

Declaration of Canadian Republican Sovereignty and Liberation of National Wealth - DRAFT

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Preamble

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for a people to dismantle the archaic legal frameworks that obscure their collective ownership of national wealth and sovereignty, particularly those embodied in an abstract, hereditary entity known as 'the Crown', and to assert direct, democratic control over their resources and destiny, a decent respect to the opinions of humankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to this liberation.

Declaration

We, the people of Canada, including Indigenous Peoples upon whose traditional territories this nation is built, united in purpose and determination, hereby declare that the legal construct known as 'the Crown' holds no inherent or legitimate authority over Canada, its peoples, or its wealth. We declare its purported legal basis within Canada, particularly as a holder of title or authority over national assets, to be null and void. Consequently, we affirm Canada as a fully sovereign Republic, deriving its authority and its ownership of collective wealth solely and directly from its people. This declaration signifies the repatriation of Canada's wealth from the phantom grasp of inherited abstractions to the hands of its rightful owners – the people.

Grievances

The continued recognition of 'the Crown' within Canada's legal and constitutional framework serves as a detrimental fiction, primarily functioning to alienate the Canadian people from their collective wealth and resources. The following are our grievances against this mechanism of obfuscation and control:

1. **The Crown as Abstract Hoarder of National Wealth:** The legal doctrine vesting vast lands, resources, and public funds in 'the Crown' operates as a form of systemic obfuscation. It functions like a phantom treasury, controlled by a non-existent "boogeyman" of hereditary privilege, effectively hoarding the collective wealth of the nation and preventing transparent, democratic stewardship and equitable distribution for the benefit of all Canadians and Indigenous Nations.
2. **Illegitimate Basis for Resource Control ("Crown Land"):** The very concept of "Crown Land" is founded upon this illegitimate framework, perpetuating the colonial seizure of Indigenous territories and preventing Canadians from exercising direct sovereignty over their environment and natural resources. This abstraction serves only to maintain outdated power structures and economic inequalities derived from conquest.
3. **Obscuring Popular Sovereignty:** By interposing the fictional entity of the Crown between the people and their state, the current system deliberately obscures the fundamental principle that all sovereignty and ownership of public assets reside ultimately with the citizenry. This fiction hinders direct democratic accountability and rational governance.

4. **Perpetuation of Colonial Exploitation:** The Crown construct is the bedrock upon which colonial exploitation was legally justified. Its persistence anchors damaging legacies, facilitates the ongoing alienation of Indigenous lands and resources, and underpins paternalistic legislation like the **Indian Act**, all preventing true reconciliation and economic justice.
5. **Symbolic Defence of Inequality:** The symbols and deference associated with the Crown reinforce notions of hierarchy and unearned privilege, providing ideological cover for systems that concentrate wealth and power, contradicting Canada's stated values of equality and opportunity.
6. **Wasteful Expenditure on a Fiction:** Allocating public funds to maintain the symbolic apparatus and representatives of this non-existent, wealth-hoarding entity is an unacceptable diversion of resources from the real needs of the Canadian people and the imperative of investing in a just and sustainable future.

Commitment to Action and Future Relations

Upon this declaration, Canada commits to:

- **Reclaiming National Wealth:** Implementing immediate constitutional and legal reforms to abolish the concept of Crown title, affirming that all public lands, resources, and assets are held directly by the Canadian state in trust for the people and subject to the inherent rights and titles of Indigenous Nations.
- **Democratic Resource Management:** Establishing new frameworks, co-developed with Indigenous Nations and provincial/territorial governments, for the transparent, democratic, and sustainable management of all national resources, ensuring equitable benefit-sharing.
- **Purging Legal Fictions:** Systematically removing all references to 'the Crown' as a source of authority, title, or legal personality from Canadian law, replacing them with clear designations of state, public, or Indigenous authority.
- **Decolonizing Laws and Relationships:** Replacing the **Indian Act** and dismantling other colonial structures, establishing nation-to-nation relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on recognition, rights, respect, and shared stewardship of lands and resources, free from any Crown intermediary. The naming and substance of future legislative frameworks will be determined through this partnership.
- **Continued UK Friendship:** Maintaining cooperative and respectful relations with the United Kingdom as equal, sovereign nations.

Conclusion

We, therefore, the representatives of the people of Canada, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, appealing to the principles of popular sovereignty, economic justice, and reason, do, in the name and by the authority of the good people of this land, solemnly publish and declare that the legal entity known as 'the Crown' has no valid existence, authority, or claim to title within Canada. We declare Canada to be a free, independent, and sovereign Republic, reclaiming its national wealth from abstract control. All powers, assets, lands, and authorities previously attributed to 'the Crown' are hereby vested directly in the people of Canada through their democratic institutions, or recognized as inherent to Indigenous Nations according to principles of reconciliation, treaty rights, and self-determination.

As a free and independent Republic, founded on the sovereignty and collective ownership of its people, we pledge to uphold democracy, justice, equality, and reconciliation. In witness whereof, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

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