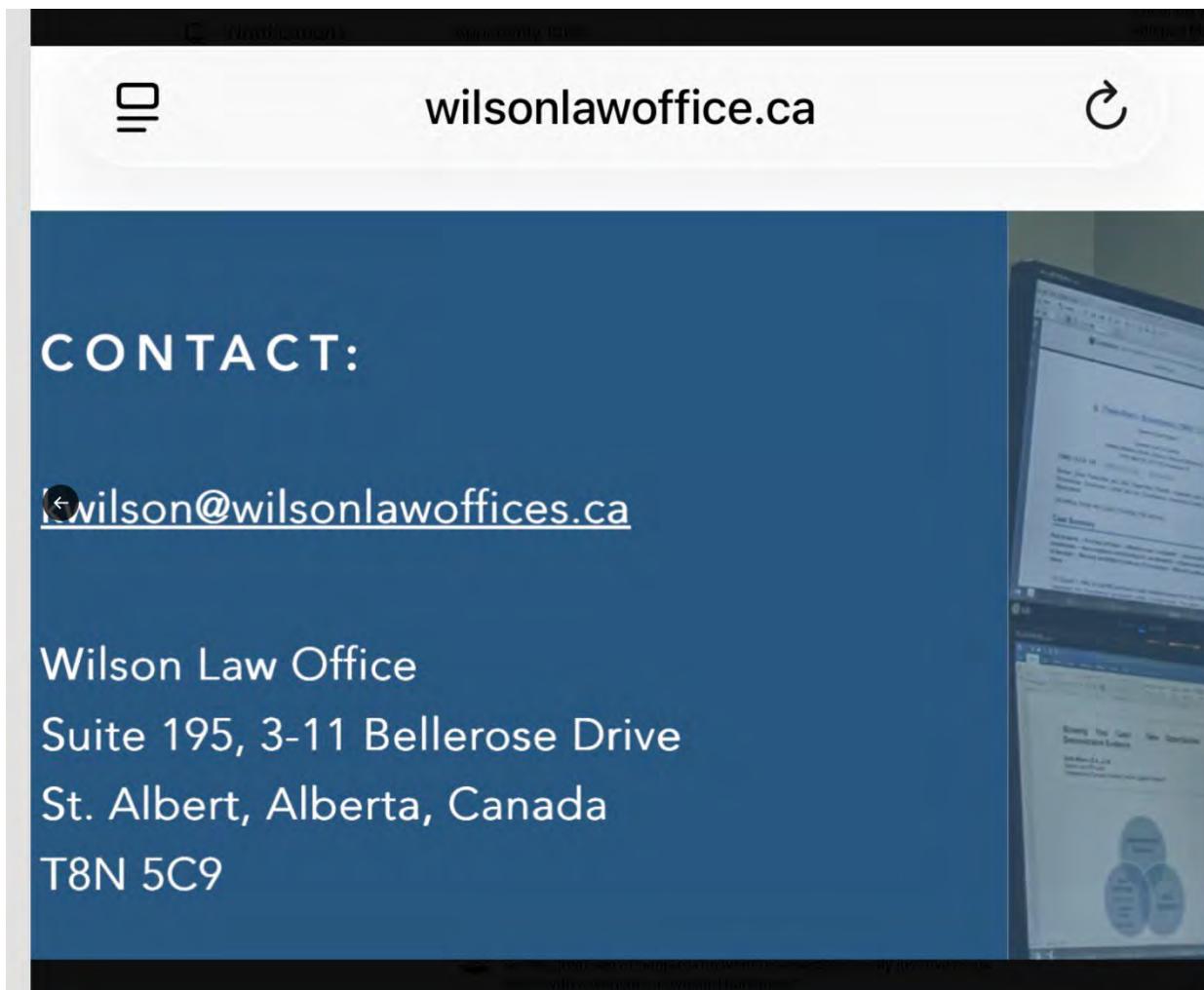
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One tactic opponents will increasingly use is questionable polling.

Small samples, loaded questions, or selective media coverage can create the impression that independence is impossible, even when underlying support remains strong.

The goal of narrative polling is not accuracy. It is psychology.

Convince supporters the movement is fading.

Convince fence sitters it is fringe.

Convince leaders it is unsafe to engage.

That tactic has been used in every major independence movement.

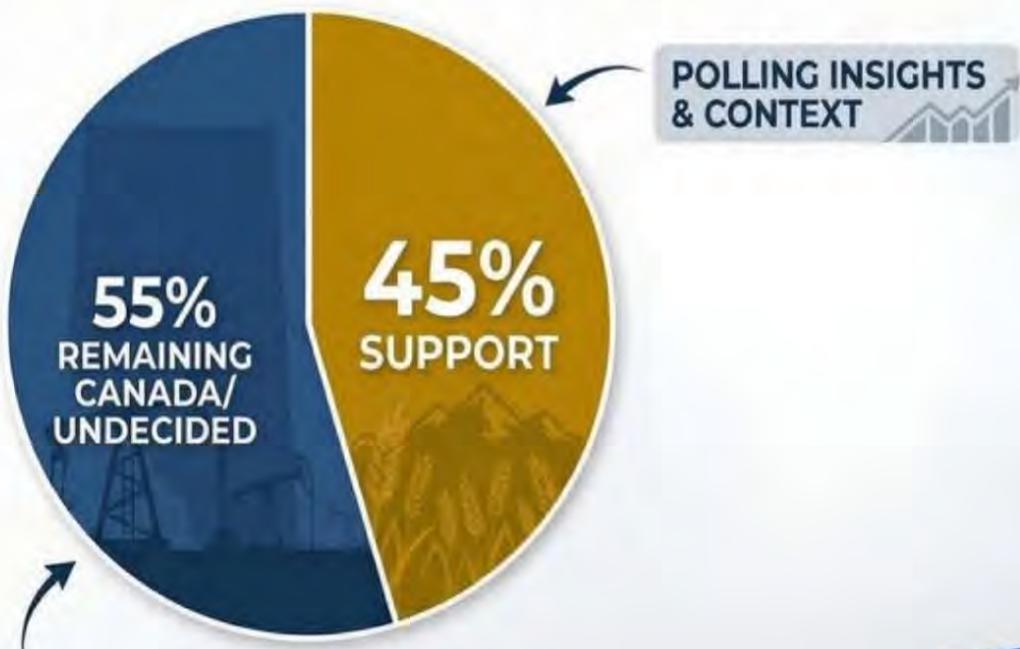
In May 2025, a Kolosowski Strategies poll showed 45% support for Alberta independence.

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- 58% of Albertans say that actions by the federal government could influence their views on Alberta's political future within Canada.
- 62% of Albertans believe that people in other parts of Canada do not understand the reasons why some Albertans feel alienated from the rest of the country.

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Has Separatism Gone Mainstream in Alberta?

We spent the summer exploring the question. Here's what we learned.

Samuel Goertz / 5 Nov 2025 The Tyee

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Does the average 'Joe' want Alberta to separate from Canada? One research team surveyed across the province to find out. Photo via Facebook.



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Politically engaged Albertans have spent a lot of time debating the popularity of the Alberta independence movement lately. But there's an important difference between popularity and acceptability.

About 30 per cent of Albertans support (<https://leger360.com/in-the-news-alberta-separatism/>) or somewhat support the idea of separation, while most do not. This figure fluctuates but hasn't changed substantially (<https://www.commongroundpolitics.ca/separatismab>) since 2019.

While the numbers show the popularity of separatism, they don't tell us about its mainstream acceptance.

If an idea is popular, but seen as unacceptable, it rarely gains traction. If an idea is viewed as acceptable, even when most people disagree with it, it can spark real change. This summer, our team at Common Ground (<https://www.commongroundpolitics.ca/>) set out to learn whether separatism is truly mainstream in Alberta, and why or why not.

Every Common Ground focus group starts with the same activity. We ask our participants to simply "draw an Albertan." Participants then share their drawings and the group discusses which one most Albertans would imagine as typical. These conversations explore who Albertans see as representative.

Asking how these "typical Albertans" view politics through a series of activities helps map the boundaries of acceptability in Alberta's political culture — the policy options that fit into the Overton window (<https://www.mackinac.org/OvertonWindow>) for serious consideration.

Our focus groups vary in their depiction of the typical Albertan, but a dominant archetype shows up time and time again: Joe Alberta (<https://www.commongroundpolitics.ca/joe-albertan>). In general, Joe is a man in his late 30s, lives in a rural or suburban area, is married with kids, works a blue-collar job and is not terribly interested in politics but might describe himself as a "commonsense conservative."

So, what did we find? Does "Joe" want Alberta to separate from Canada?

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The typical Albertan is separatist-curious



‘Every Common Ground focus group starts with the same activity. We ask our participants to simply “draw an Albertan.”’

Our results found Joe isn’t seen as a separatist, but he is separatist-curious. He wants Alberta to remain in Canada and make it work, but life has been harder lately, and he wonders if things would be better if Alberta went it alone. Or, at least, thinks Alberta needs to do something more drastic to get a better deal with Ottawa. He feels that Alberta has little power and that Albertans are neither well respected nor understood by the rest of the country.

Joe wouldn’t attend a separation rally on his own, though he would consider going if someone else invited him. He probably wouldn’t vote to separate in a referendum, though he might be tempted to vote yes by the leverage it presents.

When Alberta separation comes up in each focus group, we ask what might pull Joe towards separatism and what pushes him away. I’ve broken down the main themes.

What pulls ‘Joe’ towards separatism?

There are two main drivers: cost-of-living and Alberta’s perceived lack of power in Canada.

Joe is feeling pinched relative to what he expects out of his life. He connects this to his perception that the rest of Canada is holding back Alberta’s economy. This view is deeply rooted for Joe — he grew up hearing about policies from Ottawa that made Alberta poorer to make other provinces richer (think National Energy Program).

Even if he acknowledges that Alberta has it better than some other provinces, he doesn’t think that should mean he has to give up his slice of the seemingly shrinking pie (for example, through equalization). As one focus group participant put it: “Everyone expects us to share because we have more, but what if we’re tired of sharing.”

“Albertans are more concerned with their quality of life and the increased price of necessities than separationism, and remain firmly focused on their material conditions over abstract concepts.” - Amina Yassin, Common Ground research assistant

At the end of each focus group, we ask if Joe sees himself as having power or influence over politics and resoundingly, the answer is no. When we specifically ask about provincial or municipal politics, the no softens, but the bottom line is that Joe feels overlooked. He complains that every federal election is decided by the time they start counting votes in Alberta (which is underrepresented) and that federal politicians don’t really care or understand the province.

“Separatism cannot be considered a ‘fringe’ movement anymore... most typical Albertans were ‘separatist-curious.’ This is because they had grievances towards the federal government, and, while true separationism is seen as an unrealistic and undesirable goal... they see this movement as addressing their concerns, and giving them a voice” - Nicole Alexander, Common Ground research assistant

Joe also doesn’t feel respected by other parts of Canada — specifically those in Ontario, Quebec and the Vancouver area. In many focus groups, participants joked that if they had to describe how other parts of the country viewed the typical Albertan, it would get a lot more extreme. To some extent, this may reflect normal regional dynamics (akin to sibling rivalry), but it also indicates a larger sense of alienation.

What pushes ‘Joe’ away from separationism?

Even with the reasons outlined above, Joe isn’t a separatist. In fact, he thinks remaining in Canada is much more desirable and likely.

On the side of desirability, Joe is pushed away from separationism simply because he identifies with Canada and thinks highly of it, despite his political grievances. Recent polling data has shown (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/alberta-janet-brown-may-2025-poll-separation-sentiment-1.7544074>) roughly a third of Albertans identify mainly as Albertan, a third as Canadian and a final third as both.

However, in our own surveys, Albertans tell us they don’t like being forced to choose between these identities. They feel both to some degree. Joe is described in the same way. When he watches the Olympics, he’s Team Canada all the way. Joe doesn’t care whether Sidney Crosby is from Nova Scotia or Alberta; he just cares that he scored the Golden Goal and reps “our” colours.

“Many participants expressed that they viewed separationism less as a genuine desire to leave Canada and more as a bargaining tool. They preferred that the federal government negotiate and reach an agreement that would leave Albertans better off financially, rather than take on the risks and uncertainties of pursuing independence” — Chino Nwachukwu, Common Ground research assistant

Joe also doesn't think separatism is practical. While he might see it as a valuable leverage point (though he rejects the idea of "blackmail"), participants usually didn't think he would find it feasible. Going further, they often thought Joe would find separatism too risky to support.

"Joe might talk somewhat positively with his friends about separatism, but when push comes to shove, he'd back Canada over Alberta. Oftentimes the reason is simply prudential: he is a family man (whatever that might look like) with local commitments, whose first job is to protect his lot in life.... He wants a better place in Canada and wouldn't get himself in a position where he'd be putting that ideal at material risk." - Samuel Clark, visiting PhD student with Common Ground

More about our approach

To gather our findings, our research team drove over 4,068 kilometres across Alberta this summer. We conducted 21 focus group sessions with nearly 200 Albertans, visiting Edmonton, St. Albert, St. Paul, Lloydminster, Lethbridge, Hanna, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lac La Biche and Fort McMurray.

Starting with a shared picture of the "typical Albertan," our focus groups then explored how this person views politics, particularly separatism. We had two sets of focus groups, splitting six activities between them. Below, I break down each activity and the insights from it.

- 1. Real Time Reactions:** Participants responded to real quotes about separatism and identity, exploring how the typical Albertan would react to both the message and the messenger. People generally thought the typical Albertan would agree with the quotes expressing resentment and alienation about how Alberta is being treated, but often found the quotes from separatist leaders to be over the top. Near universally, participants do not think Joe trusts politicians as messengers.
- 2. Think, Say, Do:** Participants were shown scenarios and asked what the typical Albertan would think, say and do in each case. What became clear from this exercise is that Joe doesn't want to engage in politics — he doesn't have the time or energy. He might think something, but typically won't engage unless it's serious or affects him or his loved ones directly.
- 3. Mapping Canada and the U.S.:** Participants divided a blank map into five or so regions and described how the typical Albertan sees and feels about those places. Joe almost always began with Alberta, sometimes extending to Saskatchewan and Northern B.C. The rest of B.C. was usually dismissed as a left-wing vacation spot, while Joe felt a general warmth toward the East Coast. Ontario and Quebec were almost always cast as entitled elites. And the U.S. typically didn't get detailed, except as favourite travel destinations or with a nod to the Midwest and Texas.
- 4. Proud To Be:** Participants watched short clips about Canada, Alberta and separatism and voted whether the typical Albertan would feel proud, neutral or ashamed. These revealed

that Joe's identity, particularly his identification with Canada, is deeply rooted and⁸⁷ emotional. While he agrees with the goals of some separatist leaders, he wants more nuance in their arguments and doesn't tend to agree with aggressively pro-separatist arguments.

5. **Wouldn't It Be Nice If:** Participants completed the phrase, "When it comes to Alberta separatism, wouldn't it be nice if..." from the perspective of the typical Albertan, using cards tied to different groups (e.g., Canadians, the premier, the prime minister). The picture that emerged from this activity is that Joe wants Alberta to be more appreciated by the rest of Canada, the media and federal leaders. He generally thinks Alberta Premier Danielle Smith gets it right and that separatists go a bit too far.
6. **Where Do We Go From Here:** Participants placed pins on a grid to show how likely and desirable the typical Albertan would find three different future scenarios for Alberta (staying in Canada, independence, joining the U.S.). Overwhelmingly, participants thought that Joe would view remaining in Canada as both likely and desirable. Alberta's independence was a more mixed prospect, being mainly viewed as unlikely but still somewhat desirable. Joe was flat out against Alberta joining the U.S. in the eyes of almost all participants, with perceived likelihood also being low. As one participant summarized, "Washington is even further than Ottawa."

Through these activities and our opening and closing discussions, we got a rich picture of how people see the typical Albertan, their views on politics and separatism in particular. In doing so, we were able to understand the deep story (<https://onbeing.org/programs/arlie-hochschild-the-deep-stories-of-our-time/>) behind the polling.

Closing thoughts

The conclusion from our research is clear: the typical Albertan doesn't want to separate but gets why others do. Supporting separatism isn't mainstream, though being curious about it is. The bridge between those viewpoints is not a long one.

We have to take separatism seriously, especially as recent changes in provincial legislation have made (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/alberta-is-changing-the-rules-to-make-referendums-easier-here-s-how-1.7534041>) a citizen-initiated referendum likely in the near future, and some political elites appear to be stoking separatist flames for leverage, or at least doing little to assuage these sentiments.

In our travels across Alberta, I witnessed the vast diversity and beauty of our province. Alberta's landscape ranges from the grasslands and Badlands in the south to the Rockies in the west to the boreal forest in the north and the prairies in the east. Even that description

obscures the variation across this place. This variation came up frequently in our ~~sessions~~. Most people, when asked, drew a fairly similar Albertan. But, a significant minority of people expressed how hard it was to hone in on one.

It's because there isn't one way to be an Albertan. There are many. And while a lot of us have a picture in our heads of what a typical Albertan believes, says, does and looks like, it often misses the mark.

There is a gap between who Albertans are and who we think we are. This has huge implications for our politics, including on separatism

(<https://cground.substack.com/p/who-is-the-most-typical-albertan>) .

The discussions that lingered after our focus groups demonstrated to me that a lot of Albertans don't feel fully represented in Alberta, but they want to be. It's on each of us and our political leaders to better articulate the plurality of what it means to be an Albertan. No one group of people living here owns that identity.

Finally, I want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in our focus groups and everyone who made them possible. As one participant said in giving feedback, "The time slipped away quickly and I left feeling renewed optimism for Alberta's political future."

I feel the same way. 

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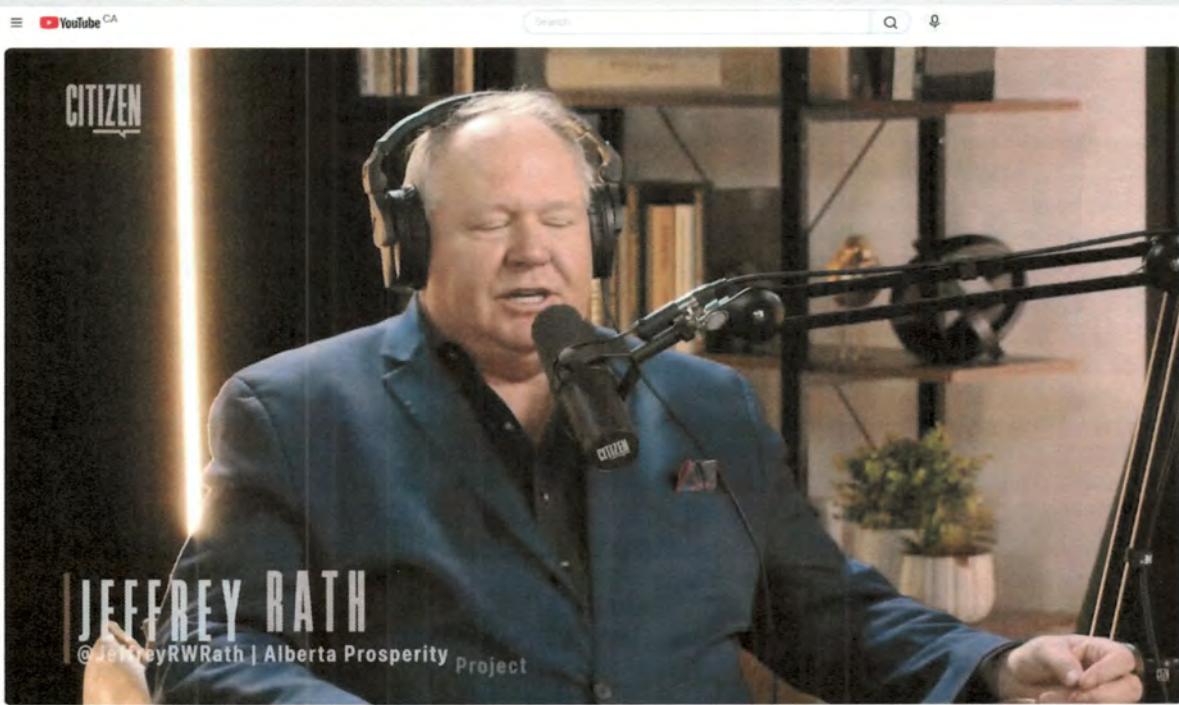
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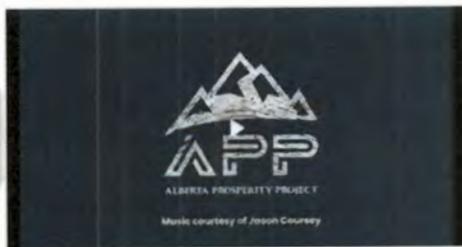
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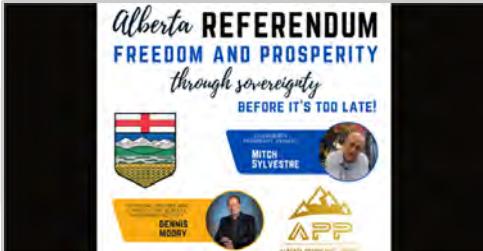


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Canadians are 'fed up,' says Alberta lawyer leading delegation to Washington for statehood talks

By Madison Colombo

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Fox News

A Canadian lawyer is leading efforts to explore the possibility of Alberta joining the U.S., as President Donald Trump continues to push for closer ties with Canada's energy-rich province.

"There's literally hundreds of Albertans that are reaching out and volunteering to join our delegation," Jeffrey Rath said Thursday on "FOX & Friends."

Rath and a small group of Albertans are planning to travel to Washington, D.C., to discuss potential pathways for Alberta, including independence with economic ties to the U.S., territorial status, or full statehood.

He believes the movement will gain traction as dissatisfaction with Canada's federal leadership grows.

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"It's a steering committee of people that are looking to come to Washington on an exploratory basis and meet with a representative appointed by President Trump," Rath explained.

"To explore the benefits of either Alberta becoming an independent sovereign nation with economic union to the United States, becoming a U.S. territory, or pursuing full statehood."

Rath argues that Alberta, home to 4.9 million people and a major hub for oil, manufacturing, and construction, has little in common with Canada's political elite.

"They've completely lost their way," he said, criticizing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's administration.





Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, left, and President Donald Trump held a recent phone call, according to the White House. (Getty Images)

"Trudeau and [former Bank of Canada Governor Mark] Carney, you know, are all wringing their hands over tariffs. They're going to be kicking Albertans in the teeth and bringing in a 21% carbon tax increase in April."

Rath claims that Albertans feel alienated from Ottawa's policies and share more cultural and economic ties with Montana than with the rest of Canada.

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"People in Alberta are fed up with being governed by idiotic politicians back in Ontario, that do not understand our province and do not understand that culturally, we're far more closely affiliated with our friends to the south in Montana, than we are with all of the people in Ottawa," he said.

Canadian leaders have rejected the notion of Alberta leaving the country. Trudeau reaffirmed Canada's sovereignty, telling reporters there is "not a snowball's chance in hell that Canada will ever be the 51st state."

Rath, however, believes Alberta should have the right to choose its own future. He and other local leaders are drafting a proposal to present to Trump's administration, urging the U.S. to support Alberta's push for self-determination.

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"Please support Alberta self-determination. Promise that to Alberta in the same way you promised it to Greenland. We'll be an excellent partner to the United States and we'll all prosper," Rath said.

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EXCLUSIVE: Alberta delegates head to D.C. for statehood

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Think of this as leverage towards Sovereignty.

A way to encourage discussion around the idea and help open the eyes of those who are complacent.

Ask:

"What would Alberta have to gain?"

"Who would you rather answer to, Ottawa or Washington?"

"What does this look like for Alberta, regardless of WHO is in government 5, 10, 25 years from now?"

It's all worth an open discussion among Albertans and those looking to the future and beyond the turmoil.

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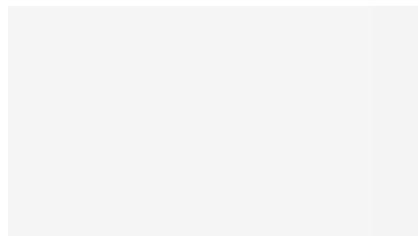


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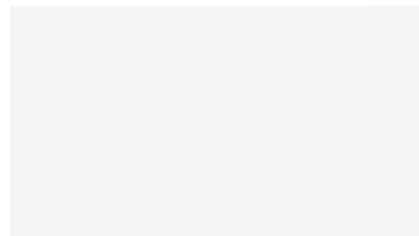
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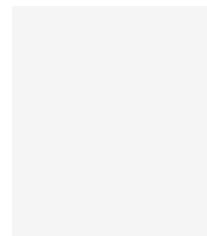
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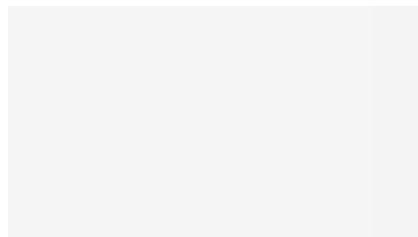
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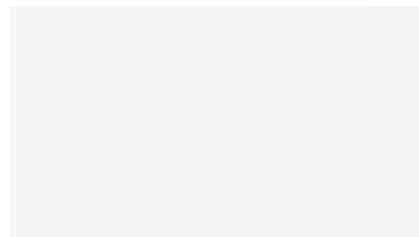


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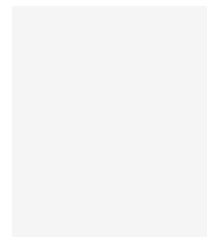
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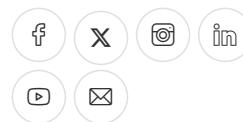
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