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Committee mandate: The Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights was established by the Legislative Assembly on March 22, 2021, through the passage of Government Motion 69 of the 30th Legislature, Second Session. The committee's deadline to report to the Legislative Assembly with recommendations was extended by Government Motion 106 of the Second Session from December 15, 2021, to June 15, 2022, and further extended to June 30, 2022, by Government Motion 28 of the Third Session.

The committee's mandate was limited to consideration of:

- whether the legal remedies available to a real property owner who is deprived of the use of their real property are adequate;
- whether the real property rights should be expanded or, in the case of an individual, constitutionally protected;
- whether the law of adverse possession should be abolished;
- whether the expropriation processes provided under the Expropriation Act are adequate;
- any other matter that the committee decides is necessary to ensure the completeness of its review.

The Legislative Assembly referred Bill 206, Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, to the committee for review on April 12, 2021, in accordance with Standing Order 78.1. Bill 206 was dropped from the Order Paper at the end of the 30th Legislature, Second Session.

The committee could review as part of its mandate any part of the following statutes: Alberta Bill of Rights, Alberta Land Stewardship Act, Expropriation Act, Land Titles Act, Law of Property Act, Limitations Act, Responsible Energy Development Act. The committee could review any other act which the committee determined was necessary to ensure the completeness of its review.

The committee tabled its final report on June 20, 2022.

There are two indexes for the transcripts of meetings of the Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights, a **subject index** and a **speaker index**. Interim indexes are unedited and are not considered official. Committee activities during the 30th Legislature, Third Session (February 22, 2022 –) are as follows.

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Ind. Independent (no party affiliation)

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