

Williams Concludes Testimony At Muskrat Falls Inquiry

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Former Premier Danny Williams concluded his testimony today at the Muskrat Falls Inquiry, and says he's feeling confident despite questions over a lack of documentation to support his government's level of scrutiny during the onset of the megaproject.

Commission co-counsel, Barry Learmonth says the inquiry has searched for reviews or reports that would have been prepared by government departments to show analysis of project costs.

He says they looked for records indicating that the PCs investigated possible financial impact on the province in the event of significant cost overruns. However, he told Danny Williams that they have not yet found anything to support such activity.

Williams says he isn't worried about the apparent lack of documentation. He says virtually every department has looked at

adequate scrutiny.

Earlier Story

Former Premier Danny Williams got defensive at the Muskrat Falls Inquiry this morning when questioned about his reaction to critics of the megaproject.

It's the second day of testimony for the man many consider the political architect of the project. Lawyer Geoff Budden, who represents the Muskrat Falls Concerned Citizens Coalition, questioned Williams on the stand this morning.

The former premier became testy when questioned about whether he had taken an optimistic approach to the project and ignored critics.

Williams responded that he listened to "constructive", "valid" critics, but didn't pay heed to some of the more outspoken critics like Des Sullivan who is behind the Uncle Gnarly blog.

"I also have a right, as someone being criticized, to push back," said Williams. He referred to Sullivan's blog as "uncle nobby, nutty or whatever". He says he welcomed constructive criticism but says the personality and naming aspects of that criticism are a "whole different ballgame".

Williams also dismissed David Vardy, a man who Budden described as a trained economist, for suggesting that more government employees would speak out against the project if not for fear of professional backlash.



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