

British Columbians deserve answers. It's time for a Corruption Inquiry.

Thanks to the tens of thousands of Dogwood supporters who worked tirelessly to make Ban Big Money a central issue in the provincial election, we now have laws to prevent corporate, union and out-of-province political donations. Unfortunately, the lasting impacts of B.C.'s Wild West will remain unless the trail of corruption is uncovered.

Attorney General David Eby appears to have inherited a huge mess. Money-laundering casinos, a housing market corrupted by drug dealers, powerful industries writing their own laws -- our beautiful province is rotting from the inside out.

Our democracy is suffering from decades of darkness and secrecy, with Big Money pouring in from corporate bank accounts and lobbyists running amok. It's time to let the sunshine in.

Why do we need an Inquiry?

The Attorney General knows there is a serious problem. That's why he commissioned Peter German to investigate money-laundering in B.C. casinos. But what he is finding only raises more questions.

We deserve to know what went wrong in this province and how much past decision-makers knew about it. Did donations from real estate and gaming industries cause the past government to turn a blind eye?

Premier Horgan said he was not afraid to name names and assign blame. He hasn't ruled out a public inquiry to get to the bottom of the situation.

And it's not just money-laundering in casinos the Premier wants answers about. That could mean an investigation into the past government's decisions that may have favoured big donors from real estate, pharmaceuticals, trophy hunting lobbyists, oil and gas projects, the Kinder Morgan pipeline... the list goes on.

British Columbians made Ban Big Money laws a reality. We won. And we can win this too.

What is an inquiry?

An inquiry is an independent investigation of decision-making in government. The commission can interview witnesses and subpoena documents, just like a court of law.

Well-known B.C. examples include the Missing Women's (Oppal) Inquiry and the Braidwood Commission. Quebec's Charbonneau Commission and the federal Gomery Inquiry resulted in stronger political donation laws.

How do we get it started?

This investigation can't be run by politicians. We need an independent police task force to expose and dig out the rot.

Depending on what the police task force finds, the Premier and ministers could then appoint a commissioner and a panel to launch an inquiry. Once appointed, it is completely arms length and can't be stopped by the government.

But first we need to show the government they have public support to make this call.

British Columbians aren't going to let the dark fingers of corruption strangle this province. If decisions were made under the influence of Big Money, they need to be investigated, and those responsible need to be brought to justice.

What can you do?

1) Sign the petition 2) Join your local Dogwood team 3) Help us put pressure on the Premier, Attorney General and cabinet to launch a Corruption Inquiry 4) Spread the word!

It all starts here: **www.CorruptBC.ca**