



The yellow area known as the “tear drop” is the total 10,000 Km² of Lubicon Traditional Territory.

Between 1979 and 1983 natural resource exploitation caused:

- Moose depletion from 200/year to 20/year
- Welfare rates to jump from 10% to 90%

Additionally:

- Tuberculosis, cancers, suicide, alcoholism, and birth complications plague the community.
- Oil and gas amass at \$500 million/year. The Lubicon receive nothing.

“ Historical inequities...and certain more recent developments threaten the way of life and culture of the Lubicon Lake Band, and constitute a violation of article 27 so long as they continue. ”

- United Nations Human Rights Committee

“ The Alberta government and multinational oil companies have taken actions that could have genocidal consequences. ”

- World Council of Churches

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Write the Alberta's Premier:
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Support the Lubicon Cree!

“ I hope people will understand we are trying to survive from day to day and we need all the help we can get from the general public. It's a battle against time. ”

- Chief Bernard Ominayak,
Lubicon Lake Nation

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Demands

- 1. POTABLE RUNNING WATER**
Infrastructure for clean, potable running water beginning with the elders' homes.
Clean underground sources exist but the current source is questionable surface water, heavily chlorinated, with an oily skim after boiling.
- 2. WATER/SEWAGE INFRASTRUCTURE**
That the government implements full water/sewage infrastructure.
- 3. IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS**
That the Canadian Gov't enters negotiations, in good faith, and with a mandate to resolve issues of self government, land claims and restitution for destruction of traditional lands.
- 4. CEASE RESOURCE EXPANSION**
That the provincial government ceases the leasing of Lubicon traditional territory (the tear drop) for forestry, oil and gas, until such time as the dispute with the federal government is solved.

Timeline of Events

- 1899/1900 – The Canadian government forms Treaty 8 but misses the Lubicon in the process. The unsigned treaty spawns over 100 years of land claim disputes.
- 1939/1940 – Canada promise the Lubicon a reserve but it's never created.
- 1975 - The Lubicons try to file a land caveat (a notice that land title is contested) but Alberta refuses to accept it. The matter goes to court. The government wins the land caveat court case by changing the legislation retroactively.
- 1979 - The all-weather road is completed. Resource exploitation activity explodes. Lubicon economy collapses by 1983.
- 1985-87 - Stillbirths, miscarriages and tuberculosis plague the community. The Lubicon blame the industry-polluted land and lack of government services.
- 1980s - Chief Ominayak embarks on public awareness campaign through Canada and Europe.
- 1990s - 2000s - Essential stalemate.
- 2006 - Friends of the Lubicon Alberta holds its first meeting to reinvigorate the process.

Water Now!

FACTS:

- The Lubicon have no running water or water/sewage treatment systems.
- All of the traditional Lubicon sources of drinking water have been contaminated by resource exploitation activity.
- The Lubicon people have to go 100 kilometers one way to buy bottled water.

GOV'T SOLUTION:

- \$250,000 to truck water from Cadotte Lake for 10 elders' homes. (elders' homes are the minimum!)
- Build pipeline from Peace River within next five years.

PROBLEM:

- \$250,000 covers sinks, toilets and paved driveways **ONLY**.
- It does not cover costs of trucking or sewage storage/removal costs.
- The water from Cadotte Lake is undrinkable.
- The pipeline would undermine Lubicon sovereignty by being under provincial jurisdiction.

See "Demands" for FOLA response