

# WHEN DOES A LACK OF DISCLOSURE TRANSITION FROM ERROR TO IRREGULARITY ???

By: Kerry Morris - September 15, 2015  
We are closing in on one full year since the 2014 municipal elections were held, and we still don't know how much our Mayor spent on his re-election campaign, or if it is an honest reflection of events?

How is this possible you ask? My answer: **"I have absolutely no idea how an elected official with 4 terms as councillor and 3 terms as mayor under his belt is still unable to understand how much he spent on his campaign. If he's that bad at math, disclosure and accuracy, what else isn't he telling us?"**

## \$7,639.10 Contribution from Craig Keating to Darrell Mussatto

In your correspondence dated June 8, 2015, you questioned the campaign contribution from Craig Keating to Darrell Mussatto valued at \$7,639.10 and dated November 1, 2014. Elections

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BC has determined that this amount was in fact not a campaign contribution but was a loan to cover Mr. Mussatto's portion of three shared expenses: Patok newspaper ad, design services and direct mail services (pages 4, 5 and 6 of form 4232 – Shared Election Expense in Mr. Mussatto's disclosure statement). Mr. Mussatto has confirmed his intention to repay this loan and there is no legislated deadline in LECFA for such repayment. Our office is working with Mr. Keating and Mr. Mussatto to ensure any payments are appropriately disclosed. We are satisfied that it was not a "laundered donation to Mayor Mussatto by the BCNDP" as you suggest in your email dated June 8, 2015.

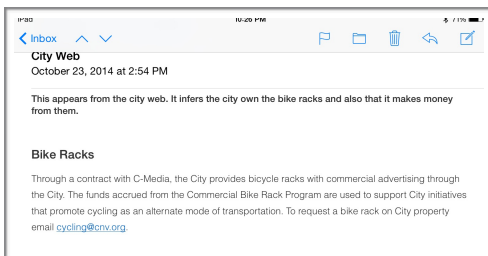
(<http://kerrymorris.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Elections-BC-Whitewash-Mussatto-Campaign-Irregularities.pdf>)

You may recall that the first campaign finance submission of North Vancouver City Mayor Darrell Mussatto dated January 10, 2015 claimed campaign expenses of only \$74,051.24. The submission also claimed Mayor Mussatto took in \$91,394.79, leaving him with excess funds equal to \$17,343.55. The disclosure showed Darrell had invested only \$100 of his own money in his campaign, with the bulk of funds coming from developers and unions, and a very few private individuals. <http://contributions.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca/pcs/lepublished/100122589.pdf>

The second submission by Mayor Mussatto, falsely dated January 10, 2015 when in fact it was created and filed on or about April 2, 2015, now claims campaign expenses of \$99,034.75, and donations equalling the exact same amount. On page 8 of 8, on form 4224 of that revised Campaign Finance disclosure form, it now claims under "Significant Contributors (\$100 or More)", a donation made by fellow councillor and Mussatto 'Slate' member Craig Keating of \$7,639.10. <http://contributions.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca/pcs/lepublished/100124596.pdf>

ElectionsBC were ask to confirm if this money was actually channelled to Mussatto from the BC NDP party by Craig Keating who is the President of that organization. ElectionsBC now claim the story on these funds has once again changed. Darrell is now claiming these monies constitute a loan made to him directly by Craig Keating, and that these funds must be repaid by Darrell to Craig when Darrell is able. Apparently he currently has insufficient funds available to him from his more than \$150,000 in annual wages, car allowances, honorariums and per diem. How then was he able to travel to Europe, a trip he claimed was on his own nickel, to examine a bike lift ('foot-rat'). Something were going to be buying shortly for a paltry \$1 million. If it were me, I would have paid my debts before I took off to Europe for a holiday!

ElectionsBC also tells us that Darrell's campaign finance submission remains under investigation for the truthfulness and accuracy of his sign expense claims to determine if the full value of the bike-rack signage advertising was properly disclosed, or if it was discounted by the operator when Craig Keating placed that order for Darrell Mussatto.



Initially when the bike-rack wars began, the City's website claimed *"...the City provides bicycle racks with commercial advertising..."* and that *"...the funds which accrue through the Commercial Bike Rack Program are used to support City initiatives..."*. The web page was removed from the City's website after the City threatened a law suit against the Morris campaign for placement of signed bicycle in the racks. Darrell's use of the Rack's if City owned is a clear breach of the sign policy so the existence of the web

page posed a serious problem. It may now be that Darrell did not pay the going rate for this advertising space.