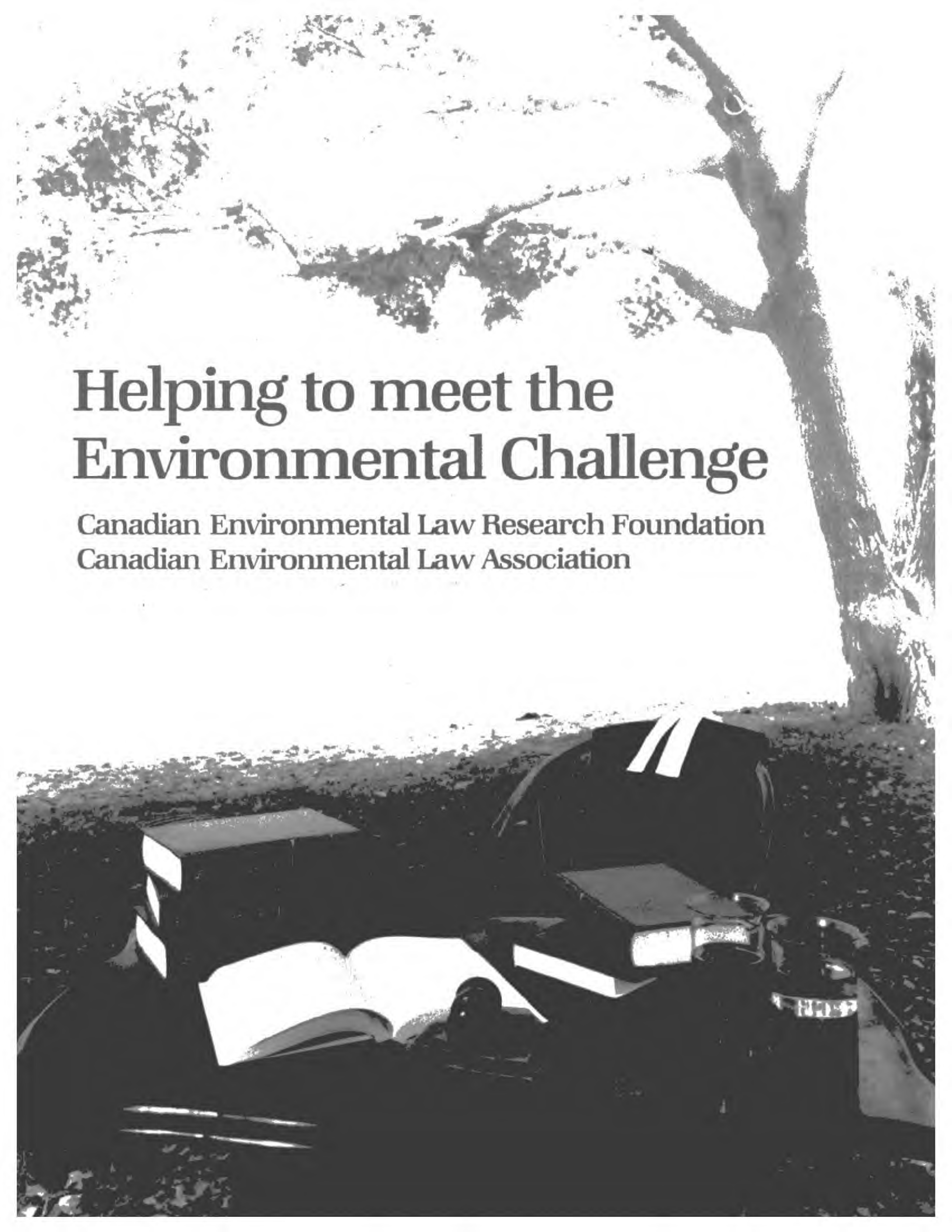




Helping to meet the Environmental Challenge

Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation
Canadian Environmental Law Association

Why is CELA/CELRF important to you

When people of goodwill from varying backgrounds face a common problem the solution is often a workable compromise. At the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) and the Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation (CELRF), we believe that discussion and negotiation among the people directly involved is the common-sense approach.

Recently, CELA helped bring attention to the potential health hazard of spraying the chemical 2, 4-D in schoolyards. As a result of the hard work of our lawyers, the spraying of certain chemicals in children's play areas has become a provincial issue, and already, 15 School Boards in Southern Ontario have banned its use.

Without CELA's assistance, a group of homeowners would not have been successful in its fight against excessive noise levels caused by a nearby railway terminal. The railway company admitted that the noise levels exceeded both federal and provincial suggested standards, and consequently has allocated \$5,000 to seek a solution.

CELA helped prevent a crisis in these situations by providing knowledgeable and reasonable solutions. We can do the same for you by providing suggestions and information to sensibly handle environmental issues.



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CELA staff discuss environmental law reform with Ontario Environment Minister Harry Parrott.

"It is not an easy task to bring in new legislation to protect the natural environment and it is almost impossible without the support of the environmental groups."

— Honorable Harry Parrott, D.D.S. in a letter to the Association, September, 1979.

Why you should join CELA/CELRF

Professionals, corporations and the general public make up the growing coast-to-coast subscribers to CELA services. Our professionals provide advice about environmental law, municipal and land use planning law and administrative law. We can give you:

- guidance to the solution of environmental problems;
- a realistic and objective viewpoint;
- experience, knowledge and skill not available within the member's organization;
- information on how the public, government, business and other organizations perceive environmental issues.

CELA/CELRF stress cooperation between business, government and the public while taking into account the interests of all parties concerned.

Our Services

CELA/CELRF provide comprehensive environmental information services to business, industry and the public.

The CELA Clinic

Our Environmental Law Advisory Office helps people with environmental problems by explaining their legal rights. If after consultation, it is felt that the problem can only be solved in the courts or before a government board or tribunal, CELA will either supply a staff lawyer or assist in finding an outside lawyer.

The Canadian Environmental Law Reports

The Canadian Environmental Law Reports is one of Canada's very few environmental case reporters and journals. Published six times yearly, it rapidly reports decisions of courts and boards, summaries of new or amended legislation, and news of an environmental-legal nature. Case comments and book reviews are also a frequent feature.

Subscribers include universities throughout North America, public libraries, numerous corporations, and many government agencies.

The CELA Newsletter

The CELA Newsletter, published bi-monthly, contains critiques of legislation, book reviews, and articles dealing with areas of topical concern. It provides an informative summary of environmental issues for citizens, groups and corporations.

Provincial and Federal Involvement

New legislative proposals are thoroughly evaluated and suggested amendments are proposed to the government. A 64-page critique of the *Ontario Environmental Protection Act* brought many improvements to the Bill before it passed into law in 1971. At present, the Ontario government is considering CELA's suggestions for amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Planning Act* and the *Pits and Quarries Control Act*.

Publications

CELA/CELRF are renowned for their books dealing with environmental law. *Environment on Trial*, published in 1974, and revised and expanded in 1978, was the first handbook of environmental law in Canada. *Maclean's* in its review of this book said: "Its examination of federal and environmental statutes, rules of common law, evidence and legal strategies make this a nationally significant book."

In 1975, CELA/CELRF issued "*Environmental Management and Public Participation*". The book describes the status of public participation in all Canadian jurisdictions, and advocates wider public input into the management of our environment through processes such as environmental impact assessment.

CELA/CELRF's study of environmental contaminants titled "*Poisons in Public*", published by James Lorimer & Co., critically examines the roles of government, the public, the corporate sector, and science in the regulation and control of dangerous contaminants. Case studies in the book include: Mercury pollution in Northwest Ontario and the St. Clair River, spruce budworm spraying in the Maritimes, federal and provincial regulation of radiation, and lead pollution in downtown Toronto. (Publication: early 1980.)

CELA/CELRF's newest project is a book on an Environmental Bill of Rights for Canadian Jurisdictions, written by some of the leading experts in the country. (Publication: mid-1980.)

CELA/CELRF recently began to publish occasional papers dealing with topical issues. The first, a handbook on how to preserve natural areas by utilizing little-known statutes was published in the summer of 1979. Others about protection of urban trees and the practice of public interest law are in preparation.

Legal Information Package

Commencing in the fall of 1979, CELRF will be offering a comprehensive Legal Information Package for an annual fee. Subscribers will receive a package of materials every second month which will include: our publications, both books and regular publications; critiques of proposed legislation and copies of related bills; submissions made to government agencies or committees; articles of interest from various publications we receive, and research studies we undertake.



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CELA staff prepare to present their case to the Environmental Assessment Board.



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Litigation Director Grace Patterson discusses evidence with an expert witness prior to an Environmental Assessment Board hearing.

Environmental Affairs Conference January 22, 1980

We will be offering an intensive one-day seminar for the business community, which is designed to acquaint executives with the wide range of issues involved in the legal aspects of environmental planning and management.

We foresee an increasing amount of legal regulation of environmental affairs in the coming years. With this in mind, we have focused the presentations on how business can better prepare itself to meet environmental challenges, and how it may better relate to the public and citizens' groups.

Confirmed participants include Harry Parrott, Ontario Minister of the Environment; Andrew Roman, Public Interest Advocacy Centre; Professor D. Paul Emond, Osgoode Hall Law School; C. Clifford Lax, Goodman & Goodman; Ray Robinson, Asst. Deputy Minister, Environment Canada.

The Conference fee is \$200. per delegate, and includes lunch and a variety of printed materials.

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