

MNR Minister in Hansard Dec. 7

I think it is wonderful that Minister Jeffrey's Liberal cronies in the Legislature staged questions in question period to help her look a little less inept. But please read her answers to the questions of Liberal MPP Michael Brown, Algoma Manitoulan of Dec 7 in Hansard. She still is completely naive to the issue she is being asked. Access by the public to crown land in Northern Ontario is not an issue of a single snowmobiler using the wrong access to a park. It is about thousands of local citizens being refused access to thousands of miles of crown lands that they have had a traditional right to fish, hunt, hike, ATV, snowmobile and berry pick in for decades. Brown, being from Northern Ontario, attempts to broach the issue himself in his supplemental but to no avail.

In her second answer she relates that she has been unable to find any allegations of conflict of interest involving MNR employees. I know her office has received letters from the OntORA organization documenting such allegations. There is also a report from the Ombudsman's halfhearted attempt to investigate the subject in 2007. (I didn't realize that a Ministry like the MNR could decide to what extent legislation passed by the House would affect them.) Perhaps the Minister needs better help when doing her homework.

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