

# Timeline

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**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.

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**1980's** - Chief Ominayak embarks on a public awareness campaign through Canada and Europe.

**1990's - 2000's** - Essential stalemate.

**2006** - Friends of the Lubicon Alberta holds its first meeting to reinvigorate the process.

## Water Now!

### Facts:

- the Lubicon have not running water or sewage treatment systems
- all of the traditional Lubicon sources of drinking water have been contaminated by resource exploitation activity
- the Lubicon people have to make a 200km round trip to buy bottled water

### Government Solution:

- \$250 000 to truck in water from Cadotte Lake
- build a pipeline from Peace River within the next five years

#### But:

- \* \$250 000 does not cover all the necessary infrastructure
- it does not cover the cost 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

## Demands

### 1. Potable Running Water

Infrastructure for clean, potable running water beginning with the elder's 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

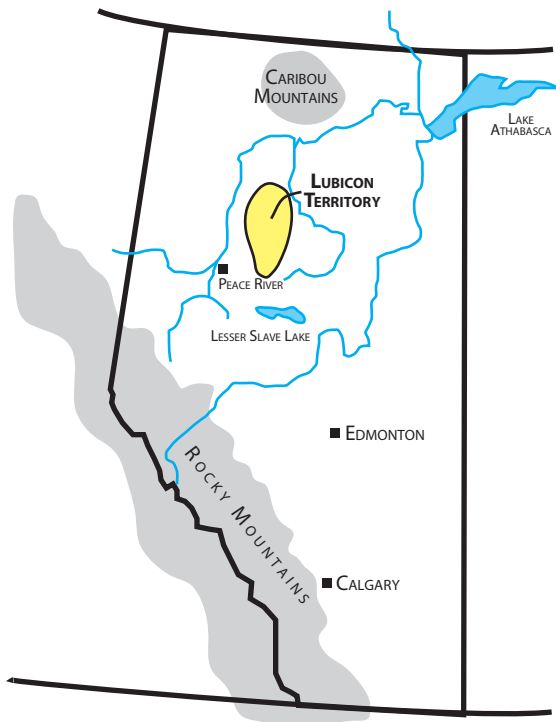
That the Canadian government enters negotiations, in good faith, and with a mandate to resolve issues of self government, land claims and restitution for destruction of traditional lands.

### 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.

“ I hope people 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



The Lubicon Lake Nation is an Aboriginal band of 500 people living in Northern Alberta, just four hours from Edmonton. They have never signed away or lost their rights to their traditional Territory. To this day, the Lubicons retain inherent, internationally recognized rights to those lands.

But in 1975 Alberta-approved petroleum companies and forestry giants began to arrive. Practically overnight an intact and self-sufficient community was faced with an unprecedented decline in wildlife, water contamination, and tuberculosis outbreaks.

In November 2007 United Nation's Special Rapporteur visited the Lubicon witnessing what he describes as "overcrowded and inadequate housing conditions, as well as difficulties to access basic services, including water and sanitation."

Oil and gas extracted from the area is approximately **\$500 million** a year, and yet the Lubicon receive **nothing**.

## Demand Justice!

Write to Alberta's Premier:  
premier@gov.ab.ca

Write the Minister of Indian Affairs and  
Northern Development (Jim Prentice):  
Prentice.J@parl.gc.ca

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

- World Council of Churches

## Contacts

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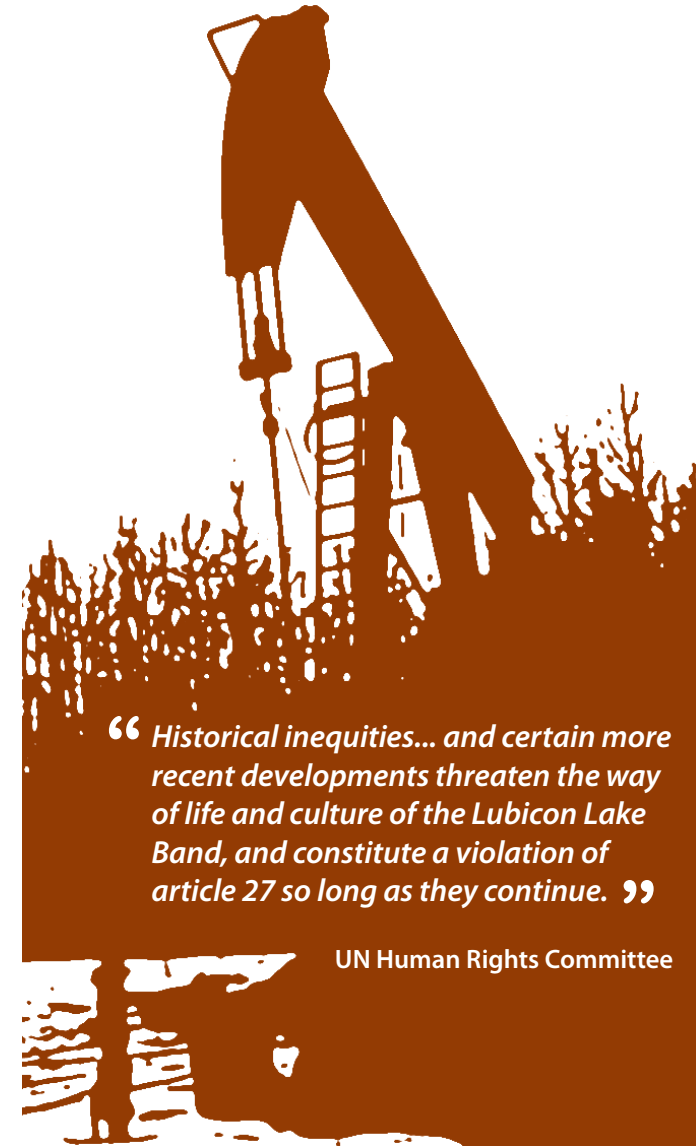
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## Support the

# Lubicon Cree!



“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.”

UN Human Rights Committee