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To the Mayor and Council of East Ferris,

Here is a simple three part environmental question that I would like answered by the MNRF land claim team.

My name is Zach Holmes, I'm a 23 year old college student who was raised on MacPherson Drive. Unlike many young people today, I do not want to move away to the big city when I finish college. (been there, tried that) My father's home will become my home and I would like to raise my family there and start my own business. One thing I have learned about history is that every new generation has to clean up the mess the previous generations left behind, because people have become so smart that we have learned how to do stupid things that destroy our environment.

When I have children of my own and I tell them that this area used to be an undisturbed natural environment that was set aside under the Lands for Life legislation to protect the environmental, ecological, social, historical and recreational value for future generations, how will I ever explain to them such things as :

- 1- Under what authority does your government department have to come along a few short years later, rewrite a law then take away this ecologically sensitive public park land from all future generations without any consideration for the people who live here?
- 2- Under what authority does your government department have to give away this ecologically sensitive public park land to a small group of people that want to claim it as their own, want to destroy the natural environment, want to bulldoze the landscape, want to build a bunch of roads and houses and want to sell them off for a huge pile of profit ?
- 3- Since this land is owned by the PUBLIC, what authority does your government department have to give it away **without the consent** of the PUBLIC who owns it ? This is PUBLIC land that does not belong to your department, any consultant or any lawyer in some far away office to dispose of as you please.

This is my home, please do not leave another huge environmental mess for my generation to clean up. We have enough of them to fix already...you know stuff like global warming, air and water pollution.

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