

Findings and Decisions of Investigations: 2010

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Date (Note 1)	Contributor	Recipient	Circumstances (Note 2)	Indirect Contribution Amount (Note 3)	Penalty issued by CEO to the Contributor (Note 4)	Return of Contribution by the Recipient (Note 5)
March 2010	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Hays	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Calgary-Hays Constituency Association Dinner) at a cost of \$100	\$75	\$18.75 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA was advised to consider returning the contribution on a voluntary basis
April 2010	Municipal District of Foothills	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The Municipal District [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 4 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Calgary) at a cost of \$450 each	\$1,700	\$850 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party was advised to consider returning the contribution on a voluntary basis
April 2010	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Egmont	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Calgary-Egmont Constituency Association Dinner) at a cost of \$150	\$125	\$31.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Calgary-Acadia CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
April 2010	Town of Okotoks	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 6 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Calgary) at a cost of \$450 each	\$2,550	\$637.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
May 2010	Town of Rimbey	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 2 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Edmonton) at a cost of \$450 each	\$850	\$212.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2010	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Mackay	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a CA fundraising function* at a cost of \$100	\$75	\$18.75 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Calgary-Northern Hills CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2010	Town of Okotoks	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Highwood	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] provided reimbursement for 3 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$150 each	\$375	\$93.75 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
July 2010	Town of Oyen	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Drumheller-Stettler	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of the Act] provided reimbursement for 2 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$162.50 each	\$275	\$68.75 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
September 2010	Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB)	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater	The ATB [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(i) of the Act] purchased a golf package for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$750	\$650	\$162.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
October 2010	Chinook's Edge School Division #73	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The School Divison [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] purchased 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$250	\$225	\$56.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
October 2010	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-North Hill	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 2 tickets to a CA fundraising function* at a cost of \$120 each	\$190	\$47.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Calgary-Klein CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
October 2010	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Mackay	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Calgary-Mackay Constituency Association Dinner) at a cost of \$100	\$75	\$18.75 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
October 2010	West Winds School Division #74	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The School Division [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] purchased 8 tickets to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$250 each	\$1,800	\$900 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
November 2010	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Varsity	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the Act] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 2 tickets to a fundraising function* (Calgary-Varsity Constituency Association Dinner) at a cost of \$100 each	\$150	\$37.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order

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January 2011	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Egmont	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Calgary-Egmont Constituency Association Dinner) at a cost of \$150	\$125	\$31.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Calgary-Acadia CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
February 2011	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Foothills	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 2 tickets to a CA fundraising function* at a cost of \$100 each	\$150	\$37.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
March 2011	Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB)	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	The ATB [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(i) of <i>the Act</i>] purchased 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$125	\$100	\$25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
March 2011	Village of Waskatenau	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Athabasca-Redwater	The Village [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 4 dinner tickets to a fundraising function* (Constituency Association Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$75 each	\$200	\$50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
April 2011	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Calgary) at a cost of \$450	\$425	\$106.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
April 2011	Town of High River	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner in Calgary) at a cost of \$450	\$425	\$212.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
June 2011	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-East	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Calgary-East Constituency Association Dinner) at a cost of \$150	\$125	\$31.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA was ordered to return the contribution
June 2011	Municipal District of Foothills	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Highwood	The Municipal District [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 8 registration fees for a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$150 each and sponsored two holes at the tournament (a fair market value of \$100 each)	\$1,200	\$600 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
June 2011	Town of Barrhead	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	The Town [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (MLA golf tournament) at a cost of \$135	\$110	\$55 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA was ordered to return the contribution
July 2011	Mackenzie County	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Dunvegan-Central Peace	The County [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(ii) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for 1 registration fee for a fundraising function* (golf tournament) at a cost of \$150	\$125	\$62.50 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order
October 2011	Chinook's Edge School Division #73	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	The School Division [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of <i>the Act</i>] purchased 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$250	\$225	\$56.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The Party returned the contribution prior to the issuance of the CEO order
November 2011	Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Constituency Association (CA) - Calgary-Glenmore	The School Board [a prohibited corporation in accordance with section 1(1)(l)(iv) of <i>the Act</i>] provided reimbursement for the purchase of 1 ticket to a fundraising function* (CA Premier's Dinner) at a cost of \$150	\$125	\$31.25 administrative penalty (issued and received)	The CA returned the contribution in compliance with the CEO order

Note 1:

Disclosure is limited, by law, to violations that occurred on or after December 10, 2009. Results of investigations of alleged violations that occurred prior to that date cannot be disclosed, in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act (the Act)*.

Note 2:

Section references refer to the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act (the Act)*.

Note 3:

*Section 23 of the *Act* prescribes that if the individual charge for a ticket to a fundraising function is more than \$50, the expense portion is \$25 and the balance is deemed to be a contribution (*effective to December 31, 2012*).

Indirect contributions occur when a prohibited corporation reimburses a person who has made a political contribution.

Note 4:

Several criteria were considered in the assessment of penalties, including:

- Materiality/severity
- Number of violations
- Cooperation/self-reporting
- Due diligence/policies established to ensure compliance

Note 5:

Effective April 22, 2010, the Chief Electoral Officer had statutory authority to order a political entity to return prohibited contributions to the contributor, in accordance with section 51.1 of the *Act*. Prior to that, the political entity was advised to consider the voluntary return of a prohibited contribution.

An order is made when it is determined that a prohibited corporation made a contribution in violation of the *Act*. An order does not indicate any finding of statutory violation on the part of the political entity by the Chief Electoral Officer.

This information is updated to reflect contributions that have been returned.