

VIDEO Commissioner Loses Patience With Ed Martin At Muskrat Falls Inquiry

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The Commissioner of the Muskrat Falls Inquiry lost his patience with former Nalcor CEO Ed Martin after another day of testy and difficult testimony today.

Martin's testimony over the last few days has come across as combative as he fielded questions from Inquiry Co-counsel Kate O'Brien and other lawyers seeking answers surrounding the project, cost overruns and the decision-making process.



Over the last few days, Martin has repeatedly interrupted lawyers during questioning, seeking further clarification to questions and offering lengthy explanations and timelines in response to questions in what appeared to be attempts to direct the process.

He told co-counsel Kate O'Brien on more than one occasion to "proceed," while he asked lawyer Geoff Budden, who represents the Muskrat Falls Concerned Citizens' Coalition, whether he would like to interrupt him.



Commissioner Richard LeBlanc once again directed Martin to answer the questions at hand during questioning by Budden.

LeBlanc told the Inquiry they they would have a "long, painful afternoon" if things continued the way they were going.



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It got worse. Commissioner LeBlanc lost his patience and called a short recess to cool down after a particularly difficult exchange between Budden and Martin, in which Martin repeatedly tried to change the course of questioning.

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He accused Martin of trying to run the show and told him that “this foolishness” had to stop or he wouldn’t hear any more of his story because he didn’t like Martin’s attitude and told him he was being rude.

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