

Below is a reply from Minister of Natural Resources Brooke Taylor to a citizen who is questioning the way "OUR" Crown lands get into the hands of a chosen few, who in turn manage to become very rich on the backs of the rest of us who pay taxes. Why isn't the Auditor General's Office investigating this practice and filing a full detailed report. You see this is nothing more than the Laundering of Provincial property to friend of political parties.

We have many more pieces of information on those who have filled their family coffers thanks to the fact that they are all connected to the governing two political parties.

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From: [Hon. Brooke D Taylor](#)

Cc: [Hon. Michael Baker](#) ; [Dave Steeves](#)

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2006 3:32 PM

Subject: Claim on Crown lands at Catalone, CB

Dear Mr. XXXXX:

Your e-mail to Honourable Michael Baker dated April 25, 2006 has been referred to me for reply.

As you noted, Order in Council 97-105 was related to the issuance of a release under section 37(1) of Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the Crown Lands Act. These releases are issued only when it has been determined, through extensive investigation, that the Crown's interest to a particular area has been extinguished by virtue of 40 years of adverse possession. This was the case for lands released in the above Order.

When releases are issued, they do not give title to the land to anyone in particular. In fact, they only indicate that the Crown does not have any interest in the land; the release is to the "world at large". We are, therefore, unable to comment on Mr. MacKinnon's interest in the property.

I hope this addresses your concerns. Should you require additional information, you may contact Dave Steeves, Director, Land Administration, Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 698, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2T9.

Yours sincerely,

Brooke Taylor

Minister of Natural Resources

cc Honourable Michael Baker, Minister of Finance

Dave Steeves