



#### **DIRECTOR'S ORDER UNDER SECTION 157**

OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT

TO

**DEDRIC ROBINSON** 

**AND** 

THE IMPROVEMENT SOURCE

AND

**CAPITOL RENOVATIONS** 

AND

**CAPITOL ABATEMENT** 

AND TO

# ANY EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE, OR AGENT OF DEDRIC ROBINSON

This Director's Order was issued under s. 157 of the *Fair Trading Act* in response to, in the opinion of the Director, contraventions of the Act. As mandated by s. 157.1 of the *Fair Trading Act*, this Director's Order is part of the public record.

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### **ISSUE**

Between June, 12, 2013 and December 30, 2013, Dedric Robinson, operating as The Improvement Source and/or Capitol Renovations, engaged in contracts with 6 different Alberta consumers for contract amounts well exceeding \$71,000.00 in total. The nature of these contracts in which all or part of the contract price was paid before all the goods or services called for in the contract were provided constitutes a "prepaid contract" as defined by the Designation of Trades and Business Regulation.

A "prepaid contracting business" means the activities of soliciting, negotiating or concluding in person, at any place other than the seller's place of business a construction or maintenance contract in which all or part of the contract price is to be paid before all the goods or services called for in the contract are provided.

A "Construction or Maintenance Contract" in part means a contract for the purposes of constructing, altering, maintaining, repairing, adding to or improving a person's own private dwelling or a structure / building located on the same property, used in conjunction with the person's own private dwelling or improving real estate property to be used in connection with the person's own private dwelling / building / structure.

The contracts referenced above were solicited, negotiated or concluded in a fashion that satisfies the definition of a prepaid contracting business, requiring an individual and/or business to be licensed under Section 104(1) of the *Fair Trading Act*.

Dedric Robinson operating as Capitol Renovations and/or The Improvement Source has entered into prepaid contracts without holding a prepaid contract licence.

#### ORDER

- Dedric Robinson and/or Capitol Renovations, The Improvement Source and Capitol
  Abatement either in his own capacity or when acting on behalf of a corporation in which he
  has an interest by which he is employed or otherwise engaged, must immediately cease
  entering into prepaid contracts (taking down payments, deposits or progress payments
  before work is fully completed) with residential consumers until the licensing requirements
  have been met.
- Any employee, representative, agent or associate of Dedric Robinson and/or Capitol Renovations, The Improvement Source and Capitol Abatement must immediately cease entering into prepaid contracts (taking down payments, deposits or progress payments before the work is fully completed) with residential consumers until the licensing requirements have been met.

## NON COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER

ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT CONTRAVENES THIS ACT AND IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND MAY BE PROSECUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 163 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT.

Scott Hood

Director of Fair Trading (as delegated)

July 16, 2014