



## **STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY**

### **Research Study Encourages Reform of Alberta's Municipal Acts**

The Foundation for Democratic Advancement's (FDA) study centers on the impact of Alberta municipal planning and development processes on a free and democratic society. The study focuses, as an example, on the controversial Bingham Crossing development application. All aspects of the processes surrounding Bingham Crossing are researched and analyzed, and Albertan municipal processes are compared to non-Albertan municipal processes.

This study provides an objective understanding of the impact of Alberta government processes on municipal democracy. In addition, the study is in no way an evaluation of the merits and deficiencies of the proposed Bingham Crossing development.

### **Key Points from the Report ([slideshare](#) or [pdf](#))**

- The Alberta municipal processes give a greater voice to special interests over the voice of the citizenry.
- The municipal processes unreasonably limit the democratic rights of citizens and do not include adequate offsetting mechanisms; and are therefore in conflict with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- The FDA recommends an inspection by the Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister into the Bingham Crossing development application and government-initiated referendum on the controversial development.

### **Presentation of Findings ([pdf](#))**

On Monday April 22, 2013, the FDA will present its measurements and findings followed by a Q&A. The presentation begins at 6:00pm and 7:00pm at the Springbank Heritage Club. Please see the attached poster. Hardcopies of the report will be available for purchase.

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The Foundation for Democratic Advancement (FDA) is a registered Alberta non-profit organization. The FDA's mission is

**to measure, study, and communicate the impact of government processes on a free and democratic society.**

Overall, the FDA works

1. **to ensure that people become more knowledgeable about the outcomes of government processes and can then make decisions that are more informed;**
2. **to get people involved in monitoring government processes at all levels of government and in providing sound, practical, and effective suggestions. (For more information on the FDA visit: [www.democracychange.org](http://www.democracychange.org))**