

## Ottawa's 'a-Kealey's' heel brings message to city

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A former businessman from Hull, Que., has become an "a-Kealey's" heel to the federal Progressive Conservative government, and he wants Canadians to know about it.

"I'm going to do my darndest to let the people of Canada know about problems in the federal government," said full-time protester Glen Kealey, who rose to national prominence earlier this year after his arrest for picketing outside the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

Kealey, 48, spoke to about 200 people in Saskatoon this week about what he sees as corruption in the federal government and the current libel laws that have prevented the media from reporting on it.

"I believe in democracy. I don't want my children to grow up in a country where bribes are the way the government conducts its business."

Kealey's personal nightmare began a few years ago when, as a successful Quebec businessman, he backed a plan to build a multi-million dollar project in Hull.

"We needed the government's support to complete the project. In order to get it, I was asked by a Tory MP to pay a kickback," said the former Progressive Conservative party member.

Kealey said he "flatly refused" to pay the bribe and, as a result, the project went down the tubes.

"If the project had gone ahead, I would have retained three per cent of the equity — totalling \$20 million.

The setback prompted Kealey to launch an all-out attack two years ago on what he says is federal government corruption.

"I knew it would probably cost me everything I own — and it has."

Since he launched his one-man crusade in front on Parliament Hill, he's lost his business, home, car and all his savings.

Five days a week, Kealey walks to the hill to protest what he says is government corruption.

"By constantly being there, I serve as a constant reminder."

Kealey said the Mulroney government is obviously concerned about his presence as they wrote a new law which would prohibit people like him from protesting.

A Public Works regulation, approved by the federal cabinet earlier in the year, forces demonstrators to remain 50 metres away from entrances to the Parliament Buildings.

Kealey and Rev. Tony Van Hee, a Jesuit priest and anti-abortion activist from Guelph, Ont., were arrested and taken to jail briefly by RCMP after the order-in-council was passed.



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