

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> affidavit of Alain Beaudoin in this proceeding and it was made on December 21, 2020

File No. Van Souver Registry 9

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

Between

ALAIN BEAUDOIN, BRENT SMITH, JOHN KOOPMAN, JOHN VAN MUYEN, RIVERSIDE CALVARY CHAPEL, IMMANUEL COVENANT REFORMED CHURCH, and FREE REFORMED CHURCH OF CHILLIWACK, B.C.

Petitioners

and

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, and DR. BONNIE HENRY IN HER CAPACITY AS PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Respondents

### AFFIDAVIT OF ALAIN BEAUDOIN

- I, ALAIN BEAUDOIN, of Dawson Creek, in the Province of British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS THAT:
  - 1. I am one of the Petitioners herein, and as such I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to except where stated to be on information and belief and where so stated, I verily believe them to be true.
  - 2. I am 37 and was born here in BC. I have lived in Dawson Creek since 1998. I have had a wide variety of careers, from a residential care worker, to the animal control officer for Dawson creek and area, to a medic in the oilfield. All this has given me a broad perspective on our country. Both my parents were in the Canadian Armed Forces in the 70s and taught me to be proud of Canada. I never got the chance to serve because of my own health problems. I did however join the air cadets as a teenage with the intention of serving our country. Canada is the greatest nation in the world, and I am disgusted to see the ongoing violation of Canadians' fundamental freedoms, which our veterans have fought to protect.

- 3. My family has experienced a significant amount of hardship. My sister is severely disabled. At five years of age, she developed epilepsy. Living in the north we would make monthly trips to Vancouver's children's hospital to see a neurologist. My sister had to have multiple surgeries throughout her life. One operation to remove nonmalignant tumor at the base of her brain stem, left her blind and deaf in one ear.
- 4. My family has always had to vigorously advocate to make sure my sister's basic rights were respected.

## Perspective on government restrictions

- 5. I believe the BC government and Canadian federal government have overstepped their legal powers. They have imposed restrictions that are draconian in nature. I believe our Constitution protects us from these types of tyrannical actions, yet it is being ignored in the name of "safety."
- Our rights and freedoms as Canadians are something admired worldwide. We have equal rights for all, we have laws that protect us from dangerous government actions and legislation.
- 7. I truly believe these rights and freedoms are being broken by the BC government.
- 8. I have been organizing protests against the violation of our rights.
- Relying on Provincial Health Orders, the RCMP demands that I document the private information of all attendees of these protests and that I will be fined for practicing my right to gather and to peacefully assemble.
- 10. It is terrifying to me and my fellow protesters to keep a list of private information to then be provided to the government.
- 11.1 believe that this is not what a free society does, and that it is dangerous to all our rights and freedoms. I do not believe that we should be allowing any elected or unelected individual to be able to make such broad orders that violate the individual freedoms of every BC resident. Yet this is what is currently happening under our Provincial Health Officer.

### December 1, 2020 protest

- 12.1 organized our first protest in Dawson Creek on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. We were protesting our Prime Minister's stated plan to "reimagine" our economy, including his statements about using this pandemic as an opportunity. Many Canadians do not agree with this plan to reset our economy when his government has not even presented a budget in 2 years.
- 13. This protest had less than 50 attendees.
- 14. Prior to the protest I was contacted by the Staff Sargent Damon Worrall of the Dawson Creek RCMP, which I found disturbing. The protest had been announced less than 24 hours before.
- 15. Staff Sargent Worrall's main concern was violence and vandalism. I told him that we are a peaceful group and do not wish to hurt our own community. I choose to work with the RCMP, in the interest of keeping our protests as safe as possible.
- 16.1 gave him what information we could and complied his requests that I believed were acceptable.
- 17. There was an incident at the Walmart here in Dawson Creek, where a person had engaged in violence toward a store employee. We condemned the violence immediately in our group and I contacted the RCMP to see what I could do. Violence is the last thing I want in my community. The person who had been violent was not a member of our group.
- 18. On the day of the protest, I was sure to make it clear that we would not accept any violent or aggressive behavior at the protests, regardless of who was involved. The protest and march went very well with no violence.
- 19. During our protest we marched through downtown Dawson creek (10<sup>th</sup> Street and 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) and to our local provincial building. Once we arrived at the building, we gathered to allow citizens to speak at an open to voice their frustrations.
- 20. After a short time, there we marched back. I stayed until everyone had left to ensure protester safety.
- 21. As I was standing there, I was yelled at by an individual driving by who stopped. I have no anger or hatred for this man. He expressed his opinion and I thanked him

- for it before he drove away. I do not see any Canadian as an enemy or feel that their voice is worth less than mine.
- 22. After the protest I called and spoke with the RCMP again to discuss the event and whether any issues I was unaware of had occurred. It seemed everything had gone well.
- 23. Given that we gathered in a large open space, no one was forced to be shoulder to shoulder and physical distancing was regulated naturally by the attendees.
- 24. We had less than 50 people in a parking lot capable of fitting 1000s.

## December 5, 2020 protest

- 25.On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> we held our second protest. This protest was specifically to speak against the Covid restrictions being placed on Canadians across the nation. As we watched the rights of our fellow Canadians erode, we knew it was only a matter of time before we suffered the same fate.
- 26. Again, I was in contact with the RCMP regarding the protest. I informed them of our plan, which was to gather outside the Dawson Creek Art Gallery and have some speakers talk about what how these restrictions go too far. Staff Sargent Worrall informed me that I could not have over 50 people, but I cannot control exactly how many people arrived at an outdoor protest. The social media page for the protest showed only 45 coming.
- 27. For this protest we gathered in a large parking lot, where social distancing would be easy for people to maintain.
- 28. After our speakers made their presentations, part of the group marched through downtown Dawson Creek again, but we did a loop back to the Art Gallery to rejoin the others. The protesters that stayed at the Art Gallery spread out along the sidewalk beside a traffic circle with sign to express to the rest of Dawson Creek we aren't happy with the increasing government restrictions.
- 29. To my surprise we had quite a bit more support than I expected. At least 75% of the vehicles were honking in support of us. Not all of us have the free time to speak up like this and not all of us have the freedom to speak up like this.

30. After this protest, on December 7, 2020, I received an in person visit from Staff Sargent Worrall. He presented me with a copy of the Order of the Provincial Health Officer, gathering and events, dated December 2, 2020.

#### December 12, 2020 Protest

- 31.On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we held our protest at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery near the traffic circle again. Everyone had gathered at 12 pm to start the protest. I was the MC of the protest.
- 32. My first point of order was to address any safety concerns we had. I informed everyone that they should socially distance as it is the only scientifically proven method to stop the spread of the virus. After that I had our usual opening statement that we stand against any violence or vandalism and finished with an advisory regarding the cold temperature. It was -25c with the windchill and I made sure to tell the protestors to watch another for signs of frostbite and hypothermia in the same way I would have done as an oilfield medic. Hazard identification is an important part of a medic's job, another important aspect of an industrial medic's job is to help inform the workers of potential hazard during each shift. My greatest concern at these protests is the safety of the attendees.
- 33. Once I had opened the protest with a quick speech, I introduced our first speaker and then our second speaker. Once they had finished at or around 12:45pm, we marched a short distance though the Dawson Creek downtown, ending back where we started.
- 34. The protest occurred without incident.
- 35. At around 1:30 pm the protesters started to disperse.
- 36.On the drive home, I was followed by a black SUV. In fact, it was an unmarked RCMP unit, and we pulled over immediately after the RCMP officer turned his lights on one block north of my home.
- 37.A plain clothes officer, not wearing a mask, jumped out of the unit and quickly identified himself as Staff Sgt. Worrall.
- 38. He wished to speak to me and rather than sit inside of the car while we talked, I asked permission to exit the vehicle and was given clearance to do so. At this

- point two other RCMP members arrived, exiting their unit to join us on the sidewalk.
- 39. Staff Sgt. Worrall and I discussed the protest. When Worrall had first approached our car, he did ask me if I had followed the guidelines set out by our Provincial Health Officer, specifically having a Covid response plan. I answered no.
- 40. The practicality of trying to plan for a large group of unknown scenarios in an open area and to follow the guidelines was not just impossible but would also have infringed the rights of the protesters. A Covid response plan requires me to document all the protesters' information. I absolutely will not do that in any way. I have a genuine fear for the wellbeing of the protesters if I put their names on a list. I will not knowingly aide government in targeting protesters for exercising their constitutional rights.
- 41. In the Provincial Health Order, there is no reference to protest. The word is mysteriously absent. A peaceful protest being a constitutional right puts us in a tough spot.
- 42. Staff Sgt. Worrall and I discussed this. His view was that he wishes to protect our right to protest but I was still in violation of the Provincial Health Order, hence requiring him to give me fine.
- 43. He then produced a folded ticket from his sweatpants pocket and gave it to me. Attached as **Exhibit "A"** to this Affidavit is a copy of the ticket.

# Threat of more fines for protesting

- 44. None of the above-described protests were conducted inside any building. They were all outside and, from what I observed, compliant with the government's social distancing directives.
- 45. On December 16, 2020, at 11:24 am, Staff Sgt. Worrall called me and informed me that if don't comply with all of the requirements of the Provincial Health Orders in subsequent protests, I will be fined \$2300 and each protestor who comes will be fined \$230.
- 46. We will not stop protesting for our rights, and we will not stop speaking up for those who can't speak for themselves out of fear they may lose their jobs and

- families. One protestor told me that they have been told by their superiors that they will be fired if they show support for us.
- 47. We will not stop until our rights are restored and legislation is amended to prevent any provincial or federal body from taking our rights.
- 48. The numerous red flags I have seen as of late do not bode well for Canada or Canadians. We are sinking into a totalitarian dystopia quickly and I will not just sit silently in my house as this to happen to my community, my province or my country. I love all my country and my city. I have never been anything but proud to be Canadian. We are a country of renowned diplomats and peacekeepers because of our rights and freedom. Now I fear we will lose that and everything that we are.
- 49. Suicides are on the rise along with the use of dangerous narcotics. Poverty will lead to more and more of this as these lockdowns are applied across the province. We do not see the effects of these lockdown immediately.
- 50. If we ignore those dangers and move forward with rolling lockdown, we will see massive damage to our cultures, economy, and way of life, destroying British Columbia and Canada in the process.
- 51.1 swear this Affidavit bona fide in support of the Petition for Judicial Review, and for no improper purpose.

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City of <u>Drwson (reek</u>,

in the Province of British Columbia,

on this <u>J</u> day of December, 2020.

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