



GET THE FACTS ON THE PROPOSED WASTE FACILITY

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Dear *Blackie & Vulcan* area Taxpayers & Business Owners,

My name is *Joel Dixon* and I am the Executive Director of Membership for the *Progressive Group for Independent Business (PGIB)* we are *Calgary's* largest and *Western Canada's* fastest growing business and taxpayer organization.

We are writing you because we are very concerned about some mis-information and the anti-business mentality that we have been witnessing related to the proposed *Prairie Sky Resources / BFI recycling and modern day waste management facility*.

We are also writing to inform you as to why we are getting involved. Several weeks ago we were approached by members of our organization who work and/or reside in the area who had concerns. Some were concerned that there is misrepresentation of the proposed facility and others felt there is an aggressive effort to block private industry in favour of a new government run facility. Being that our slogan is less government, lower taxes & political accountability we felt obligated to be involved. We also wish to clarify that our organization, Advisory Council and/or myself personally have **not received monies** from *BFI* and/or any of it's affiliates. Further, we do not work for BFI and/or any of it's affiliates, nor are *BFI* and/or any of it's affiliates members of the *PGIB*.

We have done our due diligence on this issue and encourage you to support this private business and non-taxpayer funded facility as opposed to the taxpayer funded initiative being promoted. Here are some facts and alternative information on this modern day facility and they are as follows:

NAME: *Prairie Sky Resource Centre*

LOCATION: The proposed environmental project is hoped to be located off Highway 23, SE of *Blackie*. It appears to have great access and is the proper land for this type of facility. We encourage you to look at their website at www.prairieskycentre.com as we found it helpful. It also shows the parcel of land in question and even the design.

TYPE: This location will integrate recycling, composting for organic materials, a modern disposal area for non-recoverables along with an environmental education centre and restored prairie habitat.

HOW IT WILL BE FUNDED: The project will be funded entirely by private monies.

HOW THE AREA WILL BENEFIT: In our opinion, this proposed facility brings five major benefits to the area:

1. **Leading Edge & Green Technology** - This centre will focus on recycling and composting with complimenting modern disposal and a non-recoverable area.
2. **Employment** - This facility will create hundreds of jobs during construction and many more once all departments are up and running. Those that will be hired will be from the local area.
3. **Economic Development** - With *Southern Alberta* growing so rapidly a facility like this is needed to service *Blackie* and the surrounding areas. By doing so it will also send a clear signal to business that the area is open for business. Soon others ranging from manufacturing to high tech etc...will follow.
4. **Increased Local Tax Revenue** - *Blackie* and the surrounding areas need an increased property tax base to help with depleting infrastructure and to improve the quality of life in the areas. This facility will contribute much to that equation.
5. **Restored Habitat & Reconstructed Wetlands** - This facility has set aside generous amounts of land and is using private monies to restore habitats and reconstruct Wetlands for wildlife in the area. Without their efforts this would not occur, nor would the area maintain this designation.

There are good people on both sides of this issue. However, there do seem to be some elements who are opposing this at all costs. These few militants are opponents of even Oil & Gas and this was communicated to me by one of the Chief organizers who is against this modern green facility.

The following is a transcript of what was said at the *September 12, 2011 Blackie Community Association* meeting. Please note we have not revealed the identity of the respondent as we wish to have continued dialogue and are not trying to make anyone uncomfortable.

Joel Dixon: What do you do for a living?

Respondent: I work in *Calgary* at an Oil & Gas company!

Joel Dixon: You can thank Oil & Gas for your job!

Respondent: I can thank my education for my job!

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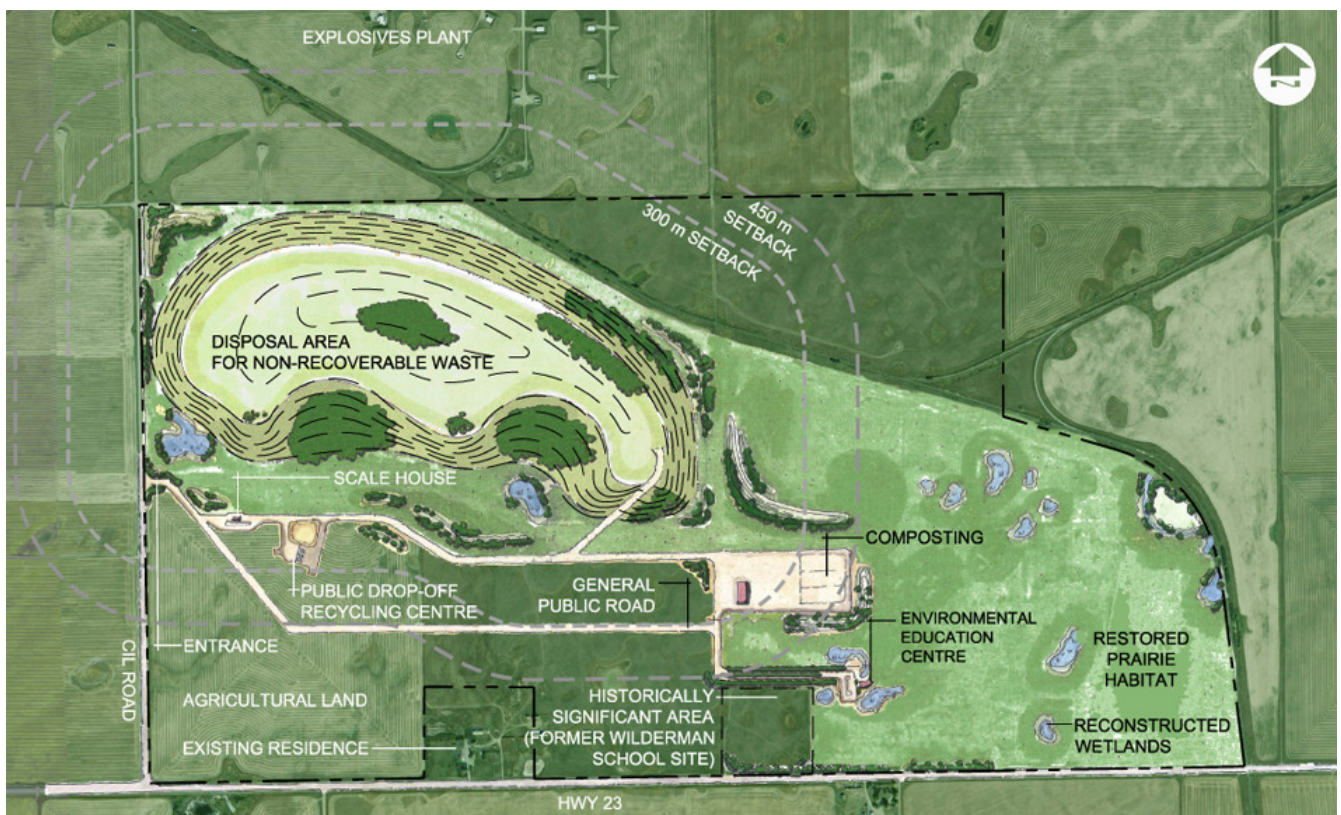
It is business that create jobs and it is profits that support people. If education was the factor for work then we all know *Toronto* with it's *Champagne Socialists* with PHD's coming out of their ears would all be employed. We all know Alberta has a lower employment rate then the so-called "Centre Of The Universe".

Our research arm discovered that other opponents are strong supporters of *David Suzuki* a known enemy of Alberta and that **deeply concerns us!**

Again, and I want to make it clear, we know all who oppose this new modern and green facility are not this radical, but, those that are leading the movement are. Sadly, any opposing views are deleted from their *Facebook* site, attacked or ignored entirely. Thankfully, others saved screen shots of comments that prove what we just wrote.

MYTHS: There are also many myths that the research arm of our organization has discovered. Let us clarify some points and we encourage you to research things on your own as well.

<u>MYTH</u>	<u>FACT</u>
1. This facility is a traditional dump	1. It is a modern disposal/reclamation facility
2. <i>BFI</i> does not care about the environment	2. As the image below shows, this is false
3. Green technology is not available	3. Green technology is available to <i>Canada</i>
4. Only 4 people will be hired	4. Many jobs are short term & long term
5. The aqua fir will be harmed	5. Water will not be harmed
6. This is a <i>Calgary</i> dump	6. <i>Calgary</i> has 3 public dumps & 1 private



PRAIRIE SKY RESOURCE CENTRE - PRELIMINARY CONCEPT

DATE **JUNE 23, 2011**

Let's debate the merit of this facility without damaging property, vandalism and resorting to the rusty artillery of abuse.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the information below.

Respectfully,

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P.S. We sincerely respect opposing views and we are just asking for the same respect of ours. We sincerely desire the best for our members who reside in your area and we feel that this facility has more positives then negatives.

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