

Status as at November 2002

The latest AFTER news

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As at November 15, 2002 the Ontario Court of Appeal decision in the Monsanto case has still not been rendered by the three Superior Court Justices who heard the case on at Osgoode Hall, Toronto on April 29th and 30, 2002.

Something else is afoot with potentially major implications for our action. The Ontario Provincial Government is proceeding with proposed amendments to the Ontario Pension Benefits Act (PBA), which, if passed will, retroactively to 1988 (15 years), wipe out rights of thousands of members of defined benefit pension plans in the province. An omnibus bill, Bill 198 "Keeping the Promise for a Strong Economy (Budget Measures) 2002", affecting 25 different Provincial Acts, was introduced by Finance Minister Janet Ecker on Oct 30th.

A mass mailing to all Ontario domiciled AFTER members went out Nov. 11/02 with sample letter to Premier Ernie Eves). We want to send our message to ALL MPPs and need your help to accomplish it. Click onto the Government website at www.ontla.on.ca/Members/all_email to get the e-mail addresses for all MPPs. We need YOU to write Ernie Eves and e-mail a copy to every MPP in the Legislature. Do it NOW, the vote will be soon.

A number of newspaper articles have appeared since the Government became involved.

Meanwhile we have again met with Executives of Scotiabank who remains as intransigent as ever, waiting for a Court decision for "direction".