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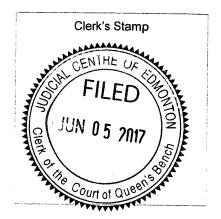


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PART I INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Defendants COLD LAKE ESTATES INC., NORTHERN ALBERTA ESTATES INC., THE MULLER RYAN RICHARD DEVELOPMENTGROUP INC. and CHARLES RYAN ("these Defendants") request the following outstanding applications be decided by the Case Management Justice
 - a) An Order vacating the Without Notice Prejudgment Attachment Order granted April 18, 2016 ("WNPJA Order"). Technically, clause 6 of the Order puts the onus of this "comeback application" on the Plaintiff, makes the application without prejudice to these Defendants and is a hearing *de novo* of the original application for the Prejudgment Attachment Order.
 - b) In the event the WNPJA Order is not set aside, an Order requiring the Plaintiff to provide security for its undertaking to pay damages arising from the granting of the WNPJA Order, such security to be in the amount of no less than \$2 million
 - c) An Order setting the Security for Costs ordered by Master Schlosser against the Plaintiff on March 8, 2017 for all matters after Item 7(1) of these Defendants' Pro Forma Bill of Costs
- The WNPJA Order was amended by Master Breitkreuz on May 6, 2016 such that it only applied to five properties registered in the name of Barbara Ryan.

Tab 1 WNPJA Order filed April 18, 2016

- Tab 2 Order granted May 6, 2016, filed May 18, 2016
- 3. Four of the five properties bound by the WNPJA Order have now been sold with permission granted by subsequent Orders of October 20, 2016 and February 14, 2017 permitting their sale. The net proceeds were paid to Servus Credit Union to pay down the mortgages against the properties.
- 4. Only one property remains bound by the WNPJA Order, being NE 6-55-26 W4, the property on which Charles and Barbara Ryan reside ("the home property").

PART II RELIEF SOUGHT

2. ORDER VACATING THE WNPJA ORDER

- 5. The Plaintiff brought its application for the WNPJA on a *without notice* basis, notwithstanding the action had been ongoing with counsel for the Defendants for 1½ years at the time, and the transfers complained of had occurred some 4 months before the application was made.
- 6. The test for granting any prejudgment attachment Order is set out in section 17 (2) of the *Civil Enforcement Act*.
 - (2) On hearing an application for an attachment order, the Court may, subject to subsection (4), grant the order if the Court is satisfied that
 - there is a reasonable likelihood that the claimant's claim against the defendant will be established, and
 - (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing that the defendant is dealing with the defendant's exigible property, or is likely to deal with that property,
 - (i) otherwise than for the purpose of meeting the defendant's reasonable and ordinary business or living expenses, and
 - (ii) in a manner that would be likely to seriously hinder the claimant in the enforcement of a judgment against the defendant.

Tab 3 Civil Enforcement Act RSA 2000 Chapter C-15, section 17

- (a) Is there is a reasonable likelihood that the claimant's claim against the defendant will be established?
- 7. In his submissions to Master Breitkeuz on this branch of the test, the Plaintiff's solicitor said little more than the following

The crux of the dispute as between the parties is as follows. What was the nature of the service requirements that were in place between the municipality of Bonnyville and the city of Cold Lake? If it was a low level water retric - reticulation service system, and Sir, I've learned a lot more about 6 water servicing --

MASTER BREITKREUZ: M-hm.

MR.DHIR: --than I ever wanted. Then the price was as it

was set to be and that was what was understood by the purchaser. If it was up to a full municipal standard the difference in servicing was in the range of about \$5.7 million.

Our client says their understanding was that the reticulation system servicing standard was the one that was going to apply. They rely on the area service plan that was developed by Cold Lake Estates, the respondent and seller of the property for that assertion and various other statements and documents that are already in evidence before the Court in various affidavits. That's the crux of the dispute.

Tab 4 Transcript of Proceedings before Master Breitkreuz on April 18, 2016 at page 5, lines2-19

- 8. There was no serious analysis before Master Breitkreuz of the likelihood the Plaintiff's claim would be established. Nor was there anything in the Affidavit of Trina Jackson, a Field LLP paralegal, filed April 18, 2016 ("the Jackson Affidavit") in support of the Plaintiff's application, that addressed the likelihood the Plaintiff's claim would be established.
- 9. The Plaintiff's main complaint alleged in its Statement of Claim is that at no time prior to closing on the Purchase Contract with Cold Lake Estates Inc. on May 11, 2011 was the Plaintiff advised as to the City of Cold Lake's requirement for water and sewer servicing the Property being sold to "full municipal standards", notwithstanding the Defendants were so advised by the City of Cold Lake before the closing of the sale.
- The Plaintiff also alleges that the Defendants failed to disclose relevant documentation pertaining to the Property and the subdivision of the Property. Specifically,
 - a) a March 7, 2011 letter from M Double M Engineering Services Inc.; and
 - b) Minutes of a March 15, 2011 meeting with the City of Cold Lake and M Double M Engineering Services Inc.;

which documents purportedly indicate the City of Cold Lake would not accept water servicing on a trickle service standard but required "full municipal standards"

Affidavit of Thomas Beyer filed June 9, 2015, para. 20, and Exhibits M" and "N"

TAB 5 Affidavit of Thomas Beyer filed June 9, 2015, Exhibits "M" and "N"

11. On October 23, 2010, Thomas Beyer, the Plaintiff's President, provided Cold Lake Estates Ltd. with a letter confirming "the attached letter dated October 22, 2010 from the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 with file reference No. 2015-S-39 RE" "proposed subdivision of the E ½ 34-63-2 W4 (Phase 1)" satisfies the warranty and representation of article 6.1(b) in the Prestigious Properties Inc. and/or nominee offer to purchase."

TAB 6 Affidavit of Charles Ryan, filed March 24, 2015, Exhibit "E"

- 12. The letter from the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 attached to Mr. Beyer's letter was the conditional subdivision approval for the lands. Condition 2 was as follows:
 - "2. Pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) that all lots shall be serviced with City of Cold Lake water and sewer with the City's approval. The developer shall be responsible for the design and construction of the water and sewer to City of Cold Lake's standards including upgrades to the City's system." [Emphasis added]
- 13. At Questioning on his affidavit filed June 9, 2015, Mr. Beyer confirmed he had read the conditional subdivision approval letter from Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 in its entirety, and was aware then that the developer is responsible for design and construction of water and sewer to the City of Cold Lake standards.

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, July 21, 2015, at p 10, l. 25 to p 11, l. 8

14. The Plaintiff's claim is based on its alleged reliance on the Area Structure Plan (ASP) prepared by Matthys Muller, which provided a number of options for water and servicing. One option was the provision of the requested water supply to a **trickling service standard** and to receiving the sewage effluent into municipal sewer by means of small-diameter low-pressure reticulation system and lift station.

Affidavit of Thomas Beyer filed June 9, 2015, para 18

15. The Plaintiff then claims this trickling service standard was rejected by the City of Cold Lake during a meeting with M Double M Engineering Services Inc. on March 15, 2011 and that it was not advised of this meeting or its outcome.

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, July 21, 2015, at p 32, I. 14-20, I. 8; p. 35, I. 22 to p. 36, I 12; p 37, I. 7-16; p. 38, I. 6-13

- 16. However, it appears the Plaintiff and its agents were in constant contact with the City of Cold Lake and the Municipal District of Bonnyville at all material times.
 - a. In an email dated April 14, 2011 to his partners Mike Hammerlindl and Scotty Grub, Mr. Beyer reported on his visit to Cold Lake to scope out the project, and advised that

"City will support it and is in favour and water/sewer ok if developer pays for feeder pipe for approx 1.5 km of TBD dimensions" and

"City hasn't specced out the water/sewer requirement in detail yet.. Likely by September though"

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 165 l. 26 to p 167, l. 5

TAB 7 Email April 14, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Mike Hammerlindl and Scotty Grub

b. In an email dated May 16, 2011to Ken Rogers, the City of Cold Lake's Manager of Planning and Development, Mr. Beyer confirms their meeting some 3 weeks prior to the email and discussions with Mr. Rogers and Bob Kitchen (the City of Cold Lake's General Manager of Infrastructure Services), and advises that

"we intend to progress engineering and infrastructure issues this spring and summer, and get agreement of the town's and county's water/sewer requirements, which are still very much unspecified according to you and Bob Kitchener [sic].

[emphasis added]

Mr. Beyer also noted "the current uncertainty over sewer/water issues" in his email.

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 122, I. 16 to p 132, I 10

TAB 8 Email May 16, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Kenneth Rogers

c. Ken Rogers and Bob Kitchen were both participants at the meeting with M Double M Engineering Services on March 16, 2011 when the City of Cold Lake rejected the trickling service standard.

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 126, I. 13 to p 128, I 19

TAB 9 Affidavit of Thomas Beyer filed June 9, 2015, Exhibit "N"

d. During his questioning on June 13, 2016, Mr. Beyer confirmed that on May 16, 2011 he "absolutely" knew there was uncertainty over sewer and water issues on this project.

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 132, I. 8-11

e. In an email dated May 31, 2011 to Mr. Beyer, the Plaintiff's project manager, Chad Willox, advised Mr. Beyer that "I had a good conversation with Ken Rogers, City of Cold Lake Manager of Planning & Development Officer", and that

"Mattie Muller has not returned my call. My assessment is that he is not all that respected with the City, not sure about the county as John Foy and I have not talked yet. The city has been frustrated that Mattie is not straight forward on issues, and always has some new scheme. They said much of the information in the area structure plan, presented by Mattie would not even be supported by the city ~ ie. trickle water system."

[emphasis added]

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 134, l. 12 to p. 137, l. 13

TAB 10 Email May 31, 2011 from Chad Willox to Thomas Beyer

f. At that time, Mr. Beyer confirmed during his questioning on June 13, 2016, he knew there were uncertainties with the Area Structure Plan, that Matthys Muller had laid out a bunch of options and it appeared that some of those options were perhaps not as depicted as written in the ASP. He confirmed they had suspicions that there might be issues with the Area Structure Plan, and Chad Willox was of the opinion that the City of Cold Lake was not supporting the area structure plan

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 136, I. 5-18

g. In an email dated June 6, 2011 to Kenneth Rogers, the Plaintiff's project manager, Chad Willox, advised Mr Rogers he would like to schedule a time with the Mayor and economic development office and referenced information Mr. Rogers had given him on servicing options,

"You mentioned there least two options for servicing."

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 167, I. 19 tp p. 169, I. 12

TAB 11 Email June 6, 2011 from Chad Willox to Kenneth Rogers

h. In a letter dated July 14, 2011 to the Municipal District of Bonnyville, Mr. Beyer showed his familiarity with the servicing requirements for the Plaintiff's project. He advised that the Plaintiff intended to submit a rezoning application, "which would involve an amendment to the IDP, which currently mandates servicing from the City of Cold Lake." He further showed his familiarity with the City of Cold Lake's requirements in stating

"Another very important concern, is that the City of Cold Lake's water/sewer infrastructure, according to their comments, is operating above capacity and has special consent from Alberta

Environment to be under constant release of sewage lagoons as it stands now. Coupled with their aging over utilized system, is the extremely large costs associated to service the subject lands with city water and sewer. There appears to be a lot of "unknowns" in servicing this land from the city infrastructure."

[emphasis added]

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 158, l. 8 to p. 160, l. 2

TAB 12 Letter July 14, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Municipal District of Bonnyville

i. The Plaintiff even organized a joint Council meeting with the Municipal District of Bonnyville and the City of Cold Lake on October 11, 2011 to press for its proposed amendments to the IDP to remove the requirement of having water and sewer service provided from the City of Cold Lake

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 143, l. 22, to p. 146, l.1

TAB 13 Presentation by Prestigious Properties to Joint Council Meeting

j. Throughout 2012 -2013 Mr Beyer was in direct contact with the City of Cold Lake's Mayor, Craig Copeland. During their meetings it is clear they discussed the project's water/sewer problems, and the Mayor even directed Mr. Beyer to The City of Cold Lake's Chief Administrative Officer, Kevin Nagoya, and suggested that "he can lead you to who you need to have conversations with" and "they will guide you on the city's policy on what you need." He also suggested engaging the municipal district's Council in "helping you develop your property with the water and sewer challenges"

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, June 13, 2016, at p 146, I. 9 to p. 153, I 25

TAB 14 Email chain April 24, 2012-June 4, 2013 between Thomas Beyer and Craig Copeland

k. Mr. Beyer appears to have taken Mayor Copeland's advice and engaged the municipal District of Bonnyville in discussions. In an email dated June 6, 2013 to Ed Rondeau, the Reeve of the Municipal District of Bonnyville, he asks that the County of Bonnyville allow annexation of the plaintiff's properties by the City of Cold Lake, and advises that

"The primary reason for this request is that an Intermunicipal Development Agreement exists that essentially necessitates water/sewer from the City of Cold Lake to city standards under the current approved Area Structure Plan (ASP).

[emphasis added]

Transcript of Questioning of Thomas Beyer, July 21, 2015, at p 155, I. 5 to p. 157, I 12

TAB 15 Email June 6, 2013 from Thomas Beyer to Ed Rondeau

17. As such, the Plaintiff was well aware of the water and sewer servicing requirements and costs well before closing. The Plaintiff's president, Thomas Beyer, sent Charles Ryan, Cold Lake Estate's president, an email on April 13, 2011, attempting to renegotiate the purchase contract based on what he perceived to be uncertainty on sewer/water costs which he claimed were "possibly as high as \$3M or more if the city insists on major upgrades to city infrastructure." He proposed various options for renegotiating the contract.

Affidavit of Charles Ryan, filed March 24, 2015, para 12 and Exhibit G

TAB 16 Email April 13, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Charles Ryan

18. Shortly after receiving his email, Mr. Ryan spoke with Thomas Beyer several times about his concerns over the water and sewer costs and his proposal to renegotiate, and was of the view that Mr. Beyer was well aware of the City's water and sewer requirements.

Affidavit of Charles Ryan, filed March 24, 2015, para 13 and Exhibit H

TAB 17 Text message April 19, 2011from Thomas Beyer to

Charles Ryan

19. Notwithstanding Mr. Beyer's concerns, the Plaintiff did not renegotiate the agreement and proceeded to close the purchase on May 11, 2011.

Affidavit of Charles Ryan, filed March 24, 2015, para 14

20. During his questioning on June 13, 2016, Mr. Beyer undertook to advise what he or any of his consultants did after May 31, 2011 to investigate what parts of the area structure plan the City of Cold Lake would be supporting, to inquire with his consultants whether they discussed if the Area Structure Plan would be supported by the City of Cold Lake at any time from May of 2011 to October 2013, and to inquire of his consultants if there was any inquiries of the City of Cold Lake and/or the Municipal District of Bonnyville as to requirements for water and sewer servicing. The answers to these undertakings show that essentially nothing was done to determine the water and sewer servicing requirements.

TAB 18 Answers to Thomas Beyer's undertakings 13, 14 & 15

- 21. Notwithstanding this transaction closed on May 11, 2011, and that it appears the Plaintiff was aware by May 2011 that the trickle service standard would not be supported by the City of Cold Lake, the Plaintiff did not file its Statement of Claim until November 10, 2014. These Defendants take the position that this Claim was filed out of time, as the Plaintiff knew or ought to have known by May 2011 that the City of Cold Lake would not support the trickle service standard.
- 22. None of the above was disclosed to Master Breitkreuz during the Plaintiff's without notice application for the Prejudgment Attachment Order. As the application was without notice, there is a higher standard on the applicant to bring all relevant matters to the Court's attention.
- 23. The Alberta Court of Appeal dealt with the discoverability issue in *De Shazo* v. *Nations Energy Co.* and confirmed that Alberta's *Limitations Act* codified the common law discoverability rule and that it applies it to all actions for remedial orders.

"The common law rule was described by the Supreme Court of Canada in Central & Eastern Trust Co. v. Rafuse, [1986] 2 S.C.R. 147 (S.C.C.), at 224:

"[A] cause of action arises for purposes of a limitation period when the material facts on which it [the cause of action] is based have been

discovered or ought to have been discovered by the plaintiff by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

TAB 19 De Shazo v. Nations Energy Co. 2005 ABCA 241 Alta. C.A., at para 26

24. At para. 31 of the *De Shazo* case, the court observed that discoverability does not require perfect knowledge:

"The principal of discoverability does not require perfect knowledge. As this court noted in Hill v. Alberta (South Alberta Land Registration District) (1993), 100 D.L.R. (4th) 331 at 336 (Alta. C.A.) (leave to appeal to S.C.C. denied):

"Even if the discoverability rule of limitations applied to this case (which I need not decide), it does not call for perfect certainty. It does not require discovery at all: it says something else will do instead. It suffices that "the material facts on which [the cause of action] is based ... ought to have been discovered by the plaintiff by the exercise of reasonable diligence ...": Central Trust v. Rafuse If the plaintiff is told a fact by someone who is likely to know, surely that makes the fact known or discoverable, even if someone else disputes the fact. Very few people who sue have perfect certainty.

TAB 19 De Shazo v. Nations Energy Co. 2005 ABCA 241 Alta. C.A., at para 31

- 25. The Defendant Cold Lake Estates Inc. provided the Plaintiff with its documents pertaining to said lands and its subdivision in fulfilment of the warranty in Paragraph 6.1 (h) of the Purchase Contract.
- 26. The documents that the Plaintiff complains were not provided were not documents of Cold Lake Estates Inc.. These documents are neither prepared by nor requested by Cold Lake Estates Inc. in the subdivision of the lands. At the time of the purchase contract was signed on October 29, 2010 the transaction was unconditional, and the warranty under 6.1 (h) was a mere warranty. The subdivision approval had been granted and documentation of that was provided to the Plaintiff.

- 27. In any event, the documents the Plaintiff complains were not provided did not deal with the lands or subdivision, but with development options proposed by M Double M Engineering Ltd. . The actual subdivision approval had already been obtained and clearly stated that the developer shall be responsible for the design and construction of the water and sewer "to City of Cold Lake's standards."
- 28. It is respectfully submitted that there is some onus on the Plaintiff to clarify what the "City of Cold Lake's standards" were if that was not clear to it.
- 29. It is submitted that the Plaintiff had more than enough opportunity to seek any such clarification during the numerous meetings, discussions and interactions it had with the high level decision makers from the City of Cold Lake and the Municipal District of Bonnyville from 2011 (even before the closing date of May 11, 2011) through to 2013. It is highly unlikely that these decision makers would not have, at some point, have told the Plaintiff the Area Structure Plan was not going to govern the sewer and water servicing.
- 30. In fact, that is exactly what Ken Rogers, City of Cold Lake Manager of Planning & Development, told Chad Willox, the Plaintiff's Project Manager in May 2011, and which Mr. Willox relayed to Mr. Beyer in his May 31, 2011 email.
- 31. At that point, Mr. Beyer confirmed he had suspicions. If he did not know that the Area Structure Plan was not supported by the City of Cold Lake, then he did very little to investigate the matter. Had he done so, it is submitted he probably would have discovered that the area structure plan was not supported by the City of Cold Lake. In the words of the *De Shazo* case, "the material facts on which [the cause of action] is based ... ought to have been discovered by the plaintiff by the exercise of reasonable diligence ...". The plaintiff did not exercise reasonable diligence in determining these facts.
- 32. It is respectfully submitted that the limitation date for this action should commence on May 31, 2011, when the material facts on which the action is based ought to have been discovered by the Plaintiff with the exercise of reasonable diligence. As the action was not brought until some 3½ years later on November 10, 2014, it was brought after the two-year limitation period expired.

33. Master Schlosser heard these Defendant's Summary Dismissal application on August 24, 2016 and rendered his decision on November 10, 2016. While he dismissed the application, he noted that "this result is the nearest of misses."

TAB 20 Prestigious Properties Inc. v. Cold Lake Estates et al, 2016 ABQB 632 at page7, para 29

34. None of the above was disclosed to Master Breitkreuz during the without notice application hearing April 18, 2016, resulting in a misleading view as to the reasonable likelihood the Plaintiff's claim will be established. It is submitted this constitutes a failure on the Plaintiff to make full and fair disclosure of the material information available at the time of the without notice application, and constitutes grounds for the termination of the Order pursuant to section 18 (c) of the Civil Enforcement Act.

Tab 3 Civil Enforcement Act RSA 2000 Chapter C-15, section 18 (c)

- (b) Are there are reasonable grounds for believing the Defendants are dealing with their exigible property otherwise than for the purpose of meeting the defendant's reasonable and ordinary business or living expenses, and in a manner likely to seriously hinder the claimant in the enforcement of a judgment against the Defendants?
- 35. In his submissions to Master Breitkreuz on April 18, 2016, the plaintiff's solicitor continually referred to paragraph 7 of Charles Ryan's affidavit filed on January 19, 2016 as being a critical part of this application. He submitted that Mr. Ryan, in his affidavit, stated that the actual appraised values for the properties valued by Field LLP's legal assistant on the basis of tax assessments more accurately reflected the values of those properties, but then failed to disclose that he had transferred the properties to his wife on December 23, 2015.
- 36. Firstly, there was nothing untoward, nefarious or misleading in Mr. Ryan's affidavit. He simply provided factual evidence refuting the very low values of the properties presented by Field LLP's legal assistant in her affidavit, which were based on tax assessments alone. Whether he or not he had transferred those properties was completely immaterial to their valuation. He did not at any point in his affidavit state that he owned those properties at the time his

affidavit sworn on January 18, 2016. That is certainly something that would be brought out in examination on his affidavit.

- 37. Secondly, Mr. Ryan provided a complete explanation for the impugned transfers in his affidavit sworn and filed April 28, 2016:
 - a. In anticipation of Prestigious Properties living up to its obligations under the Purchase Agreement, in March 2013 Northern Alberta Estates Inc. took out a \$3 million loan from Servus Credit Union. The offer of financing required Cold Lake Estates Inc., Alberta Estates Inc. Muller Ryan Richard Development Group Inc., Charles Ryan, and Barbara Ryan to guarantee the loan. Barbara Ryan refused to do so, and as a result the home property had to be transferred into Charles Ryan's name alone (it was previously held by both Charles and Barbara Ryan).
 - b. The offer of financing also required the loan be secured by a mortgage to be registered against certain lands owned by Cold Lake Estates Inc. and Charles Ryan, which included the titles attached as Exhibits A, B, D, and J to the Jackson Affidavit.
 - c. Cold Lake Estates purchased the properties attached as Exhibits F and G to the Jackson Affidavit in July 2013. To facilitate that purchase, it obtained a loan from Servus Credit Union in the amount of \$1,300,000, secured by a mortgage which was registered against those lands.
 - d. In early 2015, Servus Credit Union began to inquire as to how that loan would be paid back, as it was maturing March 31, 2015. Charles Ryan advised he expected to get the money to pay them back from the \$2 million payment due from Prestigious Properties on June 1, 2015.
 - e. Prestigious Properties failed to make that payment, and as a result Mr. Ryan was unable to pay Servus Credit Union.
 - f. On June 30, 2015 Servus Credit Union issued a demand for payment and sent the matter to their solicitor.
 - g. As a result of Servus Credit Union's demands, Mr Ryan was forced to sell lands. The consent of the credit union was required because the credit union's mortgage covered several properties, and the sale price of any individual property was less than the amount owing. The Credit Union consented to the sale of the lands whose titles are attached as Exhibits D, and J to the Jackson Affidavit.

- h. The sale of the lands whose titles are at Exhibits D & J of the Jackson affidavit were both to arm's length third parties with whom the Defendants have no relationship, and who were represented by their own lawyers.
- i. As a result of these sales, Mr. Ryan was able to pay Servus Credit Union \$1.3 million towards the outstanding loans.
- j. This brought the loans into good standing. Servus Credit Union was satisfied and ceased any enforcement activity at that time. However, they also took additional security over 4:2;62:35 SE and 4:2:62:26 NE by way of a demand mortgage in the amount of \$2,500,000 registered as instrument 152340601 on October 29, 2015.
- k. It had been Mr. Ryan's expectation that the \$1.3 million were paid to Servus Credit Union were to be paid down on the loan secured by the \$3 million mortgage 132104369, as that was the mortgage registered on the land sold and for which Servus Credit Union provided a partial discharge of mortgage for. Instead, Servus Credit Union applied the funds towards the other loan, leaving in excess of \$2 million outstanding on the mortgage 132104369 which was also registered against the home property.
- I. When Barbara Ryan found that out, she was furious, as she had wanted to have the sale funds reduce the mortgage on the home property. She had transferred the home property to Charles Ryan on the understanding that the loan on it would be paid down at the earliest opportunity. The sale of the lands in the fall of 2015 should have reduced that loan to approximately \$1 million. When the funds were instead applied to the other loan that increased the amount owing against the home property to a little over \$2 million. The loan on December 22, 2015 had a balance outstanding of \$2,122,486.
- m. This situation caused considerable discord between Charles Ryan and his spouse, Barbara Ryan. Barbara Ryan then demanded that the home property be transferred to her, as she had given up her dower rights to that property to facilitate the \$3 million loan and now needed to protect her interest. She also required that sufficient other properties be transferred her to ensure that she could control the fate of the home property. She agreed to assume all the liabilities on these properties. If Mr. Ryan didn't comply with this request, he was facing the prospect of separation or divorce.

- n. As a result, Mr. Ryan effected transferred the properties whose titles are listed at Exhibits A, B, F, G and H to the Jackson affidavit and the titles at issue in the WNPJA Order. The consideration in each case was nominal cash and assumption of all liabilities. Barbara Ryan agreed to assume responsibility for the mortgages on the properties and the balance owing for the ongoing construction of the home property
- o. Barbara Ryan's consideration for the transfers was \$3,840,000, and the liabilities she assumed were \$4,054,069, as follows:

TOTAL CONSIDERATION 1,650,000 (Exhibits A, B of Jackson affidavit) 2,190,000 (Exhibits F G & H of Jackson affidavit) 3,840,000

TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES 2,122,486 (loan on Exhibits A, B, F & G of Jackson affidavit)
ASSUMED 706,000 (loans on Exhibit H of Jackson affidavit)
1,225,583 (owing on Exhibit B of Jackson affidavit
4,054,069

Affidavit of Charles Ryan, filed April 28, 2016, para. 14-31

- 38. In summary, these transactions did not occur as part of any attempt to deal with the lands otherwise than for the purpose of meeting the defendant's reasonable and ordinary business or living expenses, or in a manner likely to seriously hinder the claimant in the enforcement of a judgment against the Defendants. Mr. Ryan regularly buys and sells properties as part of his business affairs, and has transferred to and from his spouse in the past. The end result of the impugned transfers did not jeopardize the Plaintiff's ability to enforce any judgment it may obtain, as the encumbrances assumed exceeded the values transferred.
- 39. In any event, the only property now remaining under the WNPJA is the home property, on which Charles and Barbara reside. They are unlikely to sell the property, but the existence of the WNPJA Order against it impairs their ability to refinance the Servus Credit Union mortgage registered against it, which Servus wants paid out.
- 40. Finally, the transfers the Plaintiff complains of happened on December 23, 2015, some four months before the Plaintiff decided to proceed with a *without notice* application for the Prejudgment Attachment Order before Master

Breitkreuz, and over a year after the Plaintiff commenced its action. There is no evidence of any additional transfers by these Defendants, notwithstanding they held additional properties. In the application before Master Breitkreuz, the Plaintiff alleged no more recent transactions, and did not provide any urgent information to justify the application being brought without notice, particularly when the action had been ongoing with counsel for a year and a half, and the transactions being impugned were four months old.

- 2. ORDER REQUIRING THE PLAINTIFF TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ITS
 UNDERTAKING TO PAY DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE GRANTING OF THE
 WNPJA ORDER
- 41. The WNPJA Order was obtained, in part, on the strength of an email from Thomas Beyer, the Plaintiff's president, in which the Plaintiff undertook to pay to and indemnify the Respondents for any damages resulting from the granting of the attachment order.

Affidavit of Trina Jackson sworn April 18, 2016, Exibit T

42. What Mr Beyer's email failed to disclose is that the Plaintiff has no income and that it's liabilities exceed it's assets by \$1,887,198.

Affidavit of Charles Ryan sworn May 31, 2016, at Exhibits 3, 4 and 5.

- 43. As such, the undertaking provided by the Plaintiff is an empty gesture, and wholly inadequate to fulfil its mandate.
- 44. Section 17 (4) of the Civil Enforcement Act provides that Additional security may be required
 - (4) The Court shall not grant an attachment order unless the claimant undertakes to pay any damages or indemnity that the Court may subsequently decide should be paid to the defendant or a third person and where the Court grants an attachment order, the Court may require the claimant
 - (a) to give any additional undertaking that the Court considers appropriate, and
 - (b) to provide security in respect of any undertaking.

Tab 3 Civil Enforcement Act RSA 2000 Chapter C-15, section 17 (4)

45. The Court should not allow the Plaintiff to provide such an obviously meaningless undertaking. It is submitted that a bond in the minimum amount of \$2 million should be required.

3. AN ORDER SETTING THE SECURITY FOR COSTS ORDERED BY MASTER SCHLOSSER

46. Master Schlosser's decision of November 10, 2016 also ordered security for costs against the Defendant, to be quantified by a pro forma Bill of Costs.

TAB 20 Prestigious Properties Inc. v. Cold Lake Estates et al, 2016 ABQB 632 at page7 para 30

47. On March 8, 2017 Master Schlosser ordered that the security for costs be paid in stages for steps taken after November 10, 2016, and quantified the first stage, being that 33,750 be paid for all items up to 7 (1) of the pro forma Bill of Costs presented to him. A copy of the form of Order, which attaches the pro forma Bill of Costs, sent to the Plaintiff's counsel but not yet returned, is attached

Tab 21 Unfiled Order of Master W.S. Schlosser, Q.C., March 8, 2017

- 48. Master Schlosser directed that the remaining stages be determined by the Case Management Justice or Case Management Counsel.
- 49. There are now additions the applications and examinations set out in the proforma Bill of Costs

Questioning: Charles Ryan on undertakings May 15, 2017

½ day @ \$1,500

\$1,500

Applications of June 20 and 22, 2017

2 @ 1,500 ea

\$3,000

Questioning of Plaintiff's officer Thomas Beyer

3 full days to be scheduled @ \$3,000/day	\$9,000				
1 full day on undertakings @ \$3,000/day	\$3,000				
Questioning of Charles Ryan					
3 full days to be scheduled @ \$3,000/day	\$9,000				
1 full day on undertakings @ \$3,000/day	\$3,000				
Allowance for transcript disbursement	\$3,000				
	\$31,500				

50. It is submitted the following stages are appropriate

Second stage

The additional \$31,500 detailed above should be payable within 60 days of this application.

Third stage

The final stage, being all steps from item 10(1) on in the pro forma Bill of Costs totalling \$45,500 should be paid by December 31, 2017 when it is anticipated the matter will be ready to set for trial.

PART IV SUMMARY OF RELIEF SOUGHT

- 51. The Applicant Defendants respectfully request:
 - a) An Order vacating the WNPJA Order
 - Alternatively, Order requiring the Plaintiff to provide security for its undertaking to pay damages arising from the granting of the WNPJA Order, such security to be in the amount of no less than \$2 million
 - c) An Order setting the Security for Costs ordered by Master Schlosser against the Plaintiff on March 8, 2017 for all matters after Item 7(1) of these Defendant's Pro Forma Bill of Costs
 - d) Costs

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta this 2nd day of June, A.D. 2017.

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WHEATLEY SADOWNIK

MESTOR MAKUCH

Solicitors for the Defendants

COLD LAKE ESTATES INC., NORTHERN ALBERTA ESTATES INC., THE MULLER RYAN RICHARD DEVELOPMENT

GROUP INC., and CHARLES RYAN

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1 2	WNPJA Order filed April 18, 2016 Order granted May 6, 2016, filed May 18, 2016
3	Civil Enforcement Act RSA 2000 Chapter C-15, sections 17 & 18
4	Transcript of Proceedings before Master Breitkreuz on April 18, 2016
5	Affidavit of Thomas Beyer filed June 9, 2015, Exhibits "M" and "N"
6	Affidavit of Charles Ryan, filed March 24, 2015, Exhibit "E"
7	Email April 14, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Mike Hammerlindl and Scotty Grub
8	Email May 16, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Kenneth Rogers
9	Affidavit of Thomas Beyer filed June 9, 2015, Exhibit "N"
10	Email May 31, 2011 from Chad Willox to Thomas eyer
11	Email June 6, 2011 from Chad Willox to Kenneth Rogers
12	Letter July 14, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Municipal District of Bonnyville
13	Presentation by Prestigious Properties to Joint Council Meeting
14	Email chain April 24, 2012-June 4, 2013 between Thomas Beyer and Craig Copeland
15	Email June 6, 2013 from Thomas Beyer to Ed Rondeau
16	Email April 13, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Charles Ryan
17	Text message April 19, 2011 from Thomas Beyer to Charles Ryan
18	Answers to Thomas Beyer's undertakings 13, 14 & 15
19	De Shazo v. Nations Energy Co. 2005 ABCA 241 Alta. C.A.
20	Prestigious Properties Inc. v. Cold Lake Estates et al, 2016 ABQB 632
21	Unfiled Order of Master W.S. Schlosser, Q.C., March 8, 2017

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PREJUDGMENT ATTACHMENT ORDER

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DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED:

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W. BREITKREUZ, Q.C.

LOCATION WHERE ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED:

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UPON the Application of the Applicant on a without notice basis; AND UPON the Court having received the Undertaking of the Applicant that it has agreed to abide by any Order which this Honourable Court may make as to damages or costs; AND UPON Reading the Affidavit of Trina Jackson, sworn December 1, 2015, the Affidavit of Charles Ryan filed January 19, 2016 (the "Ryan Affidavit") and the Affidavit of Trina Jackson, sworn April 18, 2016 (the "Affidavits"); AND UPON noting that Charles Ryan and Cold Lake Estates transferred title to five properties

to Barbara Ryan prior to the filing of the Ryan Affidavit; AND UPON hearing the submissions of Counsel for the Applicant; IT IS HERBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. A Pre-Judgment Attachment Order shall issue against Cold Lake Estates Inc., Charles Ryan and Barbara Ryan (the "Respondents") in the amount of \$6,535,000.00.
- Pursuant to s. 17(3)(b) of the Civil Enforcement Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. C-15 (the "Act"),
 Charles Ryan and Cold Lake Estates are prohibited from dealing with any of their exigible
 property.
- 3. The Registrar of the North Alberta Land Registration District is hereby directed to immediately and forthwith register this Attachment Order against title to the property currently registered in the name of Barbara Ryan, as described in Schedule "A" to this Order.
- 4. The Registrar of the North Alberta Land Registration District is hereby directed to immediately and forthwith register this Attachment Order against the caveat registered as Instrument No. 112 395 513 regarding a memorandum charging land for \$4,000,000 between Cold Lake Estates and the Applicant, as registered on title to lands described in Schedule "B" to this Order.
- 5. Section 18(3) of the Act is hereby invoked and the within Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court, or upon application to vary or terminate the Order by the Applicant or Respondents on 5 clear days' notice to the affected party (the "Come-Back Application").
- 6. The Come-Back Application shall be without prejudice to the Respondents and shall be a hearing *de novo* of the within Application.

M.C.C.Q.B.A

SCHEDULE "A"

First Title:

MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 4 TOWNSHIP 63

SECTION 28

QUARTER NORTH EAST

CONTAINING 65.2 HECTARES (161 ACRES) MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

HECTARES (ACRES) MORE OR LESS

A) ALL THAT PORTION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE SAID QUARTER SECTION WITH THE SOUTH LIMIT OF ROAD PLAN 1813EU; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LIMIT 268 METRES; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND AT RIGHT ANGLES THERETO 75 METRES; THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LIMIT TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT;

CONTAINING.....

2.01 4.97

A) PLAN 0928332 - ROAD

0.819 2.02

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME

Second Title

MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 26 TOWNSHIP 55

SECTION 6

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER
WHICH WAS COVERED AND NOT COVERED BY ANY OF THE WATERS OF
LAKE NO. 1 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF SURVEY OF THE SAID TOWNSHIP
DATED ON THE 13TH DAY OF MAY A.D. 1907
CONTAINING 65.2 HECTARES (161 ACRES) MORE OR LESS
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

Third Title

THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY FIVE (35) TOWNSHIP SIXTY TWO (62) RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN CONTAINING 64.3 HECTARES (159 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

A) 1.37 HECTARES (3.4 ACRES) MORE OR LESS, TAKEN FOR RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY, AS SHOWN ON RAILWAY PLAN 5030EO

SCHEDULE "A"

B) 0.008 HECTARES (0.02 ACRES) MORE OR LESS AS SHOWN ON ROAD PLAN 5113JY EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME AS SET FORTH IN NOTIFICATION NO. 23226

Fourth Title

MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 2 TOWNSHIP 62 SECTION 26 QUARTER NORTH EAST

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME, AS SET FORTH IN NOTIFICATION NO. 4462 AREA: 64.7 HECTARES (160 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

Fifth Title

THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY SIX (26)
TOWNSHIP SIXTY TWO (62)
RANGE TWO (2)
WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN
CONTAINING 64.7 HECTARES (160 ACRES) MORE OR LESS
EXCEPTING THEREOUT:
2.11 HECTARES (5.22 ACRES) MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ROAD PLAN
2055LZ
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS AND THE RIGHT
TO WORK THE SAME AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 6984HX\

SCHEDULE "B"

Instrument No. 112 395 513 registered on title to the following lands:

THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY FOUR (34) TOWNSHIP SIXTY THREE (63) RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN CONTAINING 65.2 HECTARES (161 ACRES) MORE OR LESS EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

			HECTARES	(ACRES) MORE	OR LESS		
	PLAN 265RS	ROAD	0.081	0.20			
B) .	PLAN 8520379	ROAD	1.074	2,65			
C)	PLAN 9222600	SUBDIVISION	4.305	10.64	,		
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS							
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and

MERIDIAN 4
RANGE 2
TOWNSHIP 63
SECTION 34
QUARTER SOUTH EAST
CONTAINING 64.7 HECTARES (160 ACRES) MORE OR LESS
EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

HECTARES (ACRES) MORE OR LESS
A). PLAN 0925400 SUBDIVISION 4.465 11.03
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

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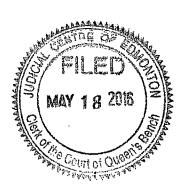
NAME OF MASTER WHO MADE THIS ORDER:

W. Breitkreuz, Q.C.

UPON the application of the Defendants COLD LAKE ESTATES INC. and CHARLES RYAN to set aside the Without Notice Prejudgment Attachment Order granted by Master W. Breitkreuz on April 18, 2016; AND UPON hearing submissions of Counsel for the Defendants COLD LAKE ESTATES INC. and CHARLES RYAN and counsel for the Plaintiff

THE COURT therefore orders as follows:

- The application is adjourned sine die pending the Plaintiff's counsel's cross-examination on the 1. affidavit of Charles Ryan filed April 28, 2016
- 2. The Without Notice Prejudgment Attachment Order granted by Master W. Breitkreuz on April 18, 2016 is amended such that the Prejudgment Attachment Order applies only to the 5 properties currently registered in the name of Barbara Ryan as set out in paragraph 3 of the Order granted and filed April 18, 2016



3. The Registrar of the North Alberta Land Registration District is hereby directed to immediately and forthwith discharge the Attachment Order registered as instrument 162 105 406 against the caveat registered as instrument number 112 139 513 as registered on title to lands described in Schedule "A" to this Order

Costs of today's application shall be in the cause.

Master of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

APPROVED AS BEING THE ORDER GRANTED FIELD LLP

per:

Sandeep K. Dhir, Q.C. Solicitors for the Plaintiff

SCHEDULE "A"

THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY FOUR (34) **TOWNSHIP SIXTY THREE (63)**

RANGE TWO (2)

WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN

CONTAINING 65.2 HECTARES (161 ACRES) MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

HECTARES

A) PLAN 2654RS ROAD

0.081 0.20

B) PLAN 8520379 ROAD

1.074 2.65

C) PLAN 9222600 SUBDIVISION

10.64

4.305 EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME

and

MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 2 TOWNSHIP 63 **SECTION 34 QUARTER**

SOUTH EAST

CONTAINING 64.7 HECTARES (160 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

HECTARES

(ACRES) MORE OR LESS A) PLAN

(ACRES) MORE OR LESS.

0925400 - SUBDIVISION

4.465

11.03

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

Part 3 Prejudgment Relief

Definitions

16 In this Part,

- (a) "claim" means a claim that may result in a money judgment being granted if the claim is established;
- (b) "claimant" means a person asserting a claim;
- (c) "dealing", in reference to property, includes transferring, mortgaging, charging, using, disposing of, creating an interest in or doing anything to the property;
- (d) "defendant" means a person against whom a claim is asserted;
- (e) "exigible property" means property that would be exigible if the defendant were an enforcement debtor;
- (f) "third person" means a person other than a defendant or a claimant.

1994 cC-10.5 s16;1995 c23 s6(4)

Attachment order

- 17(1) A claimant may apply to the Court for an attachment order where
 - (a) the claimant has commenced or is about to commence proceedings in Alberta to establish the claimant's claim, or
 - (b) the claimant has commenced proceedings before a foreign tribunal to establish a claim if
 - a judgment or award of the foreign tribunal could be enforced in Alberta by action or by proceedings under an enactment dealing with the reciprocal enforcement of judgments or awards, and
 - (ii) the defendant appears to have exigible property in Alberta.
- (2) On hearing an application for an attachment order, the Court may, subject to subsection (4), grant the order if the Court is satisfied that
 - (a) there is a reasonable likelihood that the claimant's claim against the defendant will be established, and

- (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing that the defendant is dealing with the defendant's exigible property, or is likely to deal with that property,
 - (i) otherwise than for the purpose of meeting the defendant's reasonable and ordinary business or living expenses, and
 - (ii) in a manner that would be likely to seriously hinder the claimant in the enforcement of a judgment against the defendant.
- (3) In granting an attachment order, the Court may do one or more of the following:
 - (a) direct that the order applies
 - (i) to all or specific exigible property of the defendant, or
 - (ii) to any exigible property to be subsequently identified in writing by a bailiff;
 - (b) prohibit any dealing with exigible property of the defendant;
- (c) impose conditions or restrictions on any dealings with exigible property of the defendant;
- (d) require the defendant or a person who has possession or control of exigible property of the defendant to deliver up the property to a person identified in the order;
- (e) authorize the clerk to issue a garnishee summons;
- (f) appoint a receiver;
- (g) include in the order any term, condition or ancillary provision that the Court considers necessary or desirable.
- (4) The Court shall not grant an attachment order unless the claimant undertakes to pay any damages or indemnity that the Court may subsequently decide should be paid to the defendant or a third person and where the Court grants an attachment order, the Court may require the claimant
 - (a) to give any additional undertaking that the Court considers appropriate, and
 - (b) to provide security in respect of any undertaking.

- (5) When an attachment order is granted, it should be granted in such a manner that it causes as little inconvenience to the defendant as is consistent with achieving the purposes for which the order is granted.
- (6) An attachment order shall not attach property that exceeds an amount or a value that appears to the Court to be necessary to meet the claimant's claim, including interest and costs, and any related writs, unless the Court is of the view that such a limitation would make the operation of the order unworkable or ineffective.
- (7) For the purposes of an order made under subsection (3), the following applies:
 - (a) if the clerk is authorized to issue a garnishee summons, Part 8, with any necessary modification, applies to that garnishment;
 - (b) if a receiver is appointed, Part 9, with any necessary modification, applies in respect of that receivership:
 - (c) if the order is to apply to exigible property to be subsequently identified in writing by a bailiff, the writing shall be considered to be included as a part of the order.
- (8) Any interested person may apply to the Court to vary or terminate an attachment order.

1994 cC-10.5 s17

Ex parte attachment order

- **18**(1) An application for an attachment order may be made exparte.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), an attachment order granted on an exparte application must specify a date, not more than 21 days from the day that the order is granted, on which the order will expire unless the order is extended on an application on notice to the defendant.
- (3) If the Court is satisfied that it would be inappropriate for an attachment order granted on an ex parte application to expire automatically after 21 days, the order may specify a later expiry date or specify that it remains in effect until it terminates in accordance with section 19.
- (4) The Court, on application on notice to the defendant, may direct that an attachment order that was granted on an ex parte application remains in effect until the order terminates in accordance with section 19 or as otherwise directed by the Court.

- (5) If an application under subsection (4) cannot reasonably be heard and determined before the expiry date of the relevant attachment order, the Court may on an ex parte application extend the period of time during which the order remains in force pending the determination of the application.
- (6) When an application on notice to the defendant is made under subsection (4) the following applies:
 - (a) the onus is on the claimant to establish that the attachment order should be continued;
 - (b) the Court shall not continue the attachment order unless the circumstances that exist at the time of hearing the application justify the continued existence of the order;
 - (c) the Court may terminate the order if the Court is satisfied that the claimant failed to make full and fair disclosure of the material information that existed at the time that the claimant made the ex parte application for the attachment order.

1994 cC-10.5 s18

Termination of attachment order

- 19(1) Subject to section 18 and except as otherwise ordered by the Court, an attachment order terminates on whichever of the following occurs first:
 - (a) on the dismissal or discontinuance of the claimant's proceedings;
 - on the 60th day from the day of the entry of a judgment in favour of the claimant.
- (2) The Court may extend the operation of an attachment order beyond the times set out in subsection (1) if it appears just and equitable to do so.

1994 cC-10.5 s19

Provision of alternative security

- 20 If property is under attachment pursuant to an attachment order,
 - (a) the defendant,
- (b) any person claiming an interest in the attached property, or
- (c) the person in whose possession the property was at the time of the attachment.

Action No.: 1603 06360

E-File No.: EVQ16PRESTIGIOUSPROPERTIES

Appeal No.:

IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA JUDICIAL CENTRE OF EDMONTON

BETWEEN:

PRESTIGIOUS PROPERTIES INC.

Plaintiff

and

COLD LAKE ESTATES INC., NORTHERN ALBERTA ESTATES INC., THE MULLER RYAN RICHARD DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC. also known as the MRR DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC., M DOUBLE M ENGINEERING SERVICES INC., CHARLES RYAN, MATTHYS MULLER, ROGER RICHARD and TRI-CITY CAPITAL CORP.

Defendants

PROCEEDINGS

Edmonton, Alberta April 18, 2016

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1 2		Bench of Alberta, Law Courts, Edmonton, Alberta
	April 18, 2016	Morning Session
5 6	,	Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
7	S. K. Dhir, QC	For the Plaintiff
8	(No Appearance)	For the Defendants
	C. Wilde	Court Clerk
11		
	Discussion	
13	MA COURT DE FINANCIA	
	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	Mr. Dhir, you are next.
15	MD DIIID.	
17	MR. DHIR:	Good morning, Master. Thank you.
	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	Warranitada la la Cara C
19	MASTER BREITRREOZ.	You waited a long time for an ex parte.
	MR. DHIR:	Well, as I mentioned, Master previously, my
21	expectation is that the application may tal	
22	expectation is that the application may tal	ac several minutes. 50 1
	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	Yes.
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25	MR. DHIR:	intended to put it at end of the list.
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27	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	You would have been on at 10:38 if was not
28	for this last application.	
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30	MR. DHIR:	Fair enough, Sir. Madam Clerk, there's the
31		. Having regard actually for the last application,
32	Master, in my friend's - my learned friend	d's submissions arose in play.
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	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	We - we will go through this very carefully.
35	C. I. I. M. D.	
	Submissions by Mr. Dhir	
37	MD DIID.	
39	MR. DHIR:	I was going to say, Sir, let me highlight that the
40	application without notice.	n the first line of the preamble identifies it as an
41	approacion without notice.	
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1 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Yes. 2 3 MR. DHIR: As it relates to the undertaking of is required from my client for a prejudgment attachment order, you will find, Sir, in the affidavit that 4 5 I submit that we have the appropriate undertaking. So --6 7 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Okay. 8 9 MR. DHIR: -- at least those two issues, are addressed. So, let me take you through the application, Sir. As you may have gathered, this is an 10 application for a prejudgment attachment order. I can advise you, Sir, as you see the 11 form of order in front of you that all of the parties identified in the form of order are 12 represented by counsel currently and this is an ongoing action. 13 14 15 Starting with the respondent, Cold Lake Estates or the defendant Cold Lake Estate, and 16 then the individual Charles Ryan, Northern Alberta Estates Inc., the Muller Ryan Richard Development Group. also known as MRR are all represented by Mr. Makuch my friend at 17 18 the Wheatley Sadownik firm. M Double M Engineering Services Inc and Matthys Muller 19 are represented by Mr. - well currently they're represented by, Mr. McAllister at the McAllister LLP firm. They are not a respondent to this application. The effect of the 20 order that we're seeking would not affect - apply to them. Finally, Mr. Roger Richard is 21 22 represented by Mr. Liam Kelly at the Witten law firm. And again similarly, Sir, the nature of the application and the order and the relief that I'm seeking does not apply to 23 24 Mr. Richard and Mr. Kelly's clients. 25 So, really we're after, Cold Lake Estates Inc and Mr. Charles Ryan and so we are here 26 without notice to Mr. Ryan or his counsel and his company is Cold Lake Estate Inc. 27 28 Tri-City Capital, Sir, you will note is named as a defendant and I'll provide a background 29 there in a moment. But they are really no longer party to the action and I'll get into sort 30 of the issues there. 31 32 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Can - can I see your affidavit? 33 34 MR. DHIR: Yes, Sir. Sir, I'm relying on three affidavits. Affidavit filed December 1, 2015, by Ms. Jackson, a paralegal in our office, which sets 35 36 out, what I call an administrative affidavit, all the procedural steps. I'll be referring you to Mr. Ryan's affidavit that was tendered on January the 19th of this year 2016. And Sir, 37 I have an affidavit sworn this morning by Ms. Jackson which I undertake the file which 38

41 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

39 40 provides you further update on the information that I'm putting before you.

1 2 MR. DHIR: Sir, so as I indicated, this is an application 3 pursuant to sections 17 and more particularly section 18 of the Civil Enforcement Act. It seeks prejudgment attachment relief. The grounds of the application, Sir, come straight 4 out of the provisions of the legislation that the plaintiff has a reasonable case and is likely to be successful at trial. That the respondents in this case are dealing with these exigible 7 assets outside of ordinary course of business that would seriously hinder the plaintiff's ability to enforce a judgment when successful at trial. 8 **10 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Are there assets besides land referred to? 11 12 MR. DHIR: In the affidavit, Sir, there is references to writs 13 and liens but that is all - but as part of the original sort of affidavit --14 15 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Okay. 16 17 MR. DHIR: --but no. We're only seeking to attach against 18 land. 19 **20 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Okay. 21 22 MR. DHIR: So Sir, by way of background in November of 2014, a statement of claim was issued by Prestigious. Prestigious is our client, the 23 applicant before you today. It was issued in Calgary by one of my business partners and 24 it arises out of a contract for purchase of land, Sir. The contract for purchase of land, the 25 lands are situate in the municipal district of Bonnyville just outside of the city of Cold 26 27 Lake. The contract --28 29 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Is Cold Lake - Cold Lake is a city? 30 31 MR. DHIR: Yes. 32 **33 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Oh okay. 34 35 MR. DHIR: As I've become altogether too aware, Sir, as I've been reviewing a number of minutes from various development appeal reviews --36 37 38 MASTER BREITKREUZ: I see. 39 40 MR. DHIR: -- by the City of Cold Lake as it says --41

1 MASTER BREITKREUZ: I see. 3 MR. DHIR: -- on its letterhead. Sir, the contract stipulated the purchase of these lands and they are described in schedule B of the form of order that's before you if you want to see the legal description. 7 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Yes. 8 9 MR. DHIR: The contract stipulated an \$8 million purchase price. One million on deposit, one million on execution, two many - two million to be 10 11 paid on June 30th of 2015. 12 13 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Is that the closing date? 14 15 MR. DHIR: No Sir. The closing date was a year earlier. 16 17 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Okay. 18 19 MR. DHIR: So, that was when the second million became 20 due and owing. Two million at June 30th. So there was - and there was a vendor take 21 back mortgage registered in favour of that \$2 million charge. 22. 23 MASTER BREITKREUZ: M-hm. 24 25 MR. DHIR: The final four million, Sir, would be paid as the 26 land was developed into individual residential lots --27 28 MASTER BREITKREUZ: M-hm. 29 30 MR. DHIR: -- and subsequently sold and there was a specific amount that was attributed to each sale that would occur. 31 32 33 MASTER BREITKREUZ: And these would come out of mortgage draws? 34 35 MR. DHIR: That's right. So, as - as our client developed the property and sold each lot to an induveg - individual purchaser, from the purchase 36 37 price was agreed to a certain sum of that purchase price would be payable to the initial 38 seller of the lands which was Cold Lake Estates --39 **40 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** M-hm. 41

1 MR. DHIR: -- Inc. That is a respondent to this party. So, that is the - that was the nature of the contract, Sir. The crux of the dispute as between the parties is as follows. What was the nature of the service requirements that were in 3 place between the municipality of Bonnyville and the city of Cold Lake? If it was a low level water retric - reticulation service system, and Sir, I've learned a lot more about 5 6 water servicing --7 8 MASTER BREITKREUZ: M-hm. 10 MR. DHIR: -- than I ever wanted. Then the price was as it was set to be and that was what was understood by the purchaser. If it was up to a full 11 municipal standard the difference in servicing was in the range of about \$5.7 million. 12 13 14 Our client says their understanding was that the reticulation system servicing standard was the one that was going to apply. They rely on the area service plan that was developed 15 by Cold Lake Estates, the respondent and seller of the property for that assertion and 16 17 various other statements and documents that are already in evidence before the Court in 18 various affidavits. That's the crux of the dispute. The value of the servicing is the 19 dispute. Now --20 21 MASTER BREITKREUZ: So, are you concerned that the - that the sale of 22 some of the properties would compromise your position? 23 24 MR. DHIR: No Sir. We are the owners of the property legally on title. The property that we're talking about, subject to the contract --25 26 27 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Yes. 28 29 MR. DHIR: are in fact in the name of our client. 30 Prestigious Properties Inc. 31 32 MASTER BREITKREUZ: You - you are the purchasers under this deal? 33 34 MR. DHIR: That's right. 35 36 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Okay. 37 38 MR. DHIR: And, we own the land now or we - subject to 39 these various encumbrancers registered the VTB and the \$4 million charge. 40 41 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Yes. You are the registered owners.

2 MR. DHIR:

Yes, Sir.

4 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

Okay.

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So, that's the crux of the dispute. Now, the matter was transferred to Edmonton, as it was appropriate, the parties are in northern - northern central Alberta and the action while it was commenced in Calgary and Prestigious is based in Calgary, the defendants are all based either in Edmonton or Bonnyville. So, it was transferred to Edmonton and I took carriage of the matter.

Upon review of the pleadings and this is by way of procedural background, Master, it became clear to us that while allegations of fraud were being made in the initial statement of claim that was issued out of our Calgary office, it sought to pierce the corporate veil and name Mr. Ryan, who is the respondent today, but also the other two directors of his company, Mr. Muller and Mr. Richard, that while fraud had been plead in the piercing occurred or attempted to be occurred, the pleadings were deficient as relates to the case law as relates to the nature of the particularity of fraud that must be plead to - to be able to seek to pierce the veil.

 Consequently, I sought to amend the statement of claim and gave notice to my friends at that time, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Makuch, of my intentions. They did not perceive our amendments as being procedural in matur - nature and indicated they insisted it go to a special chambers. Master, you'll appreciate that in the last couple of years getting a special chambers date is quite a process and so we are in a holding pattern. And that's where - with matters would have stood except that Cold Lake Estates, Mr. Ryan's clien - company, Mr. Makuch's client, choose last September to issue a new statement of claim, naming Prestigious for the failure to pay on the contract terms, the outstanding amounts, the first two million. But also named two sister corporations of Prestigious, subsidiary corporations held by Prestigious.

The implication of that, Master, as you'll appreciate from a procedural perspective was that I was able to file a defence but also file a counterclaim. The counterclaim that I filed on behalf of my client, Prestigious, was in the form of the amended pleading that I had been seeking to amend the original statement of claim with. And I served that on all of my friends. They filed defences. We've exchanged affidavit of records in both actions, the original action from Calgary, and the new action commenced by Mr. Ryan's company where we've issued a counterclaim. And so, the pleading are whole.

Just to complicate matters slightly more, Sir, you'll notice I mentioned Tri-City. That \$2 million vendor take back mortgage had not been paid by my client. My client had

1 applications pending as relates to seeking set off against that amount or pending final 2 adjudication of the merits of the action. The theory being that an equity it didn't make sense for it have to pay \$2 million further, pursuant to the terms of the contract, if in fact 3 4 a court ultimately found judgment in damages in the amount of \$5.7 million. 5 **6 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Yes. 8 MR. DHIR: Mr. Ryan and Cold Lake Estates assigned that 9 mortgage without notice to our client and in fairness I say that the contract didn't require that they give notice of an assignment. So, it's not that we're suggesting it was illegal in 10 the terms of the contract but rather it was still done without notice. To Tri-City whom we 11 12 understand to be a bona fide third party lender based out of British Columbia. The full \$2 million mortgage was transferred - assigned to Tri-City but Tri-City's claim was only 13 14 for \$620,000. That was the amount they had lent to Mr. Ryan slash Cold Lake Estates.

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16 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

What - what development is on the property?

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18 MR. DHIR:

It is undeveloped, Sir. We haven't because the

issue of services has become significant from an economic perspective.

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21 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

That has bogged everything down?.

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23 MR. DHIR:

No - no pun intended, yes. So, Tri-City's claim

was for 620. Master, this'd be - this is where these affidavits begin to come into play. In - on November the 4th, Mr. Ryan fi - swore an affidavit in support of a security for cost application. And he filed his application on the 5th. In response Sir, we filed our own cross application for security for cost and I appreciate I'm using a generic term of cross

28 application. We filed our own application --

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30 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

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-- for security for cost. And in support of that

33 application we tendered the December affidavit of Ms. Jackson. It's in - it's the one 34

that's bound, Sir, under clear cover and it filed December 1.

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38 MR. DHIR:

In that app - in that affidavit Ms. Jackson gave

the following evidence in general terms, Sir. That there were writs that's outstanding as

against Cold Lake Estates, as against Northern Alberta - Northern Alberta Estates Inc. and

so forth, arsing out of a number of other property actions involving Cold Lake Estates,

1 Northern Alberta Estates, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Richard and Mr. Muller. That there were liens 2 attached as against various properties and assets that appeared to otherwise be in the 3 ownership of these corporate defendants/respondents. And that there was land owned by Cold Lake Estates and or Mr. Ryan but that they had significant mortgages attached to them and that based on the tax roll there appeared to be little or no equity in the property. 6 That affidavit, Sir, is filed and sworn on December the 1st. **8 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Were they - were these liens supported by some 9 sort of improvements? 10 11 MR. DHIR: I'm sorry, Sir? 12 13 MASTER BREITKREUZ: The - were the liens supported by some kind of 14 improvements? 15 16 MR. DHIR: Well, and in fact Mr. Ryan's affidavit which is 17 before you and it's sworn on the 18th of January, and I believe filed on the 19th of 18 January this year addresses those questions. He says the writs are all paid and that in -19 that in most instances the writs were registered at PPR in error by counsel when payment had been made. Whether that's true or not, Sir, the writs desp - dispensed with. The 20 21 liens he characterizes as being in the usual course of business he gives an example of 22 Brandt Tractor filing a lien to protect its interest as relates to the use of equipment and 23 again I won't get into merits of it, that's his comment. 24 25 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Yes. 26 27 MR. DHIR: And as it relates to the mortgages, 28 specifically at paragraph 7 of his affidavit and as it relates to lands in questions, specially 29 says, you shouldn't rely on tax rolls, they're not accurate. Here's appraisals and he attaches appraisals for all of the lands in question, gives updated figures as relates to the 30 31 mortgages. Deposes that all mortgages are up to date that there is no arrears and obviously says, look as a consequence there's significant more equity then you might have 32 33 - than you've set out in your affidavit of December 1 based on appraised value versus 34 mortgage. 35 **36 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Yes. 37

38 MR. DHIR:

That's his affidavit. And it's sworn on January

- 39 the 18th and is before you. Now, here's the critical piece as relates to this application.
- We've adjourned by the way the security for cost applications, the two cross applications.
- Since, the -just by way of pro procedural background, I appeared before your brother,

1 Master Schlosser and obtained an order for consolidation. So, the first action out of Calgary, the counterclaim action, if I can refer to it that way, had been consolidated in. 2

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Similarly, the Tri-City separate distinct lawsuit for foreclosure for 620,000 has been consolidated in to this action this - and that's the file num or the court file number that's on the order before you and Tri-City by the way has been paid by us. Just to simplify matters we paid out Tri-City.

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Because they appeared to be bona fide, in the sense that they didn't have notice of any of the issues as it relates to the land. And so, while we think there's some jiggery pokery on behalf of Mr. Ryan in assigning the mortgage in the face of our lawsuits, at the time that it was done there was not much we could do about. We've now subsequently registered to give notice to parties that there is disputes as relates even to the caveat interests that are registered on title. So that's where that process sought - sat.

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As relates to the security for cost application and sorry Master Schlosser granted that order on February the 26th of this year. As it relates to the security for cost application we appeared before your sister Master Schulz on December the 5th, the Friday of last year with the cross applications. We took the position that they should be adjourned in into a special and especially until the issue of consolidation is dealt with. Your sister master directed that the matters would be adjourned to a special if consolidation was ultimately granted and if it wasn't then she might be willing hear the matter or a master could hear it in morning chambers on the strict abonition that it be actually under 20 minutes. As it turns out --

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Good luck.

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As it turns out, Master, that - that second part of her direction became mute because consolidation was granted and so the security for cost actions at this point are applications the cross applications sit extant.

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35 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

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37 MR. DHIR: So, we're here today, Sir, on the following basis. Remember I said to you that Mr. Ryan swore his affidavit in opposition to our security for cost application and as relates to the representations the evidence we had placed before the Court on the value of five pieces of property. On December 23rd of 2015, Mr. Ryan effected a transfer as follows. Two properties that were in Mr. Ryan's

name and again, Sir, if you look at schedule A, I've broken out the properties and the full 1 2 legal description. But, if I can shorthand that as the Ryan properties, he transferred to

Barbara Ryan whom we understand to be his wife. Three Cold Lake properties, so owned

4 by Cold Lake, he transferred to Barbara Ryan. And, he gives val - and there - we've

attached to Ms. Jacksons affidavit which I said I've undertaken to file later today, the aff -

6 the instruments where - showing the registration and transfer and evaluations that were

given and the representation that Ms. Ryan paid cash. And, we're talking significant

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12 MR. DHIR:

In some cases several hundred thousand for one

13 property, 1.6 million for another and so forth. The representation is that she's paid cash

14 in consideration for these properties to be transferred solely into her name. She is not a

party to the lawsuit that's before you today the action.

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17 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

And no - and no fraudulent preference action.

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20 MR. DHIR:

And certainly no fraudulent preference action

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land title certificates evidencing what I'm describing from la - late last week, from Friday.

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application today.

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So, the timeline to though, Sir, is incredibly critical. Mr. Ryan provides a fairly dismissive affidavit that's before you on January the 18th providing explanations for all of these different things. Paragraph 7 of his affidavit is the critical one, Sir, because it speaks to the issue of the land. And as you'll see, he'd explains why the land has got more equity that we might have addressed and he specifically says in addressing the Field paralegal's affidavit and then he goes on to explain why he believes the value of the land is significantly higher. That affidavit is sworn, as I say, January of this year, the 18th.

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However, what he fails to disclose in that affidavit, Master, is that he's already transferred

five of those properties to his wife on December the 23rd. Thereby putting them out of

36 his control --

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-- or his company's control and therefore taking

41 those assets regardless of what their value is, whether it's notional or greater, as he

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4 5	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	Who is Bob Ryan?
	MR. DHIR:	Sorry?
8 9	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	Who is Bob Ryan?
10 11	MR. DHIR:	I don't know, Sir.
12 13 14 15	MASTER BREITKREUZ: Ryan says, I am the one that is 1.870 m Bob Ryan says 1.215 million.	You - the - there is penciled in the margin, Bob illions, it is in - in the margin and pencil it says
	MR. DHIR: handwriting. It's Barb, those - that's marg	Sorry Sir, yes. I think that's just my poor gined in.
19 20	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	Oh Barb, sorry, sorry.
21 22	MR. DHIR:	That marginali, Master, is mine.
23 24	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	Okay. Now it makes sense.
25 26 27	MR. DHIR: that's not part of the evidence before you	And I'm noting and sorry that is my marginalia,
28 29	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	No. I realize that.
30 31 32	MR. DHIR: swears in the affidavit transfers.	But the marginalia tells you that that's what she
33 34	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	M-hm.
35 36 37	MR. DHIR: worth 1.2 in the transfer.	So, while he says it's worth 1.8, she says it's
	MASTER BREITKREUZ: she is down from 1.385 to \$435,000.	Yes. Wow but the - but on the next number 2,
	MR. DHIR:	Yes, Sir.

1 2 MASTER BREITKREUZ: That is a quarter --3 4 MR. DHIR: Yes, Sir. 5 **6 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** -- a third. 8 MR. DHIR: Well ---9 10 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Okay. Okay. 11 12 MR. DHIR: I mean, Sir, I can - not that they should be in 13 anyway and again be mindful of the discussions that you had previously, argue as that the 14 amounts put in Mr. Ryan's affidavit were inflated and we'd already advised Mr. Makuch 15 that we intended to cross. That said, our - what we learned with regards to the title 16 searches that we pulled recently, has sort of expedited the concerns that we have 17 notwithstanding the status of the security cost applications which are pending the cross-examinations on the various affidavits. 18 19 **20 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** So, are there other Ryan properties that are in 21 jeopardy? 22 23 MR. DHIR: So Sir, there's two other properties that were 24 held by Mr. Ryan that he transferred to other parties, as Ms. Jackson's affidavit of today's 25 date tells you. One of them was transferred to a numbered company that we do not - that 26 we've not been able to identify as being a party in these lawsuits. It appears to be arm's 27 length. So, we tell you that in our affidavit but we don't - we're not trying to attach 28 against the particular transfer because we had no basis at this point to say to the Court 29 that it's not a bona fide transaction in the usual course of business. Although, I have my 30 doubts. 31 32 Similarly, a second property owned by Ryan has been transferred to a company called 33 LMH Holdings and again the same comment, Sir, we don't from the review of corporate 34 registry searches, we don't know who these parties are. On the face, it appears to be a 35 bona fide transaction. I have my questions but --36 37 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Well it, maybe bona fide except the timing is 38 suspicious. 39 40 MR. DHIR: Exactly Sir. But - having regard for the nature

of test and it's under section 17, if I was here on notice never mind that I'm here ex parte

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I'm not seeking to attach against that - those properties that have been transferred by 1 2 Mr. Ryan.

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Similarly Sir, as it relates to - there's another property owned by Cold Lake Estates that was transferred to a different numbered company. And this one's important Sir. Well sorry, and again same comment, I - it appears bona fide. We don't recognize the shareholders and directors of the company and again I'm not - I can't say to this Court and nor can I put affidavit evidence before this Court where somebody with positively assert that that is an unfair or unbona fide transaction and so we're not seeking to attach against that property.

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Now, if I can Master, the second part of the relief, I'm seeking before you today, is a form of order as relates to that what I call the Tri-City mortgage. You'll recall there's a \$2 million VTB that Mr. Ryan slash Cold Lake transferred to Tri-City, 620 was what they claimed. We paid 660 with interest and costs to pay that mortgage off in the face of a foreclosure action and at the same time consolidated the Tri-City action in to the present pleadings that are before you. So roughly 1.3 million owing on that VTB.

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On Janu - the affidavit of Ms. Jackson discloses to you that in middle of January, Mr. Ryan arranged through Tri-City to have the balance of that mortgage assigned to a new numbered company. The new numbered company has issued a statement of claim for foreclosure.

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We're still waiting on the amounts it claims. I've had conversations with counsel, it's Mr. Thorlakson at the Miller Thomson firm who acts for the numbered company. I've actually asked him for the information one would expect in the affidavit of default. What's the amount of the loan? When did the debt arise? Is there written contract and so on and so forth. As of today's date, Sir, I've not yet heard back from him. I've - we've agreed that I won't file a defence until I do hear back from him. It was well over 40 days ago that we had that conversation. So --

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34 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

So, you have got a stay agreement?

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36 MR. DHIR:

We have an agreement as between counsel that

37 I - he won't take any further steps until he provides that information.

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39 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

Okay.

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And, I've got a letter exchange with him to that

effect, Sir. What I - the reason I highlight that transaction though is this, the second part of the order that's before you - so the first part of the order, Sir, directs a prejudgment attachment order as against Cold Lake Estates, Charles Ryan, and Barbara Ryan, in the amount of 6.535 million and I'll get you - I'll explain the number to you in a moment. And it directs the registrar at paragraph 3 to attach the attachment order against the lands described in schedule A.

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Paragraph 2 or - directs Mr. Ryan and Cold Lake from dealing with any other asijdual (phonetic) property, insofar as there is any. But paragraph 4, Sir, directs the registrar to direct and immediately register this attachment order against the caveat registered as instrument number and it details the number, regarding a memorandum charging land for four million. Now, remember what I said to you, Master, that they're the last piece of the contract was that the \$4 million memorandum that would be paid as each individual lot was developed and sold.

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18 MR. DHIR: Based on Mr. Ryan's conduct to date in transferring first the \$2 million mortgage to Tri-City to get us to have to pay a debt that he otherwise owed. And now his subsequent transfer of that Tri-City mortgage, if I can call it that, to this new numbered company represented by Mr. Thorlakson. And we have considerable concern that the \$4 million memorandum charging land will be similarly used to get around what is now been the equitable stay on our client's requirement to pay on the terms of the contract. And so, we're asking for an order that would charge against that particular caveat or that registration.

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Now Sir, having regard to the ex parte nature of the application. Paragraph 5 invokes section 18.3 and waives the statutory 21 day subset sunset clause. Contrary to the replevin rules, as you'll appreciate Sir, 18.3 or (3) specifically contemplates your ability to waive. So, it's not in your discretion, it is statutorily given to you as a discretionary remedy. So, I don't think we have any concerns as you had with my learned friend and Ms. Little a few moments ago.

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34 MASTER BREITKREUZ:

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36 MR. DHIR: Finally Sir, you'll note the language of the end of paragraph 5 and paragraph 6. I define the ability of the respondents Ryans to reappear 37 in court on 5e days' notice which is the minimum notice required by the Rules of Court. 38 39 I would define that as the comeback application. I note that the comeback application 40 shall be without prejudice to the respondents and shall be a hearing de novo. And, what I was trying to capture, Sir, was that I would bear the onus on any comeback application to

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1 satisfy the Court that I met the test and the requirement under section 17 and the grounds 2 that I've relied upon in making the application today. 3 **4 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** It means substantially you have to reapply. 5 6 MR. DHIR: That's right, Sir. So, if for some reason I've in some error I've made some error in my submissions, if I misapprehended the evidence before you or indeed there are additional explanations that can be provided by Charles and 8 9 Barbara Ryan that satisfy the Court --10 11 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Yes. 12 13 MR. DHIR: -- that the transactions were bona fide and not 14 within the test set out in section 17, they would be successful, I would be a penalty on cost, of course, for having unsuccessfully pursued this matter through that comeback 15 process and there would be no prejudice to the defendants. Now --16 17 **18 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** But here is a real procedure of problems. 19 20 MR. DHIR: Sir. 21 22 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Five days' notice is - is useless when we are 23 booking specials 6 months away. 24 25 MR. DHIR: Agreed, Sir. 26 27 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Because this, I mean, the comeback wouldn't -28 would not be a form in your application. The - the other possibility is this, with five 29 masters and two always sitting in chambers and another one always available for the 30 outlying points, McMur - McMurray, Grand Prairie, and Peace River and Wetaskiwin. 31 There is usually one available to hear something on fairly short notice. But the other 32 questions is this. Have you talked about getting a case management judge involved? 33 34 MR. DHIR: Yes Master. And thank you for that. So, if I 35 can - I'll answer your questions in rever - or in the order that you posed them in inquiry. 36 37 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Sure. 38 39 MR. DHIR: As it relates to the 5 day comeback clause, I 40 take your point. If my friend on behalf of Barbara Ryan and or Charles Ryan, suggests 41 that some type of exigency, ie: Barbara Ryan now wants to sell the property and our

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       opportunity to utilize the commercial list which is much quicker to address the matter if
       necessary or alternatively, Sir, as you've described. I know Master Schlosser on this vey
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       would take more than 20 minutes, the consolidation application --
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13 MR. DHIR:
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       that it requiring a briefs and a special, agreed to hear us at the end of his list.
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      probably address those concerns if they arise.
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      Mr. is it Mr. Makuch, who acts for the Ryans?
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      the money in case any of the properties are sold.
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      literally are using this to protect the client interest. So, if my friend, Mr. Makuch, says
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      I've got a sale pending, we'll post it into court, will you remove the attachment order, the
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      answer, would of course be yes, because that replaces the need of the detachment order as
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1 2 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Money - money is always better than an order. 3 4 MR. DHIR: That's right. And Sir, that simple application, 5 Mr. Makuch could bring in under 20 minutes if I was being unreasonable. Which I trust 6 the Court appreciates I wouldn't be. 7 8 Now, Sir, as relates to the case management inquiry. When we were still fighting over 9 the amendments and I thought my friends' were being tactical in their opposition to what I perceive to be fairly innocuous amendments that - that gave clarity to the pleadings. We 10 11 did write to the Associate Chief Justice and asked for the appointment of the case 12 manager. His Lordship advised the parties that at that stage based on representations from 13 my friends that it was not necessary. They opposed an appointment with a case manager, 14 and because of the shortage of judicial resources. 15 16 MASTER BREITKREUZ: Yes. 17 18 MR. DHIR: He was willing to hear the one off matter as 19 related to the amendment issue and thereafter depending on sort of the disposition of that 20 hearing revisit the issue of a consol - of a case manager. But, as I say, Sir, before we had 21 to pull the trigger on writing back to His Lordship, to say we will take him up on his 22 generous offer, my friend issued a statement of claim that allowed me to file a 23 counterclaim that dealt with the issue of amendments. 24 25 Order 26 **27 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Yes. The problem and when you do not have a 28 case manager is that you want - do you need five Masters involved. That - you know and 29 every Master you have talked to after the first one is going to be ticked off because he is 30 going to say, why isn't so and so hearing this he is already familiar with it. Okay. I will 31 sign your - are there anything else I need to know? 32 33 MR. DHIR: I - one other comment, Sir, just because I think 34 in my shorthand I may have made a representation to the Court that is unwholy accurate. Charles Ryan and Cold Lake Estates are represented by Mr. Mukuch. Barbara Ryan not 35 being a party to this lawsuit is not at this stage represented by anybody. 36 37 **38 MASTER BREITKREUZ:** Okay. 39 40 MR. DHIR: The effective service, Sir, will be as follows as

- is my representation to you. I will obviously serve Mr. Ku - Mukuch and Mr. Kelly and

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2	others whether they're - whether it's relevant to them or not by way of regular service through counsel. As it relates to Barbara Ryan, I will invite Mr. Mukuch to confirm whether or not he can accept on her behalf or whether I need to affect personal service. In which case I will serve her personally.		
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15	Thank you.		
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22	MASTER BREITKREUZ:	No, no.	
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CITY OF COLD LAKE 5513 - 48 AVENUE, CITY OF COLD LAKE, AB T9M 1A1

ATTENTION:

INFRASTRUCTURE SELECTION OF THE BOB KITCHEN General Management

General Manager Valley Manager
Planning Manager

Barrister & Solicitor

KEN ROGERS AMJAD KAHN

Planning Manager Engineering Manager

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ON EAST 1/2 34-63-02-W4 (HILLS OF COLD LAKE)

Your communication of January 14, 2011 with regard to our Memorandum of the Informal Meeting held on November 19, 2010 has reference.

- 1 We submit that the memorandum is an accurate record of the discussions held in the office of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services. The correct spelling of the names is noted.
- 2 The comments contained in the City of Cold Lake letter are accepted as post-facto comments and information regarding the proposed development of E 34-63-02-W4M.
- It is noted that while the IDP indicates that the land use is changed from "Direct Control" to "Estate Residential Policy Area" as noted by yourself, the MD designation is "Country Residential Estate District CR3". The lot sizes for the development are to be 0.5 acres or less, with a range of permitted and discretionary uses.
- The servicing of the proposed subdivision with municipal water and sewer has been the subject of discussions with both the MD of Bonnyville and the City of Cold Lake during a number of meetings since 2006. The standard of servicing has been referred to as a "trickle water supply system and a small diameter low pressure sewer reticulation system" during all the various discussions held with the authoritive officials. This is also set out in the Area Structure Plan prepared for the subdivision which has been circulated for comment. The City now requires that the subdivision is to be serviced to "full municipal standards" as set out in the Intermunicipal Development Plan

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as regards the sewer and water reticulation systems, including the provision for hydrants and fire flow capacity. In this regard, reference is made to the contents of clause 1.3, page 2, which inter alia states:

"1.3 ENACTMENT ----It is intended that policies in the IDP Bylaw not be applied retroactively to subdivisions and / or development applications already in progress."

It is further noted that the subdivision application have been in progress since 2006. This matter has been referred to the Developer for his attention and further resolution, as it falls outside the scope of our engineering commission.

We trust that the finalization of the servicing standards required for the subdivision, the establishment of an intermunicipal servicing plan between the MD and the City for this subdivision development and specifically for the first phase construction of some 33 lots in particular as well as the identifying of the upgrades and financial implications of the required augmentation of the existing municipal infrastructure by the City can be put in hand and expedited so as to allow the development of the proposed subdivision to proceed.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Matty Muller P. Eng.

M Double M Engineering Services Inc.

CC John Foy, Director of Planning and Development, MD of Bonnyville C Ryan, R Richard, Northern Alberta Estates Inc, Project Manager



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M Double M Engineering Services Inc. P.O. Box 5380 Bonnyville, AB **T9N 2G5**

Attn: Matthys Muller, P. Eng.

Dear Mr. Muller:

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ON EAST ½ 34-63-02-W4 RE:

HILLS OF COLD LAKE

Minutes of 2011 March 15 Meeting

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully.

CC

R.B. Kitchen, P.Eng. General Manager Infrastructure Services City of Cold Lake

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The undersigned acknowledges that;

- 1. The attached letter dated October 22, 2010 from the Municipal District of Bonnyville No.87 with file reference No. 2010-5-39 RE: "Proposed subdivision of the E ½ 34-63-2-W4 (Phase 1)" satisfies the warranty and representation of article 6.1(b) in the Prestigious Properties Inc.
- 2 Where reference to (Prism) A is made Prestigious Investments & Management (Prism) A Inc. is inferred.

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This is Exhibit _______ referred to in the Affidavit of ______ Search before me this _______ day of _______ A.D., 20 ______ A.D., 20 ______ A.D., 20 ______ in and for the Province of ALBERTIA

NESTOR MAKUCH LAWYER NOTARY PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER IN AND FOR THE PROVINCE OF ALLESTA

712, 743 Pailly Ave Carmon, AB TIW 1P2



October 22, 2010

File No. 2010-S-39 "Refer to attached conditions of approval"

Mattys Muller Box 5380 Bonnyville, AB T9N 5H1

Dear Mr. Muller:

RE: PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF East ½ of 34-63-2-W4M(Phase 1)

Your subdivision application was conditionally approved on October 12, 2010. This decision may be appealed within nineteen (19) days of the mailing of this letter. Appeals will be accepted from the registered owner(s)/agent or from the referral agencies listed below by submitting a written notice to the appeal body as specified within the body of the Notes Section. Subdivision approvals are valid for one (1) year.

The attached conditions of approval must be provided to your surveyor of choice to ensure that the subdivision plan is prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor in a manner satisfactory to the Land Titles Office (10365 - 97 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7, Phone 427-2742). Documents for registration at Land Titles cannot be endorsed by this office until the appeal period has lapsed and attached conditions have been met.

The Municipal District will make contact and set up an appointment once the endorsement documents have been completed by this office. An outstanding endorsement fee of one Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars plus GST for each lot to be registered (excluding reserve and utility lots) payable to the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 will be required will be required at that time.

Please contact me for any clarification.

Regards,

Caroline Palmer
Development Officer II
Subdivision Authority Officer

CC;

Northern Lights School Division

Cold Lake Alberta Health Services

ATCO Electric

PERCE

Cold Lake First Nations

Lakeland Catholic School Division

Telus Communications Inc.

North East Gas
City of Cold Lake

Cold Lake Est./D Robinson & Assoc.



File No. 2010-S-39 Approved subject to the following conditions:

That this application for subdivision be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

- Pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, and Section 3.2(1) of the Municipal Development Plan, that the developer enter into a development agreement with and to the satisfaction of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 to include but not be limited to the provision of access to the parcel being created and the remnant parcel;
- Pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) that all lots shall be serviced with City of Cold Lake water and sewer with the City's approval. The developer shall be responsible for the design and construction of the water and sewer to City of Cold Lake's standards including upgrades to the City's system.
- Pursuant to Section 81 of the Land Titles Act, that the subdivision be registered by way of Plan of Survey;
- 4. Pursuant to Section 669 of the Municipal Government Act, that Municipal Reserves be dedicated as outlined in the Hills of Cold Lake Area Structure Plan and as shown on the tentative plan of subdivision, to the satisfaction of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87. All reserves owing not dedicated in land as part of Phase I shall be deferred to the remnant parcel through the registration of a Deferred Reserve Caveat;
- Pursuant to Section 655(1) of the Municipal Government Act, that the developer register utility easement rights-of-way as per the requirements of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 and/or Utility Companies concurrent with, or prior to, registration of the subdivision Plan of Survey;
- 6. Pursuant to Section 662(1) of the Municipal Government Act, that the owner/developer dedicate to the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, a 5.18 meter (17 feet) wide strip of land for road widening along the entire frontage of the east side of the proposed parcels and remnant of the E1/2 34-63-2-W4M;
- 7. Pursuant to Section 655(1)(a) that the storm water retention & outlet shall be approved by Alberta Environment.
- Pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act, that all outstanding property taxes be paid.

NOTE:

- 1. To avoid unnecessary complications, you are advised that no work should commence, on the proposal prior to endorsement of the registrable instrument and without prior consultation with the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87.
- 2. Prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan, construction and/or upgrading of all external roads, internal roads, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the proposed parcels to are to be provided at the developer's expense and to the specifications and satisfaction of the MD of Bonnyville No. 87 The development agreement will also require an open space plan acceptable to the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 outlining all landscaping details to be

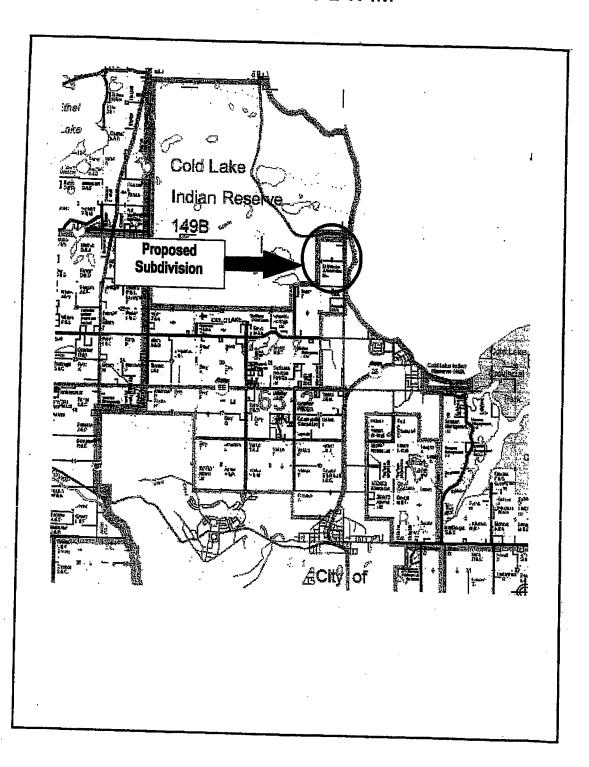


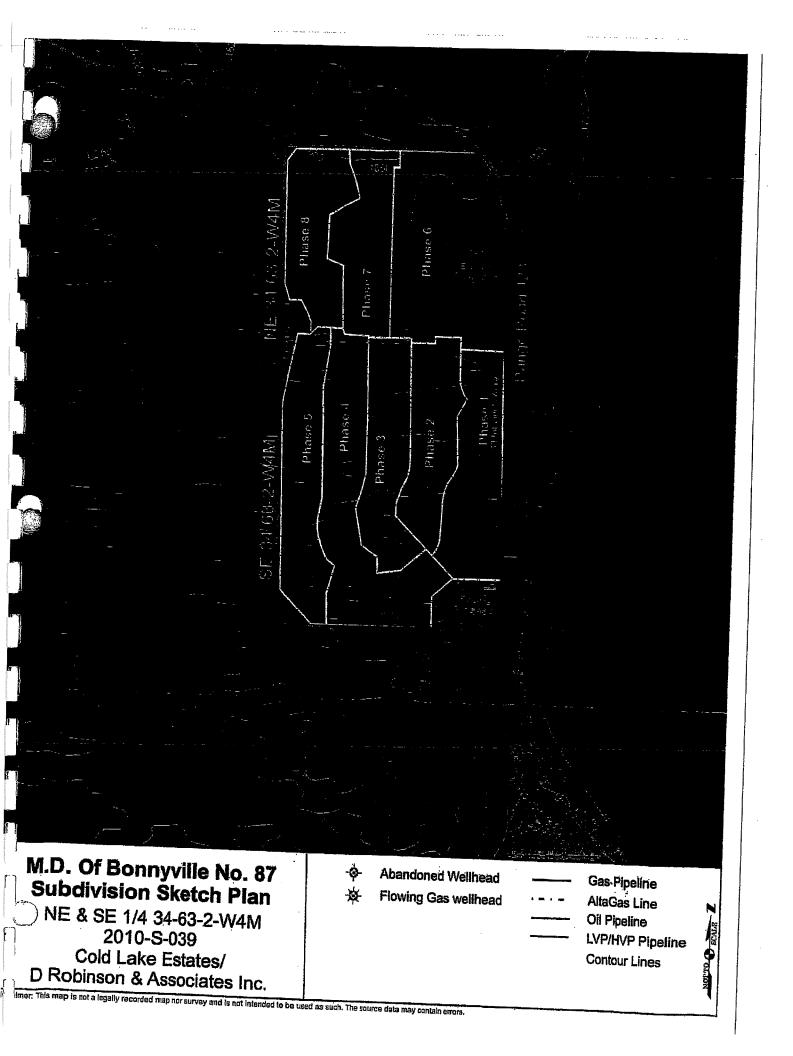
constructed by the developer on the proposed Municipal Reserve, including but not limited to the location and construction specifications of all trails and other forms of pedestrian access; as well as any other improvements envisioned.

- 3. Prior to endorsement of an instrument affecting this plan of subdivision, receipt of all supporting documentation, including area structure plans, concept plans, and subdivision plans and engineering studies must be filed with the MD of Bonnyville No. 87. Word documents must be filed in word document and pdf format; compatible with and to the satisfaction of the MD of Bonnyville No. 87.
- The following information is provided as required by Section 656(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act. An appeal of this decision lies to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Bag 1010, Bonnyville, AB T3N 2J7.

Location Plan - Municipal District of Bonnyville For the

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION of E 1/2 34-63-2-W4M





Tom Docking

From:

Thomas Beyer [tbeyer@prestprop.com]

Sent:

April 14, 2011 9:15 PM

To: Subject: Mike Hammerlindl; Scotty Grubb
******SPAM***** Brief cold lake observations

\$1000 well spent .. Should have done it last fall ..

A tour of existing subdivisions to follow tomorrow

On the plus side

Great, high end location as confirmed by the top 2 builders in town and realtor

Very interested builder to the tune of about 5-10 lots each a year

Absorption of 20 or so realistic per year but not 30+

Lot price today 125,000 .. Up 5-6% easily per year

100-130 homes per Year built in CL and no slow down expected unless another severe recession

Demand from in-town folks with 2+ cars and TV and skidoo for 1/2 acre lot and folks who move here

City will support it and is in favor and water/sewer ok if developer pays for feeder pipe for approx 1.5km of TBD dimensions

Demand for houses in 400-550k range pretty decent especially in an architecturally controlled subdivision

So so

Price point above 600k hard to sell . Maybe a few per year with lake view

Builders want/expect terms for lots expected, say 10% down and balance a year later on house sale

No lot supply shortage but none exist of proposed higher end subdivision

City hasn't specced out the water/sewer requirement in detail yet .. Likely by September though

Chad estimates cost at around \$300 per meter for sewer/water line plus pump station at 150k or so .. So likely all in below \$1m

Charles Ryan known in town for screwing people

Matty known as engineer and no negatives

Charles Ryan vision sound albeit longer timelines and somewhat lower price points

Some rezoning to smaller lots in NQ a good idea

Current offer around \$4m ok but no more

Conclusion

A solid project if we don't overpay going in

Thomas Beyer, President Prestigious Properties Group

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From: Thomas Beyer [mailto:tbeyer@prestprop.com]

Sent: May-16-11 9:14 PM

To: Kenneth Rogers

Cc: <u>bkitchener@coldlake.com</u>; 'Chad Willox' Subject: Hills of Cold Lake + Next Steps

Ken:

thanks for the meeting, if ever so briefly, 3 weeks ago.

I am happy to report that we now bought the 2 quarter sections called "Hills of Cold Lake; along English Bay Road; from the previous owner Cold Lake Estates, an affiliated company to MRR (Mattie Muller, Roger Richard, Charles Ryan).

We intend to progress engineering and infrastructure issues this spring and summer, and get agreement of the town's and county's water/sewer requirements, which are still very much unspecified according to you and Bob Kitchener. Is fall still a realistic target for specific requirements for said land?

Our project manager Chad Willox who has deep expertise in building houses and developing small subdivisions in Alberta may contact you over the next week or 2 to meet and discuss infrastructure issues a bit further. Chad is at <u>403-863-2644</u>

Given the current uncertainty over sewer/water issues 2012 may be too aggressive for road and house construction, and it may move to 2013, but we would like to see the land developed at about 25-33 lots / year .. initially on the south side .. later on the North end closer to the Indian land with possibly higher density, if the city/county is agreeable to an ASP amendment for the north quarter section. In that case, we should budget capacity for about 400-425 homes, not 300.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas Beyer, President



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M Double M Engineering Services Inc. P.O. Box 5380 Bonnyville, AB T9N 2G5

Attn: Matthys Muller, P. Eng.

Dear Mr. Muller:

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Chad Willox <chad@spurconstruction.com>

Sent:

August 13, 2015 6:50 PM

To:

Thomas Beyer, David Perehudoff

Subject:

Fwd: Update

Kind Regards Chad

President Spur Construction Inc 403-863-2644

Forwarded message -

From: Chad Willox < Chad@spurconstruction.com>

Date: Tue, May 31, 2011 at 11:54 AM

Subject: Update

To: Thomas Beyer <tbeyer@prestprop.com>, Hans McFarlane <hans mcfarlane@hotmail.com>

Hello Thomas and Hans,

Just to let you know where things are at. I had a good conversation with Ken Rodgers, City of Cold Lake Manager of Planning & Development Officer. They are actually waiting for information from us. I however need a couple more answers from them, after my review. Ken did not return my call late last week and is in a conference all of this week, so I do not anticipate hearing back from him until next week. Most concerning is that I have not heard back from John Foy, who is the County's planner. The buck stops with this guy. I have left several messages with no returned call. Have you talked with this guy Thomas? This guy is key to everything. I had a talk with Ron Kalinsky, Grant Benoit and Bernard Lefebvre. All seemed helpful and eager, but you never really know until you work with people. Mattie Muller has not returned my call. My assessment is that he is not all that respected with the City, not sure about the county as John Foy and I have not talked yet. The city has been frustrated that Mattie is not straight forward on issues, and always has some new scheme. They said much of the information in the area structure plan, presented by Mattie would not even be supported by the City - ie trickle water system. Although, Mattie and I have not talked, my gut reaction is that he may not be an asset to us. I will leave this out for debate and discussion, especially after he hopefully calls back. I have not contacted Roger Richard and Charles Ryan yet, as I believe it best to talk to all the other parties involved first. I had asked Ken Rodgers to set up a time where we could meet the mayor and the economic development officer of the City, I have not heard back yet. I have as well tried to contact the Reeve and Financial officer of the county, with no response as of yet. Either everyone is really busy or they don't like developers. We need to calculate how many units maximum we may consider putting in the subdivision. There are closer options then the 2km servicing aspect, but we need to work numbers through with Ken, Bob and Doug. When I hear back from them, I hope to get further on some our options soon. There is a demand for multifamily but I have not heard back from John Foy yet to see if there would be open to rezoning a portion of the development to multifamily. I will keep the heat on but if you have any further thoughts Thomas, please let me know.

Regards, Chad

Chad Willox

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	From: Kenneth Rogers [mailto: <u>KRogers@coldlake.com]</u> Sent: June-06-11 1:32 PM
]	To: Chad Willox Subject: RE: Hills of Cold Lake + Next Steps
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	Good next week. Just a few short meetings, but nothing that is all day.
	From: Chad Willox [mailto:chad@spurconstruction.com] Sent: June-06-11 1:18 PM To: Kenneth Rogers Subject: RE: Hills of Cold Lake + Next Steps
	Hi Ken,
	What's next week like? We would like to schedule a time with the mayor and economic development office as well. Another question I have is this. Part of our decision as to many lots we may have is relative to servicing cost. You mention there least two options for servicing. Could we get an outline as to the maximum lots for each location tie in? Doe what I am asking make sense?
	Regards,
	Chad
	x .

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PRESTIGIOUS PROPERTIES

July 14, 2011.

Municipal District of Bonnyville, AB c/o John Foy jfoy@md.bonnyville.ab.ca 4905 – 50 Avenue Bag 1010 Bonnyville, AB T9N 2J7

RE: Re-Zoning Intention

Dear John Foy.

As stated in a visit by Chad Willox in June 2011, we are now the owner of the lands previously referred to as "Hills of Cold Lake", namely the majority of the two quarter sections along English Bay Road, South of the Indian reservation, better described as:

a) A 147.51 acre residential development land parcel located just outside the Cold Lake, AB city limits, South West Corner of English Bay Road and 20th Ave, MD of Bonnyville No. 87, Alberta, legally described as Part North East, Section Thirty Four (NE 34) Township Sixty Three (63) Range Two (2) West of the Fourth (4th) Meridian MD Bonnyville No. 87 (the "North Quarter" or "N Quarter" or "NQ")

and

b) A 148.97 acre residential development land parcel located just outside the Cold Lake, AB city limits, South East Corner of English Bay Road and 10th Ave, MD of Bonnyville No. 87, Alberta, legally described as Part South East, Section Thirty Four (SE 34) Township Sixty Three (63) Range Two (2) West of the Fourth (4th) Meridian MD Bonnyville No. 87 (the "South Quarter" or "S Quarter" or "SQ")

The legal owner of these two land parcels is "Prestigious Cold Lake Parcels Inc.". It is the same firm that purchased the asset from the previous owner, Cold Lake Estates Inc., but renamed. The property title still shows as "Prestigious Properties Inc." but we have renamed this firm to better reflect its purpose.

The project manager overseeing this development is Chad Willox, whom you met. Chad is the President and sole shareholder of Spur Construction Inc. His firm has successfully developed several sub-divisions in Alberta. He is well versed in civic policy issues and land servicing requirements. He has completed the planning and construction management for many land development infrastructure projects, single and multi family homes, light industrial and commercial projects. Chad can be reached best at 403-863-2644 or chad@spurconstruction.com

It is our intent to submit a re-zoning application, which would involve an amendment to the IDP, which currently mandates servicing from the City of Cold Lake. Our desire is to reduce the number of total lots from the current approximate number of 300, ½ acre lots to approximately 125 to 150 larger lots. If a successful amendment to the IDP is completed, we would be requesting to rezone the land to Country Residential (Resort) CR.

There are few reasons for this direction. Currently there does not appear to be a demand in the local market for the current zoning which allows for ½ acre lots. The market shows us a demand for larger lots in the area. Another very important concern, is that the City of Cold Lake's water/sewer infrastructure, accordingly to their comments, is operating above capacity and has special consent from Alberta Environment to be under constant release of sewage lagoons as it stands now. Coupled with their aging over utilized system, is the extremely large costs associated to service the subject lands with city water and sewer. There appears to be a lot of "unknowns" in servicing this land from the city infrastructure. One of the more obvious concerns with our desired direction is effluent dispersing into Cold Lake. Our proposal to address the common concern of protecting the lake from effluent is by mandating the use of Ecofio septic systems. These systems are proven to retain 98% of the phosphorous. We have attached information regarding these systems to this letter. We trust this approach will satisfy the governing bodies and residents of both MD of Bonnyville and the City of Cold Lake. We look forward to your feedback as to how we can best prepare to proceed through this process.

Please e-mail or call Chad or myself, with any questions or comments regarding this land and its intended development. We are looking forward to an excellent cooperation with the MD of Bonnyville, the City of Cold Lake, and the various parties involved in such a complex development project.

Yours truly,

Thomas Beyer, President Prestigious Properties Group E: tbever@prestprop.com T: 403-678-3330 #912, 743 Railway Ave Canmore, AB T1W 1F2 T: (403) 678-3330 F: (403) 770-8885 E:tbeyer@prestprop.com www.prestprop.com

CC: City of Cold Lake, c/o Kenneth Rogers KRogers@coldlake.com 5513 – 48th Ave Cold Lake, AB T9M 1A1

Joint Council Meeting County of Bonnyville & City of Cold Lake Proposed IDP Amendment

October 11, 2011

Thomas Beyer, Founder & President 403-678-3330 theyer@prestprop.com

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Proposed Amendment

Economically viable

Overview - 2 of 2

No water & sewer services from City of Cold Lake
Proven and Established Well Systems
Ample ground water available – see Report
Widely used in the County of Bonnyville
Eco-Friendly and Proven Septic System
State of the Art
VERY LOW Effluence / Phosphorus !!
Proven Technology
Peat Moss based absorption system
Enforcement via caveat on title

NO demand on city water and sewer infrastructure

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David Perehudoff CWI

From:

Thomas Beyer <tbeyer@prestprop.com>

Sent:

June 4, 2013 10:40 AM

To:

'Craig Copeland'

Cc:

Nagoya Kevin

Subject:

RE: Meeting of the mind - Part II - Annexation of Cold Lake Lands

OK .. I have been in touch with the planning manager in Kevin's group but without any meaningful insight into cofunding guidelines or insights into costs.

Asking the county to assist with water / sewer if the land is in the city makes no sense to me, Craig, as the city now would derive all benefits of future property tax revenue and \$s for its water/sewer use !!

Yours Sincerely,

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From: Craig Copeland [mailto:CCopeland@coldlake.com]

Sent: June-04-13 8:54 AM To: 'tbeyer@prestprop.com'

Cc: Kevin Nagoya

Subject: Re: Meeting of the mind - Part II - Annexation of Cold Lake Lands

Thomas

I am going to cc Kevin Nagoya (CAO City CL) on the email. He can lead you to who you need to have conversations with.

I would work with Kevin and his team as they will guide you on the city's policy on what you need.

Again I encourage you to engage the MD council on this subdivision also not only in terms of annexation but possible helping you develop your property with the water and sewer challenges.

Take care

Craig

From: Thomas Beyer [mailto:tbeyer@prestprop.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 08:39 AM

To: Craig Copeland

Subject: Re: Meeting of the mind - Part II - Annexation of Cold Lake Lands

Thanks Craig.

Will leave for Europe myself on Thursday until June 28 .. UK, Germany and N-Italy ..

Who at the city can provide guidance re sewer/water connection tie-in and/or pricing? We have engaged Sheffer-Andrew (Colin Declerq) so they should be able to get us some guidance with city input. If the land is annexed, will the city pay for this 100%? 50%? re-coup via lot levy? what is common here in Cold Lake?

On Tue, Jun 4, 2013 at 6:09 AM, Craig Copeland < Copeland@coldlake.com wrote:

I would suggest your group write to the Reeve and Council of the MD of Bonnyville that you request the lands to be annexed into the City of Cold Lake.

I was telling Richard that Cold Lake First Nation is trying to get a water line to the North Reserve. When that will happen is anyone's guess. That would help you would think with cost for your development.

I don't know if I would do multi family on your subdivision. That would really take away from the appeal of your land. There are lots of tire kicking in CL right now in that area (multi family). Your land is amazing for people that want the triple garages.

Have you sat down with City staff to figure out what the cost of the water and sewer lines would be? Do you have a engineer hired who can calculate the cost?

I will be going to Europe till about June 25th. I would be willing to meet up with your group.

Take care Craig

---- Original Message ----

From: Thomas Beyer [mailto:tbeyer@prestprop.com]

Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 12:15 PM

To: Craig Copeland

Subject: RE: Meeting of the mind - Part II - Annexation of Cold Lake Lands

Craig:

You met my partner Rick last week at the Edmonton event. You talked briefly about the possibly annexation of our land, namely the 2 quarter sections along English Bay Road just before the Indian reservation starts and the road becomes a gravel road.

As you know, we intend to proceed with residential development there, either along the approved ASP of 300 1/2 country residential lots, or possibly with higher density, incl. rental housing in a subsection of the land.

However to do that we need water, sewer and likely road & intersection upgrades.

This is done best as a cost-shared approach, and as such likely requires the annexation of the land to the city.

What are the suggested next steps here, Craig? Send you a letter with a

request for annexation?

We would like to proceed with the attached 30 lot sub-division, too. What are the next steps here, Craig, either in an annexed state or an un-annexed state?

Yours Sincerely.

Thomas Beyer, President
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----Original Message----

From: Thomas Beyer [mailto:tbeyer@prestprop.com]

Sent: April-24-12 2:32 PM To: Craig Copeland

Subject: Re: Meeting of the mind - Wednesday 4:30 or dinner - sizable Cold

Lake Investment

Sounds great Craig!

Original Joe's 5 pm it is!

Yours Sincerely Thomas Beyer T: (604)564-7673 or (403)678-3330

On 2012-04-24, at 3:08 PM, Craig Copeland < CCopeland@coldlake.com > wrote:

Hi

I could meet you at 430pm tomorrow if you like ...or 5pm would work better. How does eith Original Joes or Clark's sound?
Thanks
Craig

---- Original Message ----

From: Thomas Beyer [mailto:tbeyer@prestprop.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 02:50 PM

To: Craig Copeland

Subject: Meeting of the mind - Wednesday 4:30 or dinner, or 11am or lunch

Thursday - re sizable Cold Lake Investment

We met briefly at the October 11, 2011 intermunicipal council meeting in Bonnyville.

I am in town tomorrow, Wednesday pm and Thursday am to meet with city planners, realtors and builders. Would love to buy you lunch on Thursday or dinner on Wednesday night, or if unavailable, meet you for 30 minutes at

your office Wednesday later pm, say 4:30 pm or around 11 am on Thursday morning.

As you know we are an investment firm with \$100M in assets that bought the 290 acres along English Bay Road to develop the "Hills of Cold Lake" into 300 or more residential homes over the next decade, with lots valued at \$50-\$60M and total project value approaching \$200M.

Is any of these 4 time slots available?

Yours Sincerely

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David Perehudoff CWI

From:

Thomas Beyer <tbeyer@prestprop.com>

Sent:

June 6, 2013 12:11 PM

To:

erondeau@md.bonnyville.ab.ca

Cc:

rpoole@md.bonnyville.ab.ca; Nagoya Kevin; 'Craig Copeland'

Subject:

Annexation of 2 Quarter Sections to City of Cold Lake "Hills of Cold Lake"

Ed:

Prestigious Properties Inc. owns the two quarter sections on the West side of English Bay Road, just before the Indian

These two quarter sections are legally described as:

FIRSTLY

THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY FOUR (34)

TOWNSHIP SIXTY THREE (63)

RANGE TWO (2)

WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN

CONTAINING 65.2 HECTARES (161 ACRES) MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

HECTARES

(ACRES) MORE OR LESS.

A) PLAN 2654RS ROAD

0.081

0.20

B) PLAN 8520379 ROAD

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C) PLAN 9222600 SUBDIVISION

4.305

10.64

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME

SECONDLY

MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 2 TOWNSHIP 63

SECTION 34

QUARTER SOUTH EAST

CONTAINING 64.7 HECTARES (160 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

EXCEPTING THEREOUT:

HECTARES

(ACRES) MORE OR LESS

A) PLAN 0925400 - SUBDIVISION

4.465

EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

We hereby kindly ask the County of Bonnyville to allow annexation of those properties by the City of Cold Lake.

The primary reason for this request is that an Intermunicipal Development Agreement exists that essentially necessitates water/sewer from the City of Cold Lake to city standards under the current approved Area Structure Plan (ASP). As such any future cost sharing arrangement for water, sewer and road servicing can be negotiated with the City of Cold Lake, and not the County of Bonnyville as the City of Cold Lake would derive the benefits for future property taxes and sewer/water levvies (and not the County of Bonnyville).

The secondary reason is to reduce the number of municipalities we have to deal with to move the development of 300 lots under the current ASP forward (or perhaps increase density with a new ASP).

Please feel free to contact me for any additional questions that you may require.

Yours Sincerely,

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Jordan Ryan Thomas Beyer [tbeyer@prestprop.com] From: Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:52 AM charles@mrrdevelopment.com; roger@mrrdevelopment.com; matthys@mrrdevelopment.com To: Subject: Proposed Amendments - Hills of Cold Lake - WITHOUT PREJUDICE in the Attidavit of WITHOUT PREJUDICE Swom bytore me this NESTOR MAKUCH LAWYER NOTARY PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER Charles/Roger: IN AND FOR THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA as briefly discussed, Prestigious Properties Inc. will lively not advance a further \$1M to our lawyer this week, as stipulated in the purchase agreement signed by Prestigious Properties Inc. A few reasons: a) we need agreement on the 2 add 1 contracts to be signed (irrevocable assignment of proceeds, \$4M mortgage for 100 * \$40,000). The proposed contracts by your lawyer are just way too rigged into your favour and I will not sign those "as is" nor advance \$1M into trust to never see this money again and neither have the land nor a mutually acceptable agreements for months/possibly years. b) uncertainty on sewer/water costs .. possibly as high as \$3M or more if city insists on major upgrades to city inflated property appraisals: This sewer/water connection pricing uncertainty is not reflected at all in the appraisals (by Schneider/Cowan), both from fall 2009 not in the more recent appraisal for your court case. It assumed "water at the property line" and that assumption is just too simplistic, taking his value of \$4.1M plus maybe \$2.5M for the NQ and then deducting connection costs over \$3M I arrive at a property value of possible well below \$3M .. certainly below \$4MI murky business case, due to these costs, payment of \$4M to land owner and also absorption rates & prices for ½ Having said that, and wishing to avoid moving from win/win to lose/lose i propose a number of potential options that are acceptable to us, on a WITHOUT PREJUDICE basis: agree to cancel contract and refund our \$1M mortgage on NQ with interest, within 1.5 years, or upon sale to a unrelated 3rd party, whatever is earlier agree to cancel contract, and convert \$1M plus accumulated interest to LP equity for an LP that you will issue and we will "endorse" as we now have over \$1M invested and you can create some marketing mileage out of it ! change of contract, as follows: a. advance a further \$400,000 and proceed as planned with a 0% mortgage of \$2.2M instead of \$2.0M (over 4 years at 60% of money raised, i.e. unchanged) b. add an option to buy the 100*\$40,000 mortgage for \$400,000, at our option, at any time c. This would essentially be a very similar contract to today's where we buy the land for \$4.0M which is a very high price given the issues of b) to d) stated above d. We'd advance this \$400,000 once we have an agreement on the 2 add'l contracts to be signed change of contract, as follows: a. advance a further \$250,000 and sell NQ to us, for \$1.35M (\$1M plus accumulated interest plus change of contract, as follows: a. advance a further \$250,000 and sell NQ to us, for \$1.35M (\$1M plus accumulated interest plus

b. advance another \$250,000 as an option to buy SQ for \$2.5M, within 48 months

6) change of contract, as follows:

- a. advance a further \$250,000 and sell only SQ to us, for \$3.35M (\$1M plus accumulated interest plus \$250,000 plus \$2M payable in up to 48 months)
- b. advance another \$100,000 as an option to buy NQ for \$1.5M, within 72 months
- 7) change of contract, as follows:
 - a. buy the land for \$4.5M as follows:
 - b. advance a further \$250,000 in cash
 - advance a further \$250,000 into a new LP for development costs, via LP units (20% discount as founder's
 - d. convert our \$1M plus accumulated interest into LP units(20% discount as founder's units)
 - convert a further \$2M into LP units (20% discount as founder's units)
 - f. receive \$1M in cash as we raise it (60% of \$s raised)
 - g. This is also somewhat similar to the current contract, but you receive more LP equity than cash. It would substantially alter the business case as far less cash is paid out, and there is a degree of risk/profit sharing for you to the tune of \$2M on your end and \$1.6M on our end as this is not (yet) cash but LP units. far easier to raise money and build a strong business case too ! Most money raised should go towards construction and not paying the land owner first!

Let me know how you wish to proceed here. Note that we advanced \$1M last summer with an expectation of a 50/50JV or a joint LP. This money is now at risk due to new information, primarily b) to d). Not closing and letting the deal collapse is an option to us .. not the preferred one .. but an option .. !! Consider that we have considerable influence over former LibertyGate investors and in our own investment community who is looking for place to invest their \$s, with a strong team and a strong business case. Consider also that we still have a \$1M mortgage on your NQ and that mortgage will not disappear magically. Consider also that land with lower pressure/trickle lines and sewers that are pumped monthly is not a good option for a higher end sub-division, and while costs upfront maybe lower, it will negatively influence property values. Consider that we have the desire & capacity to raise those funds and manage a team, with your local help/expertise initially.

It would be a shame to abort it, after so much money and time has been invested already i

The quest for win/win continues!

God Bless & Yours Sincerely,

Thomas Beyer, President **Prestigious Properties Group** T: 604-564-7673 or 403-678-3330

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ANSWERS TO UNDERTAKINGS OF THOMAS BEYER GIVEN AT QUESTIONING ON JUNE 13, 2016

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF PERSON FILING THIS DOCUMENT:

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Ph: (780) 423-3003 Fax: (780) 428-9329

File No. 59575-2

Attention: Sharon A. Roberts

No.	Undertaking	Answer	Status
12	To inquire with Scheffer Andrew what work they did between January 1, 2011, to April 11, 2013 as referenced in the e-mail on page 2134 of Prestigious's Supplemental Affidavit of Records production.	See attached spreadsheet with all time entries by Scheffer Andrew for work completed between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2013.	Complete
13	(Under advisement) To provide me with specific information on what you or any of your consultants – and by you I mean you, personally, or	Spur Construction (Chad Willox) advises that although broad inquiries were made, "everything was cryptic and shrouded in fuzzy details and politics" and varied depending on	Complete

anybody from Prestigious Properties Inc. or any of the consultants that you had working on this job — did after May 31, 2011, to investigate what parts of the Area Structure Plan the City of Cold Lake would be supporting.

who was consulted.

Scheffer Andrews (Colin Declercy) provided the enclosed timesheet, which summarizes his activities during his engagement with Prestigious Properties. Also enclosed are the meeting minutes from an August 29, 2011 meeting between Scheffer Andrew, Spur Construction and Prestigious Properties, which reference the ASP with respect to the possible 200-lot option, and the emails referenced in the time entries for August 2012 (August 20, 2012) and August 24, 2012).

The team from Canadian Wetlands did not investigate the ASP before November 2013, as the ASP appeared to be approved and had been submitted by an engineering firm, M2M. Beginning in November 2013, the team had several meetings with the Municipal District of Bonnyville and the City of Cold Lake over a span of 5 months, and went to review documents with the City several times.

At one meeting on November 6, 2013, Canadian Wetlands was provided with a copy of the March 6, 2011 minutes from the City of Cold Lake, which Canadian Wetlands had not seen before. Canadian Wetlands was informed that Mattys Muller had agreed to prove that the City could supply water, sewer, and storm water services before any servicing took place. The City never heard from Muller again.

The team from Canadian Wetlands

met with and requested that Matthys Muller provide the agreements referenced in the ASP several times and he did not produce them. It was not until March 2014 that the team was comfortable that the representation that "after mutual discussion instigated bγ the developer and with the agreement and permission of the MD, the City of Cold Lake agreed to the provision of the requested water supply to a trickling service standard, and to the receiving of the semi-treated sewage effluent from the septic tanks on the lots into the municipal sewer by means of a small diameter lowpressure reticulation system and a lift station..." in section 5.3 of the ASP was not true. In subsequent meetings in 2014, the City and the MD informed the team from Canadian Wetlands that at no time was there ever an agreement with the MD or the City. The MD told Canadian Wetlands that authorized Muller to act on behalf of the MD for servicing issues. Spur Construction (Chad Willox) Complete advises that he discussed the ASP with the City of Cold Lake and the MD of Bonnyville. To the best of Mr. Willox's recollection, the lot layout acceptable to governments. Beyond what is set

(Under advisement) To inquire with Scheffer Andrew and Spur Construction as to whether they discussed if the A.S.P. prepared by Matthys Muller in 2009 would be supported by the City any time from May of 2011 to October 2013.

out in Mr. Willox' reporting email to Mr. Beyer of May 31, 2011 regarding Mr. Willox' impression that portions of the information in the ASP would

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	And the second s		not be supported by the City of Cold Lake, Mr. Willox has no specific recollection of what was said or by whom about servicing. There was no communication in writing during the May 2011 to October 2013 period rejecting the servicing proposals set out in the ASP during Spur's involvement in the project.	
	The state of the s		Enclosed is a copy of an email dated March 6, 2012 from John Foy to Chad Willox of Spur Construction detailing the MD's position regarding servicing and rezoning to Country Residential. This email was first received by Prestigious through its legal counsel in July 2016 as part of Spur Construction's response to a request for its assistance in answering this undertaking. For Scheffer Andrew, please see the	
			response to Undertaking 13.	
15	the state of the s	(Under advisement) To inquire of Chad Willox or Scheffer Andrew if there was any inquiries of the City of Cold Lake and/or the Municipal District of Bonnyville as to requirements for water and sewer servicing, and, if there was any	Undertakings 13 and 14. See also March 6, 2012 email from John Foy	Complete
		inquiry, when did it occur and produce any documentation relating to that.	See response to Undertaking 13 with respect to all work performed by Scheffer Andrew from May 2011 through October 2013.	
16	i t	(Under advisement) To inquire of Chad Willox and ask him what the "at least two options" were that Ken Rogers had referred to, or what "at least two options" for servicing that Ken Rogers had mentioned to him as referred to in the e-mail of June 6, 2011.	his recollection, the two options involved servicing the land in the road allowance or attempting to negotiate land deals to service land in new easements through frontage	Complete

Answer to Undertaking No. 13

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Evie Thorne

From:

Declercq, Colin <c.declercq@schefferandrew.com>

Sent:

August-24-12 1:27 PM

To:

Esteves, Luis; Gourley, Mike; Scheffer, Marinus; Hallonquist, Patrick

Subject:

RE: Spur Construction meeting

I was in Bonnyville this morning and stopped in to see John Foy and ask him about the Hills of Cold Lake. He told me that the ASP is fully approved and developer had been to see him and council in the past. Apparently the ASP says that the site is to be serviced by connections to the City of Cold Lake. The IMDP apparently also states the same and to change that would mean an amendment to the IMDP as well as the ASP. To make matters more confusing the IMSP (intermunicipal serviceing plan) still has not been approved by the M.D. John didn't know where that was at and said he will put it on the planning agenda for the Sept 12 council meeting. He mentioned that the S.T.E.P. system most likely would not be applicable in this case due to the high density that is proposed in the ASP.

Looks like it is around and around the mulberry bush again until the IMSP is ratified by the respective councils. Or come up with some sort of stand alone water and waste water treatment systems that would handle the proposed density. Draw from and discharge into the lake???

Colin Declercq, R.E.T. | Project Manager

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From: Luis Esteves [mailto:l.esteves@schefferandrew.com] Sent: August-24-12 12:02 PM

To: 'Mike Gourley'; 'c.declercq'; m.scheffer@schefferandrew.com; p.hallonquist@schefferandrew.com

Subject: RE: Spur Construction meeting

I didn't hit reply all earlier...but I'm on it.

Luis Esteves, BA | Senior Planner

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From: Mike Gourley [mailto:m.gourley@schefferandrew.com]

Sent: August-24-12 11:47 AM

To: 'Luis Esteves'; 'c.declercq'; m.scheffer@schefferandrew.com; p.hallonquist@schefferandrew.com

Subject: RE: Spur Construction meeting

When I spoke to Ken Rogers he (City of Cold Lake) said it was approved by the MD of Bonnyville.

Ken remembered, because when the MD approved the ASP they told the proponents to now go and talk to the City about getting services to the lands.

Luis - Caroline Palmer of the MD may be able to help you confirm this. It would be nice to get a copy of the Bylaw plate for this ASP

Thank you

Michael Gourley, RPP, MCIP | Branch Manager

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From: Luis Esteves [mailto:l.esteves@schefferandrew.com]

Sent: August-24-12 10:01 AM

To: 'c.declercq'; m.scheffer@schefferandrew.com; m.gourley@schefferandrew.com; p.hallonquist@schefferandrew.com

Subject: RE: Spur Construction meeting

i can attend on the 29th at 10:30. I'll even read the ASP and get up to speed. Has it been confirmed if the ASP has been

formally adopted by Council?

Luis Esteves, BA | Senior Planner

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From: c.declercq [mailto:c.declercq@schefferandrew.com]

Sent: August-24-12 8:38 AM

To: m.scheffer@schefferandrew.com; m.gourley@schefferandrew.com; p.hailonquist@schefferandrew.com; 'Luis

Subject: RE: Spur Construction meeting

Both Thomas Beyer of Prestigious Properties and Chad Willox of Spur Construction have confirmed, Mike declined as he is on holidays, you are the only one from the Edmonton office that has accepted the meeting date and time.

I will be there.

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From: m.scheffer [mailto:m.scheffer@shaw.ca]

Sent: August-24-12 6:18 AM

To: 'c.declercq'; m.gourley@schefferandrew.com; p.hallonquist@schefferandrew.com; 'Luis Esteves'

Subject: RE: Spur Construction meeting

Did this meeting get confirmed? I seem to recall seeing something, but can't find it anymore. 10:30 Aug 29 at our office works well for me.

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From: c.declercq [mailto:c.declercq@schefferandrew.com]

Sent: August 21, 2012 12:13 PM

To: m.scheffer@schefferandrew.com; m.gourley@schefferandrew.com; p.hallonquist@schefferandrew.com

Subject: RE: Spur Construction meeting

Ok. What time is good for you? Since I am travelling from Cold Lake 10:30 or so would be good for me.

Sent from Samsung Mobile

"m.scheffer" < m.scheffer@shaw.ca> wrote:

Let's proceed without Mike on the 29th, then. I briefly reviewed the ASP this morning. Pretty shaky. I think a major revamp is likely required. I know our Client will not receive this as good news, but I am not anxious to proceed with anything that is not viable. I believe that getting anything into the ground next year is likely unrealistic.

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From: c.declercq [mailto:c.declercq@schefferandrew.com]

Sent: August 20, 2012 12:45 PM

To: Mike Gourley; Rien Scheffer; Pat Hallonquist

Subject: Spur Construction meeting

I spoke with Chad Willox (Spur Construction) who also spoke to Thomas Beyer (Prestigious Properties) about changing the meeting date. The best they could do was late morning on the 28th or stay with the 29th. Thomas has presentations scheduled in Calgary on the 27th and he is going overseas on Sept 5th.

Any possible way we can do this without Mike being present? Perhaps John A. or Luis could sit in for Mike and could bring him up to speed upon his return?? Unless I am reading it wrong I think most of the challenges are engineering.

Your thoughts?

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meeting notes 1

Hills of Cold Lake

File No.: 108701 - 1.9

Meeting date: August 29, 2011

Date prepared: August 30, 2012

Time: 10:30

Prepared by: Luis Esteves, Edmonton

Location: SAL Main Boardroom

···		NAME	COMPANY / ORGANISATION	
Attend		Chad Willox Thomas Beyer Antoine Shane Sparks Rien Scheffer Colin Declercq Luis Esteves Pat Hallonquist	Spur Construction Prestigious Properties Prestigious Properties SD Consulting Group Scheffer Andrew Ltd. (SAL) SAL SAL SAL	
Distrib	ution:	Same as Attendees		
ITEM	DESCR	RIPTION / DISCUSSION		ACTION BY
1	It is un	derstood that construction for the vals still necessary. A realistic targe	2013 season is unlikely due to the outstanding et is the 2014 construction season.	Info
2	Development is to be staged with approximately 10 stages, with 20-30 lots being brought on the market per stage annually.			
3	The Int	termunicipal Servicing Plan (IMSP) is no expected date of adoption. R nterest that the IMSP should be ac	still requires ratification by both municipalities. egular follow-up may be required in order to dopted and that without it development is being	SAL
	M.D. o Septen	f Bonnyville Council may be discus nber. John Foy (Planning Manage	sing the IMSP at a Council meeting in r @ M.D.) was to place the IMSP on the Council on as to what date the IMSP will be discussed at	SAL
	It is recognized that the most appropriate direction to proceed in at this time, based upon the current uncertainties as well as available knowledge and timing, is advancing the development based upon 1 acre lots, which could accommodate up to 200 residential units. The development would require onsite water and a communal wastewater treatment system.		Info	
	The lay adjuste	out of the development as propos	ed in the Hills of Cold Lake ASP will need to be nditions of the site. i.e. grades, wetlands,	SAL
	Further well as	investigation into the Intermunic	ipal Development Plan (IMDP) is necessary as r to assess what impacts there may when	SAL
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8	Communal onsite wastewater management solutions will need to be further investigated as well as wetland disposal options. Confirmation that wetland disposal is an option can be made after the M.D. of Bonnyville Council decision regarding the Estates of Long Bay, sometime this fail. Investigation will need to commence shortly (within next 1 to 2 months) in order to ensure there is sufficient time to go through the approval process.	SAL/ Sub consultant
9	The Estates of Long Bay is expected to go before the M.D. of Bonnyville Council, sometime in the fall in order to seek approvals, based upon utilizing a communal wastewater treatment system which discharges into wetlands. Confirmation of Council date is required. (Later Note: Alberta Environment approval is required. Likely not until late spring of 2013)	SAL
10	Site access and off-site improvements need to be investigated further. Road upgrade costs are of concern and improvements will need to be kept to a minimum. Le. those improvements necessary to service the development, not the broader area.	SAL
11	Stormwater management will need to be investigated further. i.e. utilization of wetlands for a stormwater management facility (SWMF)	SAL/Subcons ultant
12	Costs associated with wetland disturbance will need investigation. Preliminary per acre values need to be obtained.	SAL
13	Confirmation that lands are not impacted by Department of National Defence zoning regulations for aerodromes. Nothing is registered on title, but additional confirmation is recommended.	SAL
14	A timeline for the project is to be generated. Commencing from the approvals, backwards.	SAL
15	An opinion of probable costs will need to be prepared (based upon updated layout), in order to prepare a performa. Costs will need to include potential off-site improvements, wastewater management system, on-site improvements, etc.	SAL
16	It will need to be determined if the development is to be a bareland condo or a traditional fee simple subdivision. Multiple factors will need to be taken into consideration.	Client
17	It was decided to place the project on hold until further information is confirmed regarding the approvability of potential wetland disposal option. No further action on the part of SAL is required at this time. SAL to update within the next few weeks.	All

Next meeting: TBD



Answer to Undertaking No. 14

From:

To:

Adam Milmby

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David Pereinnioff

Subjects Date:

Fird: FW: Hills of Cold Lake Sewage Tuesday, August 12, 2014 3:53:18 PM

Adam

I am starting to sort through some of this. See below.

Regards Chad

---- Forwarded message -----

From: Chad Willox < chad@spurconstruction.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 6, 2012 at 1:20 PM Subject: FW: Hills of Cold Lake Sewage To: Thomas Beyer < beyer@pressprop.com>

It only took him a month to respond to tell me nothing!!!!!

Chad Willox

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From: John Foy [mailto: How Mand bonnyville.ab.ca] Sent: March-06-12 1:03 PM

To: Chad Willox

Subject: RE: Hills of Cold Lake Sewage

Chad, I got your voice message, there is where the MD is at with the Hills of Cold Lake project.

Council has reviewed this development on a couple of different occasions and seem to be firm on the two options earlier relayed to Mr. Thomas Beyer at the of last year. The following was relayed:

Council has reviewed the material you have sent in regard to using a Eco septic system on individual lots for your proposed development adjacent to the City of Cold Lake. Council is not comfortable with the use of private septic systems for this development as there is concerns with migration of effluent to the Lake. Potential for the failure of systems and the concentration of field systems on the land, being that it drains toward the take would be too high of risk.

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On Jan 10. 2011, Council reviewed Mr. Beyer's response to this and were of the same opinion as before. So, I will leave this with you to see what you want to do.

Regards,

John Foy

From: Chad Willox [mailto:chad@spureonstruction.com]
Sent: (18/Feb/2012 4:03 PM
To; John Foy
Subject: Hills of Cold Lake Sewage

Hi John,

Can you advise on where we are at with this project. We are wondering what alternatives the county would be willing to look at for sewage treatment, Please advise.

Regards

Chad

Case Name: De Shazo v. Nations Energy Co.

Between

Thomas A. De Shazo, respondent (plaintiff), and Nations Energy Company Ltd., Hashim Djojohadikusumo, Al Njoo, David G. Wilson, Ecolo Investments Limited, Patrick O'Mara, Karazhanbasmunai JSC, Aequitas Energy, Ltd., Novomundo Trading Ltd., appellants (defendants)

[2005] A.J. No. 856

2005 ABCA 241

256 D.L.R. (4th) 502

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367 A.R. 267

141 A.C.W.S. (3d) 651

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Docket: 0401-0391-AC

Alberta Court of Appeal Calgary, Alberta

Conrad, McFadyen and O'Leary JJ.A.

Heard: March 17, 2005. Judgment: July 13, 2005.

(37 paras.)

Civil procedure -- Appeals -- Grounds for review -- Misapprehension of or failure to consider evidence -- Appeal from a decision dismissing the appellants' application for summary judgment allowed.

Limitation of actions -- Statutory limitation periods -- Use as a defence -- The respondent's claim was statute barred.

Appeal by Nations Energy Company and Wilson from an order dismissing their application for summary judgment. In the within action, De Shazo claimed that each of the defendants breached a duty of care to prevent a fraudulent scheme whereby oil revenues were diverted from Nations, an Alberta company in which De Shazo held an indirect interest. De Shazo claimed that the defendants' actions led De Shazo to undervalue certain shares and transfer them to Hashim and O'Mara at well below fair market value. The statement of claim was filed on July 8, 2004. The relevant limitation period under section 3(1)(a) of the Limitations Act was two years from the time De Shazo knew or ought to have known that he had a claim. It was apparent that De Shazo had some knowledge of the alleged scheme prior to July 8, 2002. The question was whether that knowledge was sufficient. In dismissing the application for summary judgment the chambers judge found that the facts were too much in dispute to permit summary determination of the limitations issue.

HELD: Appeal allowed. It was plain and obvious that De Shazo's claim was statute barred. Information in De Shazo's possession in February 2000 was sufficient for him to bring a claim against Nations and Wilson for an oppression remedy and in fraud, and to resist a summary judgment application to dismiss such a claim. Further, there was evidence that De Shazo had obtained legal advice about the availability of an oppression remedy in June 2001.

Statutes, Regulations and Rules Cited:

Limitations Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-12, s. 3(1)(a)

Appeal From:

Appeal from the Order by The Honourable Mr. Justice P. Clark. Filed on the 23rd day of December, 2004. (Docket: 0401-10699)

Counsel:

D.J. McDonald, Q.C. and J.E. Sharpe for the Respondent

H.A. Gorman and E.K. Embury for the Appellants

MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT

THE COURT:--

Introduction

1 This appeal concerns the application of the discoverability rule incorporated in section 3(1)(a) of the Limitations Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-12 to a claim in fraud and oppression. The central issues are when the plaintiff, Thomas De Shazo, knew or in the circumstances ought to have known that he

that all the evidence makes it clear that De Shazo was aware of his claim well before July 2002. De Shazo claims in his affidavit that the correspondence were attempts on his part to gain more information to support his suspicions. However, it is possible to dispose of this appeal without reference to the disputed correspondence, on the basis of the undisputed facts alone.

- The relevant provision of the Limitations Act is section 3(1), which provides:
 - 3(1) Subject to section 11 [not applicable here], if a claimant does not seek a remedial order within
 - (a) 2 years after the date on which the claimant first knew, or in the circumstances ought to have known,
 - (i) that the injury for which the claimant seeks a remedial order had occurred,
 - (ii) that the injury was attributable to conduct of the defendant, and
 - (iii) that the injury, assuming liability on the part of the defendant, warrants bringing a proceeding,

... the defendant, on pleading this Act as a defence, is entitled to immunity from liability in respect of the claim.

- This provision codifies the common law discoverability rule and applies it to all actions for remedial orders. The common law rule was described by the Supreme Court of Canada in Central Trust Co. v. Rafuse, [1986] 2 S.C.R. 147 at 224: "[A] cause of action arises for purposes of a limitation period when the material facts on which it [the cause of action] is based have been discovered or ought to have been discovered by the plaintiff by the exercise of reasonable diligence."
- The Supreme Court revisited the common law discoverability rule in Peixeiro v. Haberman, [1997] 3 S.C.R. 549, confirming that since the decisions in Kamloops (City of) v. Nielsen, [1984] 2 S.C.R. 2 and Central Trust, discoverability is a "general rule applied to avoid the injustice of precluding an action before the person is able to raise it.": Peixeiro at 563. The court emphasized the concept of reasonable discoverability: "In balancing the defendant's legitimate interest in respecting limitations periods and the interest of the plaintiffs, the fundamental unfairness of requiring a plaintiff to bring a cause of action before he could reasonably have discovered that he had a cause of action is a compelling consideration": Peixeiro at 565.
- The appellants submit that the same principles pertain whether the common law discoverability rule or the provisions of the new Limitations Act apply, relying on Mahan v. Hindes, 2001 ABQB 831, 308 A.R. 1 at para. 25. The common law statement of the discoverability principle will inform the application of section 3(1)(a), but courts must also be mindful of the three criteria listed in that section: J.N. v. G.J.K., 2004 ABCA 394, 248 D.L.R. (4th) 245; Owners: Condominium Plan 9421549 v. Main Street Developments Ltd., 2004 ABQB 962. The statute specifies the type of knowledge that must have been available to the claimant in order to trigger the running of the limitation period. The claimant must know or have been reasonably able to discover that: (i) the injury occurred; (ii) the injury was attributable to the conduct of the defendant; and (iii) the injury warrants bringing a proceeding.

- De Shazo asserts that his "knowledge" of the material facts amounted only to "suspicion" or "speculation" until July 2002, and that his speculation cannot start the limitation clock running. He relies on this court's decision in Photinopoulos v. Photinopoulos (1988), 54 D.L.R. (4th) 372 (Alta. C.A.). In that case, it was held that suspicion is not sufficient to trigger the running of a limitation period; the plaintiff can be said to have "known" of the claim only when he has some support for his suspicion.
- But here De Shazo had more than suspicion of his claim. He had support for his suspicions as early as February 2000. At that point he had been told of Thomas's concerns and the basis for them, and he had received documentary evidence in the form of the Thomas Report. He knew that Thomas claimed to have additional information implicating O'Mara in the suspected scheme. At the same time, he was aware that O'Mara was connected to, and probably owned or controlled, Aequitas when the loan agreement with Nations was proposed, a proposal De Shazo reviewed and commented on. He knew that Wilson was on the Nations's board at the relevant times and that he would have been a party to any decisions not to investigate O'Mara and to allow Aequitas to continue marketing KBM's oil.
- The principle of discoverability does not require perfect knowledge. As this court noted in Hill v. Alberta (South Alberta Land Registration District) (1993), 100 D.L.R. (4th) 331 at 336 (Alta. C.A.) (leave to appeal to S.C.C. denied):

Even if the discoverability rule of limitations applies to this case (which I need not decide), it does not call for perfect certainty. It does not require discovery at all: it says something else will do instead. It suffices that "the material facts on which [the cause of action] is based ... ought to have been discovered by the plaintiff by the exercise of reasonable diligence...": Central Trust v. Rafuse... . If the plaintiff is told a fact by someone who is likely to know, surely that makes the fact known or discoverable, even if someone else disputes the fact. Very few people who sue have perfect certainty.

32 The same point is made in Owners: Condominium Plan 9421549 v. Main Street Developments Ltd., supra, where Clackson J. summarily dismissed the plaintiff's claim on the basis of undisputed facts. He said at paras. 55-56:

I am satisfied that these facts establish, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the Plaintiff knew that the buildings suffered from moisture problems and knew of the potential sequella if the problems were not rectified. This knowledge existed well before May 25, 1999. While I accept that it is possible the Plaintiff did not have perfect knowledge of the injury, that level of knowledge is not required: Peixeiro v. Haberman, [1997] 3 S.C.R. 549; Hill v. Alberta (South Alberta Land Registration District), (1993) 135 A.R. 266 (C.A.), leave to appeal to S.C.C. refused [1994] 1 S.C.R. viii; Ward v. Taubner, 2004 ABQB 565, 9 E.T.R. (3d) 275 (QB).

What was obvious was that there was a problem and that there was damage or at least the real potential for damage if the problem was not addressed. In my view, that is enough. (Emphasis added)

- De Shazo says he was lacking proof that O'Mara owned or controlled NovoMundo. He says that in July 2002 he received, for the first time, "credible factual information from the defendants that O'Mara owned NovoMundo" in the form of the statement from Wilson that NovoMundo was, as far as Wilson and others knew, owned by O'Mara. This, De Shazo says, was the missing piece of the puzzle that he needed to put his claim together. However, that statement did not add significantly to the picture De Shazo already had in February 2000.
- In our view, the information in De Shazo's hands in February 2000 was sufficient for him to bring a claim against the appellants for an oppression remedy and in fraud, and to resist a summary judgment application to dismiss such a claim. Further, in June 2001 De Shazo went so far as to obtain a legal opinion about the availability of an oppression remedy from Alberta counsel, and then changed that legal opinion and sent the doctored version to O'Mara in March 2002 to bolster his threat of litigation. As counsel for the appellants noted in argument, if this is not an appropriate case for summary judgment it is difficult to imagine what is.
- Further, De Shazo would have been aware that he was signing away his right to sue the appellants in September 2001, when he released Nations and its board members from claims arising from actions taken by them as members of the Nations and Ecolo boards.
- As this court noted in Hill v. Alberta, supra, very few people who sue have perfect certainty. The main issues of De Shazo's claims against Nations and Wilson, as set out in his statement of claim, are that they participated in and countenanced the fraudulent scheme, that they failed to investigate the alleged non-arm's length oil sales, that they failed to properly account to the shareholders of Nations and Ecolo with respect to the financial condition of Nations, and that they failed to take reasonable steps to determine if the Aequitas loan was commercially reasonable. These actions of the appellants, De Shazo claims, contributed to the devaluation of his Ecolo shares, thus causing injury when he sold those shares. De Shazo had, in February 2000, nearly all the information about his alleged injury and the participation of the appellants in causing that injury that he had when he filed his statement of claim. He had sufficient knowledge of the material facts to engage the discoverability principle codified in section 3(1)(a) of the Limitations Act.
- 37 It is plain and obvious, on the basis of the undisputed facts before the court, that De Shazo's claim against the appellants is statute barred. The appeal from the chambers judge's decision is allowed, as is the appellants' application for summary judgment.

CONRAD J.A.

MCFADYEN J.A.

O'LEARY J.A.



Citation: Prestigious Properties Inc v Cold Lake Estates Inc, 2016 ABQB 632



Date: 20161110 Docket: 1603 04928 Registry: Edmonton

Between:

Prestigious Properties Inc.

Plaintiff

- and -

Cold Lake Estates Inc., Northern Alberta Estates Inc., the Muller Ryan Richard Development Group Inc., also known as the MRR Development Group Inc., M Double M Engineering Services Inc., Charles Ryan, Matthys Muller, Roger Richard and Tri-City Capital Corp.

Defendants

Reasons for Decision of W.S. Schlosser, a Master of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

- [1] This is an application by the Defendants, Cold Lake Estates Inc, Northern Alberta Estates Inc. and The Muller Ryan Richard Development Group Inc. for summary dismissal of the Plaintiff's claim.
- [2] The application is based largely on the Limitations Act, RSA 2000, c L-12
- [3] I am following the road map set out in 1214777 Alberta Ltd v 480955 Alberta Ltd, 2014 ABQB 301, beginning at para 17. I am going to begin by assuming that the best evidence is before the Court.
- [4] The Applicants have the legal burden throughout. Once the Applicants have satisfied their evidentiary burden, the evidentiary burden then passes to the Respondent.
- [5] If this matter were to go to trial, Prestigious Properties Inc. would not only have the Plaintiff's burden of proving its case against the Defendants on a balance of probabilities, it also has the burden under section 3(5)(a) of the *Limitations Act* of showing that the two year limitation period in section 3(1)(a) has been met.

List of Authorities:

Applicants' Authorities

- 1. Alberta Rules of Court, Alta Reg 124/2010, at s 7.3(1);
- 2. Hryniak v Mauldin, 2014 SCC 7;
- 3. Windsor v CPR, 2014 ABCA 108;
- 4. De Shazo v Nations Energy Co, 2005 ABCA 241 Alta CA.

Respondent's Authorities

- 5. Alberta Rules of Court, Alta Reg 124/2010, Rule 7.3(1);
- 6. Limitations Act, RSA 2000, c L-12, s 3(1);
- 7. Condominium Corporation No 0321364 v Prairie Communities Corp, 2015 ABQB 753;
- 8. DeShazo v Nations Energy Co, 2005 ABCA 241;
- 9. Condominium Plan No 0125764 v Amber Equities Inc, 2015 ABQB 235;
- 10. Luzia v Baptisa, 2015 ABQB 736;
- 11. Infante v Dzagov, 2016 ABOB 41:
- 12. Huet v Lynch, 2000 ABCA 97;
- 13. Frydman v Pelletier, 2015 ABQB 289;
- 14. Sattva Corp v Creston Molly Corp, 2014 SCC 53;
- 15. Benfield Corporate Risk Canada Limited v Beaufort International Insurance Inc, 2013 ABCA 200;
- 16. Bhasin v Hreynew, 2014 SCC 71.

By the Court

- 17. 1214777 Alberta Ltd v 480955 Alberta Ltd, 2014 ABQB 301;
- 18. Boyd v Cook 2013 ABCA 27:
- 19. Hamill v Kudryk, 2013 ABCA 37:
- 20. Amex Electrical Ltd v 726934 Alberta Ltd, 2014 ABQB66.

Facts

- [6] The main facts are as follows:
- [7] The lawsuit concerns a failed residential subdivision development outside the City of Cold Lake.
- [8] An area structure plan prepared by Matthys Muller on behalf of the MRR Development Group Inc. said:
 - ... after mutual discussion instigated by the developer and with the agreement and permission of the MD, the City of Cold Lake agreed to the provision of the requested water supply to a trickling service standard, and to the receiving of the semi-treated sewage effluent from the septic tanks on the lots into the municipal sewer by means of a small diameter low-pressure reticulation system and a lift station. ...
- [9] There were two development options: a lower density 200 unserviced lot option of 1 acre each (with wells, or cisterns and septic systems), or a higher density option of 300 serviced lots

of ½ acre each. The trickling service standard in the Area Structure Plan applied to the second option. The Plaintiff says it relied on being able to service the 300 lots to the trickling service standard when it decided to buy the land and close this deal. The 'trickling service standard' is an economical choice. It would have insured the financial viability of the proposed subdivision if the 'high density' option had been pursued.

- [10] The land for subdivision was sold by Cold Lake Estates Inc. to Prestigious Properties Inc. in October 2010. The Agreement for Sale was prepared by the Plaintiff. It was unconditional with respect to the details of development. The Agreement provided:
 - 6.1(b) Subdivision approval has been obtained for the property for not less than 300 country residential lots.
 - (h) [The Seller] will forward all documents pertaining to said lands and its subdivision will be turned over to the buyer on or before completion date.
 - 6.2 The Seller and the Buyer each acknowledge that, except as otherwise described in this Contract, there are no other warranties, representations or collateral agreements made by or with the other party, the Seller's Brokerage and the Buyer's Brokerage about the Property, any neighbouring lands, and this transaction, including any warranty, representation or collateral agreement relating to the size/measurements of the land and buildings or the existence or non-existence of any environmental condition or problem.
 - 6.3 Any action relating to a warranty or representation in this Contract must be started within one (1) year from the Completion Day.
- [11] The sale was to be completed no later than April 30, 2011. However, Mr. Byer, the President of Prestigious Properties, purported to renegotiate the contract based on uncertainties about servicing costs. The sale did not close until May 11, 2011.
- [12] The Plaintiff claims that the trickling service standard had been rejected by the City of Cold Lake on or about March 15, 2011. It is a premise of the lawsuit that this decision was not revealed to the Plaintiff and documents evidencing it were kept concealed by the Applicants. The Plaintiff claims that it was unaware that the subdivision would have to be serviced to a higher standard until sometime in June or November 2013.
- [13] The initial development approval, dated October 22, 2010, required:
 - 2. Pursuant to Section 655(1)(b) that all lots shall be serviced with City of Cold Lake water and sewer with the City's approval. The developer shall be responsible for the design and construction of the water and sewer to City of Cold Lake's standards including upgrades to the City's system.

(emphasis added)

The City of Cold Lake's standards were not defined in the development approval and part of this issue is whether this was a reference to rural or municipal standards.

- [14] The Plaintiff's property was not a holding property.
- [15] This lawsuit was commenced in November of 2014; roughly two years and 18 months after closing in May of 2011, or roughly four years after the contract of sale.

Analysis

- [16] The limitations clock begins to run with the coincidence of the three elements set out in section 3(1)(a) of the Act. All three requirements depend on reasonable knowledge. Something less than actual subjective knowledge is required (eg **DeShazo v Nations Energy Co**, 2005 ABCA 241; **Boyd v Cook**, 2013 ABCA 27, at para 15 and following).
- [17] Let us assume, for the sake of argument, that the City had in fact made up its mind that servicing for the 300 lot option would have to be done to a higher (more expensive) standard in March of 2011. Let us even assume that the Applicants knew this; perhaps even had documents evidencing the decision, and that these documents were not revealed to the Plaintiff until June or November 2013. How is it that a developer in the position of Prestigious Property could not (or did not) discover the City's position until three years after the contract was signed, or roughly a year and a half after the deal closed especially when this piece of information was crucial to the viability of the project?

[18] The Plaintiff argues:

- 56. After the Completion Date, Prestigious spent well over a year pursuing the 200 Unserviced Lot Option outlined in the [Area Structure Plan] and awaiting the outcome of a low density development application brought on nearby property.
- 57. By June 2013, Prestigious became aware that insofar as the 200 Unserviced Lot Option in the ASP would not be accepted by the City, High Pressure Servicing would be required at far greater expense than originally contemplated based on the Vendor Disclosure. On this basis, Prestigious retained Canadian Wetlands Inc. ("Canadian Wetlands"), of which David Perehudoff was President and Prestigious' key contact.
- 58 Although Prestigious became aware through its consultants after the Completion Date that there were uncertainties with respect to servicing the Property with water and sewer, at no time prior to retaining Canadian Wetlands in 2013 was Prestigious advised by the City or the MD of the Concealed Information or that the City had previously communicated to Muller and Richard directly that there was only one servicing option, namely the True Servicing Requirement.
- 28. Prestigious was not aware that the City would <u>only</u> permit High Pressure Servicing until approximately June 2013.
- [19] Mr. Beyer is the President of Prestigious Properties and the Officer who spoke on behalf of the company. There is no unequivocal statement in evidence that Mr. Beyer (or Prestigious Properties) had no actual knowledge of the servicing requirements prior to November 2012. Paragraph 21 of Mr. Beyer's affidavit refers to disclosure of two documents in November 2013. Paragraphs 25 and 26 refer to a time in March or May 2011. The absence of a denial is a puzzling omission on this crucial point.

- [20] When Mr. Beyer was questioned on his affidavit, he said (at page 37, line 17 page 38, line 5):
 - Q So the uncertainty came about because the options were shut down?
 - A Correct. But at the time, I didn't know that. We found that out only about in 2013. Even Spur and Scheffer Andrews didn't find that out. Only once we hired David Perehudoff from Canadian Wetlands did we did sort of a record search with the City, and that's when it came out. That the City at that time, in sometime around March 2011, basically told Mattys in several meetings that the only option they would accept ever was this expensive sewer and water line, and they didn't tell us that.
 - Q So before, I think you said 2013 or something like that, you had no idea?
 - A We relied on the [Area Structure Plan]: correct.

This comes close, but later, he says (at page 53, line 21 - page 54, line 21):

- Q That would be an e-mail that was used but this e-mail was sent to Roger Richard?
- A That's what it appears to be, yes.
- Q And at the bottom, it says: (As read)

Fundraising is difficult, water/sewer options difficult, and I need dollars to development services.

What water/sewer options that were difficult were you referring to there at that time?

A I don't remember. As I mentioned, we engaged another firm in 2011. And by October 2012, I think we would have received the no -- I need to go through my records, but the City would have shut down that option which was laid out in the [Area Structure Plan]. So by that time, we would have realized that the only option available was the expensive water/sewer option, the one which Mattys Muller and Roger choose to withhold from us that information.

Q That was by this time, by October 29th, 2012?

A Yeah, that sounds about right. And then later we engaged – that was about nine months later we engaged David Perehudoff of Canadian Wetlands. So this was sort of an in-between time where we realized now that the option shown to us in the [Area Structure Plan] (i.e., the 200 lot option) was essentially not an option any more.

And at page 135, line 19 - page 136, - line 22 he says:

- Q So on May 31, 2011, you knew that Mattie's Area Structure Plan and the trickle water system would not be supported by the City. Correct?
- A I'm not sure whether I would go that far. That was perhaps an indication or opinion by Chad that there is issues.

- Q What steps did you take to investigate those issues on May 31, 2011, or at any time afterwards?
- A Well, around that time, Scheffer Andrew came on the scene as well so they were more in-depth expert in that, and they had worked in Cold Lake for many years so Chad and Scheffer Andrew, together, would investigate these issues further.
- Q So you knew there was an issue with the Area Structure Plan at that time.
- A Well, we knew there was uncertainties, and we knew that Mattie Muller had laid out a bunch of options, and it appears that some of these options are perhaps not as depicted as written in the [Area Structure Plan].
- Q Right. And you knew that the City was not supporting them.
- A That was an opinion by Chad. We had not seen this document you showed me earlier, namely, these minute meetings. We didn't know about.
- Q Well, that's --
- A So we had suspicion, let's call it, that there might be issues, right. And, as you see, I mean, Chad hasn't even met Mattie yet so this is an opinion by Chad after a meeting or two. So this is a sort of a -- let's call it a yellow flag, right. Not a red flag, but a yellow flag.

Finally, at page 138, line 27 – page 139, line 8 he says:

- Q Well, you are told May of 2011 that much of the information in the Area Structure Plan presented by Mattie would not even be supported by the City. Did you not concern yourself with that?
- A As I said, that was a yellow flag, and that was an opinion by Chad; and, as I said, shortly thereafter we decided to go down the other route, the cheaper route then to not use City water and City sewer but go down the low density route.

Actual Knowledge

- [21] The Plaintiff's own evidence about actual knowledge is inconsistent. There is no direct evidence about knowledge of servicing standards from any of the three consultants retained by the Plaintiff in the 2011-2013 time-frame. There are lost emails; both by the Plaintiff and by one of their consultants. There were two computer crashes; which appear to have destroyed evidence. There is nothing in the MD's files for 2011 2012. There is no direct evidence from the City.
- [22] The absence of this evidence is troublesome and it invites an inference. I acknowledge that the Plaintiff's explanation is that it was pursuing the 'low density' option but it is not clear what motivated this choice. (It could be equally well explained by the existence of knowledge that only the more expensive servicing option for the high-density development would be permitted by the City). It seems almost inconceivable that the Plaintiff would not have known or could not have discovered, before November 2012, what it says was an absolute and unequivocal decision by the City about servicing standards made in March 2011. Even assuming the alleged nondisclosure of documents pleaded in the Statement of Claim, high density servicing standards must have been one of the best kept secrets in Cold Lake.

[23] The evidence about what was actually known by the Plaintiff in this crucial period is not only conflicting, it is self-serving; at least in the sense that it could be coloured by something other than an assiduous desire to tell the truth. Mr. Beyer's recollection is not good. The internal inconsistency (at least) raises a red flag on the issue of credibility.

Constructive Knowledge

- [24] Whether the Plaintiff *ought to have known* (for the purposes of the limitation) is a mixed question of fact and law. The starting point is that it seems unlikely that the City's position on servicing could not have been discovered with reasonable diligence long before November 2012.
- [25] The Plaintiff says in his affidavit, that he relied on clause 6.1(h) in the Contract (cited in paragraph 10 above). That clause imposes a disclosure obligation on the seller. There is no mention of clause 6.3, which seems to shift the due diligence risk to the purchaser at least for the year following completion. This is part of the context. Not only is the development of the property actively being pursued, there is an impetus on the Plaintiff, imposed by the contract it drafted, to make sure everything was as it seemed.
- [26] As noted, there is no direct evidence from the City and no evidence from the Plaintiff's consultants, Spur Construction, Scheffer Andrew or Canadian Wetlands. I acknowledge that the Plaintiff's excuse is that they were busy pursuing the unserviced lot option during much of the time following completion, but there is a looming negative inference from the absence of evidence from the consultants who were in direct contact with the City.
- [27] If the City did not, in fact, make up its mind about servicing option until after May 2011, that takes away the cause of action.

Disposition

- [28] I appreciate that the Court is typically reluctant to give summary judgment on a limitations issue on less than a full factual record. This is one of those cases where the Court will have to see the witnesses because, without more, the credibility of the Plaintiff's officer is front and centre. If this were a trial, there would be live issues of credibility and a large negative inference.
- [29] I am not confident that a fair and just disposition can be made on the factual record presently before the Court; though I say this with some reluctance given the present state of the evidence. However, this result is the nearest of misses and a near miss should count for something. The Court of Appeal instructs us that in such cases, Security for Costs and a Procedural Order is a "wholesome practice". (Hamill v Kudryk, at paras 9, 10).
- [30] The application is dismissed, with costs in the cause. As the matter is being Casemanaged, a Procedural Order may not be necessary. Security for Costs is ordered in favour of the Applicants in an amount to be quantified by a pro forma Bill of Costs in accordance with the principles stated in Amex Electrical Ltd v 726934 Alberta Ltd, at paras 78 and following; unless the Plaintiff can show cause why security should not be provided.

There is one final housekeeping matter. These actions were ordered to be consolidated in February 2016. A consolidation file was opened, as was another, inadvertently. These two files: action numbers 1603 04928 and 1603 06360 are consolidated with materials to be filed in action number 1603 04928 henceforth.

Heard on the 24th day of August, 2016.

Dated at the City of Edmonton, Alberta this 10th day of November, 2016.

W.S. Schlosser M.C.C.Q.B.A.

Appearances:

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DATE ON WHICH APPLICATION WAS HEARD:

24 August 24 2016

DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED:

8 March 2017

LOCATION WHERE ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED:

Edmonton

NAME OF MASTER WHO MADE THIS ORDER:

W.S. Schlosser, Q.C.

UPON the application of the Defendants COLD LAKE ESTATES INC., NORTHERN ALBERTA ESTATES INC., THE MULLER RYAN RICHARD DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC. ("the Applicants") for summary dismissal of the Plaintiff's action; AND UPON READING the affidavits filed in support and in opposition to the application and transcripts of examinations on these affidavits; AND UPON HEARING submissions from counsel for the parties on August 24, 2016; AND UPON the Court reserving its decision; AND UPON THE COURT rendering written Reasons for Decision on November 10, 2016; AND UPON the Applicants applying to determining the quantum and terms of Security for Costs ordered against the Plaintiff in the Reasons for Decision herein issued on November 10, 2016;

THE COURT therefore orders as follows:

- 1. The Application for summary dismissal of the Plaintiff's action is dismissed.
- 2. The Plaintiff PRESTIGIOUS PROPERTIES INC., shall provide security for costs in favour of the Applicants in stages.

- a) The first stage shall include all matters up to and including Item 7(1) of the Applicant's Pro Forma Bill of Costs (attached) with the qualification that the payments shall be on a single Column 5 basis, and the amounts for Questioning shall be allowed only if conducted after November 10, 2 016, The amount thus calculated is \$33,750. The Plaintiff shall pay this amount into Court no later than 120 days from the date of this Order.
- b) Subsequent stages for payment of security for the remaining steps in the action shall be determined by the Case Management Justice or the Case Management Counsel
- 3. If the security is not provided in accordance with this Order, the Plaintiff's action is dismissed with costs without further order of the Court.
- 5. Action numbers 1603 04928 and 1603 06360 are consolidated with materials to be filed in action number 1603 04928 henceforth
- 6. Costs of this application are in the cause.

Master of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT BY

FIELD LLP

per:

Sandeep K. Dhir, Q.C. Solicitors for the Plaintiff

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BILL OF COSTS PREPARED BY THE DEFEBNDANTS, COLD LAKE ESTATES INC., NORTHERN ALBERTA ESTATES INC., THE MULLER RYAN RICHARD DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC., and CHARLES RYAN,

Fees claimed:

ITEM NO.	ITEM	COLUMN 5 AMOUNT
5 (1)	Preparation for questioning under Part 5	\$750
5 (2)	First ½ day or portion of it for attendance for questioning under Part 5 of parties or witnesses or cross examination on an affidavit • June 9, 2016	\$1,500
5 (3)	Each additional ½ day (25 @ \$1,500 ea) June 9, 2016 (1) June 13, 2016 (2) July 11, 2016 (2) July 14, 2016 (2) January 24-26, 2017 (5)	\$37,500

	 February 21-23, 2017 (6) 4 future additional half days to conclude questioning of Ryan 3 additional half days to conclude Questioning of Beyer 	
7 (1)	Contested applications • 6 applications to date, 3 pending, 2 additional potential at \$1,500 per application	\$16,500
8 (1)	Applications when a brief is required or allowed by the Court	\$2,000
9 (1)	Each pre-trial application to schedule a trial date	\$1,000
10 (1)	Preparation for trial	\$10,000
11	Trial (10 days) • For first ½ day or portion of it • Each additional ½ day (19 additional ½ days at \$1,500 per ½ day)	\$2,000 \$28,500
12	Submission of written argument at the request of the trial judge or where allowed by the trial judge	\$5,000

Disbursements:

DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
Couriers/postage		\$150
Trial filing Fees (\$6)	\$2,100	
Court reporting		\$9,000
Photocopies		\$1,000
Expert fees		\$15,000

GST:

(a) Amount claimed on fees. \$5,237.50

(b) Amount claimed on disbursements: \$1,257.50

(c) Amount claimed on other charges: \$

TOTAL GST:

\$6,495.00

Total amount claimed:

Fees:

\$104,750

Disbursements: \$27,250

Other Charges: \$ GST:

\$6,495

TOTAL:

\$138,495

Enhanced costs claimed where fraud alleged and not proven (double Column 5)

Fees:

\$209,500

Disbursements: \$ 27,250

Other Charges: \$

Fees

\$10,475.00

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GST:

\$ 1,257.50

TOTAL:

\$248,482.50