

## 2015 Findings and Decisions Regarding Investigations - Direct Contributions

Dates (Note 1)	Contributor	Recipient	Circumstances (Note 2)	Direct Contribution Amount (Note 3)	Penalty issued by CEO to the Contributor (Note 4)	Return of Contribution by the Recipient (Note 5)
Commenced: February 2014  Concluded: February 2015	BKW Enterprises Ltd. 620884 Alberta Ltd.	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Candidate in the Electoral Division of Fort McMurray- Wood Buffalo.	BKW Enterprises Ltd. and 620884 Alberta Ltd. were deemed a single corporation, in accordance with section 1(3), and violated section 17(1)(b)(ii) by making an over-contribution in the 2012 Provincial General Election.	\$4,000	Letter of Reprimand	The candidate was ordered to return the excessive contribution amount of \$2,000. The refund was issued.  The investigation revealed that the candidate did not violate section 19 of the <i>EFCDA</i> .  This information is posted in accordance with section 5.2(3)(a).
Commenced: March 2014  Concluded: December 2015	Singhmar Acres Ltd. Singhmar Developments Inc. 726751 Alberta Ltd. AUM Hotel Group Inc.	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Candidate in the Electoral Division of Edmonton-Ellerslie.	Singhmar Acres Ltd., Singhmar Developments Inc., 726751 Alberta Ltd. and AUM Hotel Group Inc. were deemed a single corporation, in accordance with section 1(3), and violated section 17(1)(b)(ii) by making an over-contribution in the 2012 Provincial General Election.	\$4,000	Letter of Reprimand	The candidate voluntarily agreed to return \$2,000 in excess contribution when made aware of the contravention of the <i>EFCDA</i> .  The investigation revealed that the candidate did not violate section 19 of the <i>EFCDA</i> .  This information is posted in accordance with section 5.2(3)(a).
Commenced: March 2014  Concluded: December 2015	AAA Holdings Ltd. AAA Doors Ltd.	Progressive Conservative Candidate in the Electoral Division of Calgary-Greenway.	AAA Holdings and AAA Doors Ltd. were deemed a single corporation, in accordance with section 1(3), and violated section 17(1)(b)(ii) by making an over-contribution in the 2012 Provincial General Election.	\$4,000	Letter of Reprimand	The candidate voluntarily agreed to return \$2,000 in excess contribution when made aware of the contravention of the <i>EFCDA</i> .  The investigation revealed that the candidate did not violate section 19 of the <i>EFCDA</i> .  This information is posted in accordance with section 5.2(3)(a).
Commenced: March 2014  Concluded: December 2015	Schiebout Seeds Ltd. Schiebout Farms Ltd	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta Candidate in the Electoral Division of Little Bow.	Schiebout Seeds Ltd. and Schiebout Farms Ltd. were deemed a single corporation, in accordance with section 1(3), and violated section 17(1)(b)(ii) by making an over-contribution in the 2012 Provincial General Election.	\$4,000	Letter of Reprimand	The candidate voluntarily agreed to return \$2,000 in excess contribution when made aware of the contravention of the <i>EFCDA</i> .  The investigation revealed that the candidate did not violate section 19 of the <i>EFCDA</i> .  This information is posted in accordance with section 5.2(3)(a).

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Commenced: November 2013  Concluded: November 2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Devonshire Manor Ltd.</li> <li>2. Devonshire Mews Ltd.</li> <li>3. Christenson Developments Inc.</li> <li>4. Christenson Developments Ltd.</li> <li>5. Glastonbury Village Ltd.</li> <li>6. Rail Town Condominiums Ltd.</li> <li>7. Can-Der Construction Ltd.</li>   <li>8. Citadel Mews West Ltd.</li> <li>9. Christenson Equities Ltd.</li> <li>10. Glastonbury Mews Ltd.</li> <li>11. 340013 Alberta Ltd.</li> <li>12. Bedford Village Ltd.</li> <li>13. Arcon Design Services Ltd.</li> <li>14. Royal Oak Dev. Lacombe Ltd.</li> <li>15. 585436 Alberta Ltd.</li> </ol>	Wildrose Alliance Party Candidate in the Electoral Division of Highwood	<a href="#">View the Chief Electoral Officer's decision here regarding excess contributions made in April 2012.</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$500</li> <li>2. \$500</li> <li>3. \$500</li> <li>4. \$500</li> <li>5. \$500</li> <li>6. \$500</li> <li>7. <u>\$500</u></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">\$3,500</li>   <li>8. \$500</li> <li>9. \$500</li> <li>10. \$500</li> <li>11. \$500</li> <li>12. \$1,500</li> <li>13. \$500</li> <li>14. \$500</li> <li>15. <u>\$500</u></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">\$5,000</li> </ol>	Letters of Reprimand to each corporation.	<p>The investigation determined that there were two separate groups of companies, each deemed to be a single corporation, in accordance with section 1(3) and violated section 17 (1)(b)(ii) by making an overcontribution in the 2012 Provincial General Election.</p> <p>An order to return excess contributions was made. The candidate and constituency association cooperated and complied with the order.</p> <p>This information is posted in accordance with section 5.2(3)(a).</p>

*Note 1:*

Dates shown refer to the commencement and conclusion of the investigation.

The date commenced will reflect the date shown on the initial complaint, if the investigation was initiated by an external source. If the investigation was initiated by the Chief Electoral Officer, the date the decision was made to investigate will appear.

If an allegation regarding an excessive or prohibited contribution is founded, an investigation is commenced to determine whether the recipient violated the EFCDA. In this case, the date concluded will reflect the date that the investigation into the recipient's acceptance of the contribution was completed and appropriate notice was provided to those involved.

If an allegation is unfounded, the date concluded will reflect the date that appropriate notice was provided to those involved.

*Note 2:*

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).

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*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*).

*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.