

Seeking a Fair Share
of
Oil & Gas Wealth
for
All Albertans

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on behalf of
the Alberta Social Credit Party

Canadian Natural notches four-fold jump in profits (Calgary Herald – May 4, 2007)

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. said its first-quarter results more than quadrupled from last year. Net profits rose to \$269 million, up from \$57 million a year earlier.

Rising margins fuel Exxon Mobil profit (Calgary Herald – April 27, 2007)

Exxon Mobil Corp. said its first-quarter earnings are up over 10 per cent from last year. It was another massive profit for Exxon Mobil which has seen its coffers swell due to soaring oil prices over the last few years. The company earned \$39.5 billion in 2006, the largest profit in U.S. history.

Drilling giant hits record '06 profits

(Calgary Herald – March 20, 2007)

Ensign Energy Services Inc., Canada's second largest drilling firm, reported that net income for the 12-month period rose 101 percent to \$341.3 million from \$169.7 million in 2005.

Occidental CEO shows how the rich get richer (Calgary Herald – May 8, 2007)

CEO of Occidental Corp. took out \$270 million of option gains in 2006, despite the fact he's been paid \$51 million per year since 1994.

Oilpatch execs collect wide-ranging pay packs (Calgary Herald – March 30, 2007)

Encana Corp, chief executive Randy Eresman made nearly \$6.4 million last year. Former chief executive, Gwyn Morgan, took home a larger paycheque, receiving about \$8.8 million dollars. At Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., president Steve Laut made \$11.8 million in 2006. At oil sands giant, Suncor Energy Inc., chief executive Rick George made \$10.9 million in salary, bonuses and cashing in stock options last year, as the company's profits tripled.

Norway energy giant targets North American Oil Sands

(Calgary Herald – April 28, 2007)

Norway's Statoil made a bid to acquire all the shares of Calgary-based North American Oil Sands Corp., an all-cash deal worth \$2.2 billion. Formed in 2001, North American Oil Sands operates 103,880 hectares of oil sands leases in Athabasca with recoverable reserves of 2.2 billion barrels. Statoil will be the third European oil major to buy into Alberta's oil sands projects. The two others are the Royal Dutch/Shell Group and France's Total.

Inflation pinching seniors

(Calgary Herald – March 21, 2007)

Consumer prices in Calgary rose at their fastest pace in four years, tightening the pressure on those on fixed incomes as housing-related and food costs spiralled sharply upward. More and more seniors are struggling to keep their homes. They are making life-and-death choices between ‘do I pay the heat, or do I buy my medication this month?’

Rising prices have many afraid to wait

(Calgary Herald – March 21, 2007)

First-time buyers are “scrambling to realize home ownership” fearing the price of homes will continue to skyrocket this year in Calgary.

Increase infuriates city renter

(Calgary Herald, May 10, 2007)

Calgary native, Reed Smith, knew the \$1,000-per-month rate he has been paying was bound to go up when his one-year lease expired, but gulped when he was asked to pay \$1,950 for his two-bedroom suite in the Beltline.

Alberta energy revenue crashing

(Calgary Herald – April 27, 2007)

According to provincial budget projections, oil and gas revenues are expected to be nearly cut in half within two years, dropping to \$7.8 billion in 2009-10 after peaking at \$14.35 billion in 2005-06.

Example of Sliding Scale Royalty Regime

<u>Oil Price (USD/bbl)</u>		<u>Royalty Computation</u>		<u>Actual %</u>
< or =	\$30.00	25%	Royalty for \$30 barrel = \$7.50	25.00%
> \$30 and < or =	\$40.00	\$7.50 plus 30% of amount over \$30	Royalty for \$40 barrel = \$10.50	26.25%
> \$40 and < or =	\$50.00	\$10.50 plus 40% of amount over \$40	Royalty for \$50 barrel = \$14.50	29.00%
> \$50 and < or =	\$60.00	\$14.50 plus 50% of amount over \$50	Royalty for \$60 barrel = \$19.50	32.50%
> \$60 and < or =	\$70.00	\$19.50 plus 60% of amount over \$60	Royalty for \$70 barrel = \$25.50	36.43%
> \$70 and < or =	\$80.00	\$25.50 plus 70% of amount over \$70	Royalty for \$80 barrel = \$32.50	40.63%
> \$80 and < or =	\$90.00	\$32.50 plus 80% of amount over \$80	Royalty for \$90 barrel = \$40.50	45.00%
>\$90		\$40.50 plus 90% of amount over \$90	Royalty for \$100 barrel = \$49.50	49.50%