

In his book "Our Home Or Native land" the author, Melvin Smith, QC explains how the Native Agenda has seen government lawyers who win court decisions rejecting Native treaty rights fired with new lawyers hired with instructions to lose on appeal. This over-zealous political correctness by our Canadian Federal and Provincial politicians began after the defeat of the White Paper sponsored by Trudeau, Chretien, and their Liberal government in 1969. At the time 50 million was set aside to help Indian organizations implement the White Paper legislation. When Native Chiefs killed the legislation in 1970 the White Paper's 50 million in funding nonetheless went forward. This money enabled Native groups to take their battle for rights to other forums. It financed lawyers, constitutional advisors, academics and others. The cost of funding the resulting Indian Industry has ballooned over the years since to over 12 billion.

One of the consequences of the billions of dollars spent over the last 44 years has been the perversion of history to create guilt in all non-Native Canadians that we are somehow responsible for the plight of Native peoples and that we should acquiesce to all Native demands whether they are legal, constitutionally correct, or not.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 is an example. If you Google Royal Proclamation you will find a plethora of articles by so called academics and scholars proclaiming the Proclamation to be the Magna Carta of Native Canadians, the basis of separate nation status and a land claim policy that has seen thousands of acres of public land transferred to Native peoples in fee simple.

Well, read the actual proclamation. There is no reference to separate nation status. The British Privy Council set aside hunting grounds for the Indians, "with whom we are connected" and "for the present, and until our further pleasure be known." By its terms the Proclamation did not include the territory of Rupert's Land.

The document further went on, "*if at any Time any of the Said Indians should be inclined to dispose of the said Lands, the same shall be Purchased only for Us, in our Name, at some public Meeting or Assembly of the said Indians, to be held for that Purpose by the Governor or Commander in Chief of our Colony*"

Successive governments in Upper Canada/Ontario followed the direction in the Proclamation and by 1923 all the lands in Ontario had been ceded to the crown as the attached Map of Indian Treaties 1923 shows. In 1923 legislation was also passed to make it a criminal offence for First Nations to hire a lawyer to pursue land claims.

So why have governments of Ontario and Canada since the 70s been so hell bent to create treaties that go far beyond constitutional entitlement, equity or fairness. The recent SON fisheries agreement and the Algonquin Treaty offend the rule of law and the Constitution because they are conferring land and other benefits that are rightfully the entitlement of all Canadians. They are debacles and need to be renegotiated for the benefit of "ALL" citizens of Ontario. If billions of tax payers dollars can be spent making the Indian case then surely it is time to spend a like amount to bring this land claim madness back to what is legal, equitable, right and fair.