



NOTICE OF DECISION
of the
MISSISSAUGA ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCES COMMITTEE
under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*

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AND IN THE MATTER of the meeting of the Mississauga Election Campaign Finances Committee on March 6, 2012 to review and respond to the application for an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances.

IT IS THE DECISION of the Mississauga Election Campaign Finances Committee to:

"No compelling and credible information which raises reasonable probability of breach of statute. (MEA) Application for compliance audit is denied for the above reason."

Issued by the Mississauga Election Campaign Finances Committee on March 14, 2012.
Originally executed at the City of Mississauga on March 6, 2012.

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IT IS THE DECISION of the Mississauga Election Campaign Finances Committee to:

"Deny the application for compliance audit due to lack of compelling evidence presented to raise reasonable probability of breach of statute (MEA)."

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RECORD OF PROCEEDING

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
MISSISSAUGA ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 – 6:46 P.M.

**HEARING ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE,
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO**

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THIS IS A RECORD OF PROCEEDING of a meeting of the Mississauga Election Campaign Finances Committee (the Committee) to review and respond to an application for an election campaign finances compliance audit, filed by G. Vezina (the Applicant) on February 13, 2012 with the Office of the City Clerk, under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, to the Mississauga Election Campaign Finances Committee, with respect to the Candidate, C. Parrish's (the Respondent) election campaign finances.

AND IN THE MATTER of the meeting of the Committee on March 6, 2012, to review and respond to the application for an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances, the Record of Proceeding is as follows:

1. **Request for an Election Campaign Finances Audit of the Candidate, C. Parrish**

CALL TO ORDER:

Rafiq Rokerya, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Nil

THOSE PRESENT:

Greg Vezina, Applicant
Carolyn Parrish, Respondent
Rafiq Rokerya, (CHAIR)
Roderick Chung, (VICE CHAIR)
Wendy Chant, Citizen Member
Richard Do, Citizen Member
Mahmood Nulla, Citizen Member
Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Pina Mancuso, Elections Project Manager
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor
Catherine Monast, Team Leader, Media External Communications
Laura Wilson, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

The Committee reviewed and addressed the request for an election campaign finances compliance audit, filed with the Office of the City Clerk on February 13, 2012, of the election campaign finances of Carolyn Parrish (the Respondent), Candidate, Ward 5, submitted by Greg Vezina (the Applicant).

The Applicant made submissions outlining his reasons for filing the application requesting that the Committee grant an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances.

The Committee considered the submissions and asked questions of the Applicant.

The Respondent outlined submissions in response to the request for an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances.

The Committee considered the submissions and asked questions of the Respondent.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

6:50 p.m. – The Applicant proceeded to make submissions with respect to his application for a compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances.

6:52 p.m. – Roderick Chung, Vice – Chair requested that the Applicant not refer to the second matter on the Agenda.

7:01 p.m. – The Applicant requested that he be allowed to refer to 2010 Financial Statements.

7:03 p.m. – The Chair noted that the Committee will decide the weight of each submission and the Applicant was allowed to continue.

7:11 p.m. – The Chair noted that the Applicant would be allowed to continue with his comparison of 2010 and 2011 Financial Statements.

7:15 p.m. – The Chair requested that the Applicant refer only to the expenses of the Candidate.

7:41 p.m. – The Respondent proceeded to make submissions in response to the Applicant's request for a compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances and the Applicant's submissions.

7:57 p.m. – The Chair requested that the Respondent not refer to the signs of other Candidates, discussion ensued and the Respondent was allowed to continue.

8:05 p.m. – The Applicant made final submissions.

8:13 p.m. – The Respondent made final submissions.

8:15 p.m. – Roderick Chung, Vice – Chair, moved a motion for the Committee to move In Camera to seek legal advice. Mahmood Nulla, Citizen Member, seconded the motion.

8:40 p.m. – The Committee reconvened in Public Session. Rafiq Rokerya, Chair, verbally handed down the Committee's decision as follows (see also *Notice of Decision*):

“No compelling and credible information which raises reasonable probability of breach of statute. (MEA) Application for compliance audit is denied for the above reason.”

8:41 p.m. – The first item on the Agenda with respect to the request for an election campaign finances compliance audit was closed and the Chair noted that the Committee would move on to item two (2) on the Agenda.

WITNESSES:

The following individual testified on behalf of the Applicant:

7:16 p.m. – Amir S. Ali, Broker of Record, Mizone Reality Inc., Brokerage

EXHIBITS ADMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE:

The Applicant presented the Committee with the following submissions which included the following documents:

Exhibit 1

- a. Photocopy of a business card for Dr. David Meisels, Dentist.
- b. Contact information for Mavis Bristol Dental Care and a map from <http://www.411.ca/business/profile/2970101>.

Exhibit 2

Photocopy of contact information for Amda Computers Inc. and a map from <http://www.411.ca/business/profile/3049707>.

Exhibit 3

Email dated February 26, 2012, from Greg to John and an email dated February 26, 2012 from John Kirchknopf in response.

Exhibit 4

- a. Article entitled “Food Bank Concert Congratulations”, posted to <http://www.carolynparrish.ca/news-announcements/> on August 11, 2011 by Team Carolyn.

- b. Article entitled "Official Opening of the Campaign Office a Great Success" posted to <http://www.carolynparrish.ca/news-announcements/>, on July 18, 2011 by Team Carolyn and an article entitled "Our Campaign is Launching", posted to <http://www.carolynparrish.ca/news-announcements/>, on July 8 by Team Carolyn.

Exhibit 5

Two (2) page Stratus Report dated March 6, 2012, prepared by Amir S. Ali, Broker of Record, Mizone Reality Inc., Brokerage.

Exhibit 6

Article dated August 8, 2011, entitled "Signs of the Times" by John Stewart, from <http://www.mississauga.com/blog/post/1054092>.

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Exhibit 9

Document entitled Exhibits from Mississauga News.

The Respondent presented the Committee with an exhibit book which included the following documents:

Exhibit 10

DOCUMENT 1

Copy of a letter from Greg Vezina, to Ms. Crystal Greer, City Clerk, received by the Office of the City Clerk on February 13, 2012

TAB 1

Copy of a six (6) page document dated entitled "Financial Statement – Auditor's Report EL04 (2011)", for the candidate, Carolyn Parrish.

TAB 2

Colour copy of a document listing a breakdown of election costs.

TAB 3

Colour copy of a "Receipt for Campaign Contributions" dated July 19, 2011, issued to Embee Properties Limited, from the candidate Carolyn Parrish.

TAB 4

- a. Copy of a "Payment Receipt" dated August 30, 2011, from The Co-operators, for a payment received from Parrish, C, in the amount of \$756.00.
- b. Copy of a "Certificate of Insurance", dated September 7, 2011, from The Co-operators to the insured, Carolyn Parrish.
- c. Copy of a cheque dated September 29, 2011, from "Carolyn Parrish Campaign" to CIBC Visa, in the amount of \$756.00.

TAB 5

- a. Copy of a document entitled "Charges for Gas", dated August 19, 2011, from Enbridge to the Owner/ Occupant of 720 Bristol Road West, Unit 8, Mississauga, ON L5R 4A3.
- b. Copy of a cheque dated October 26, 2011, from "Carolyn Parrish Campaign" to Enbridge in the amount of \$220.35.

TAB 6

- a. Colour copy of a campaign sign reading "elect Carolyn Parrish Vote Oct 25".
- b. Colour copy of a campaign sign reading "vote Carolyn Parrish carolynparrish.ca".

TAB 7

- a. Copy of an Invoice stamped with "paid" from Lakefront Graphix Technology, dated August 10, 2011, to "Carolyn Parrish Campaign".
- b. Copy of a cheque dated August 12, 2011, from "Carolyn Parrish Campaign" to Lakefront Graphix Technology in the amount of \$6 130.25.

TAB 8

- a. Copy of an Invoice stamped with "paid" from Lakefront Graphix Technology, dated August 22, 2011, to "Carolyn Parrish Campaign".
- b. Copy of a cheque dated August 25, 2011, from "Carolyn Parrish Campaign" to Lakefront Graphix Technology in the amount of \$3 296.78.



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AND IN THE MATTER of the meeting of The Committee on March 6, 2012, to review and respond to the application for an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances, the Record of Proceeding is as follows:

2. **Request for an Election Campaign Finances Compliance Audit of Mark Cashin's Election Campaign Finances**

CALL TO ORDER:

Rafiq Rokerya, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:43 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Nil

THOSE PRESENT:

Greg Vezina, Applicant
Mark Cashin, Respondent
Rafiq Rokerya, (CHAIR)
Roderick Chung, Citizen Member (VICE CHAIR)
Wendy Chant, Citizen Member
Richard Do, Citizen Member
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The Committee reviewed and addressed the request for an election campaign finances compliance audit, filed with the Office of the City Clerk on February 13, 2012, of the election campaign finances of Mark Cashin (the Respondent), Candidate, Ward 5, submitted by Greg Vezina (the Applicant).

The Applicant made submission outlining his reasons for filing the application requesting that the Committee grant an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances.

The Committee considered the submissions and asked questions of the Applicant.

The Respondent outlined submissions in response to the request for an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances.

The Committee considered the submissions and asked questions of the Respondent.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

8:46 p.m. – The Applicant began making submissions with respect to his application for an election campaign finances compliance audit of the Respondent's financial statements.

8:48 p.m. - The Committee allowed the Applicant to submit documents as exhibits which were originally filed for matter one (1) on the agenda.

8:51 p.m. – The Respondent made an objection to the Applicant's spouse, Catherine Vezina, being called as a witness. Roderick Chung, Vice – Chair made a motion for the Committee to move In Camera to seek legal advice regarding the issue and Richard Do, Citizen Member, seconded the motion.

9:00 p.m. – The Committee reconvened in Public Session and noted that they would seek to qualify the witness prior to making a decision as to whether or not Ms. Vezina could testify.

9:05 p.m. – The Chair noted that Ms. Vezina would not be allowed to speak to the matter as there were no documents to support her testimony.

9:10 p.m. – The Applicant requested that Ms. Vezina be allowed to testify, and the Chair re-iterated that the Committee had already made a decision regarding the issue.

9:20 p.m. – The Respondent requested that Mr. Ali, witness for the Applicant be dismissed. The Chair noted that the Committee would determine the weight of the witness's testimony and allowed the witness to continue.

9:21 p.m. – The Chair requested that the witness, Mr. Ali, step down as his testimony could not be supported with documentation.

9:43 p.m. – The Respondent raised an objection and noted that submissions should be kept to information regarding financial statements. The Chair noted that the Applicant could continue with his submissions and that the Respondent would be provided with the opportunity to respond to the allegations made by the Applicant.

9:53 p.m. – The Respondent proceeded to make submissions in response to the Applicant's request for a compliance audit of the Respondent's election campaign finances and the Applicant's submissions.

10:05 p.m. – The Chair requested that the Respondent speak to matters pertaining only to him and not other Candidates.

10:20 p.m. – The Chair requested that the Respondent speak to matters pertaining only to him and not other Candidates.

10:22 p.m. – The Applicant made closing submissions.

10:29 p.m. – The Respondent declined to make closing submissions.

10:29 p.m. – Richard Do, Citizen Member, moved a motion for the Committee to move In Camera to seek legal advice. Mahmood Nulla, Citizen Member, seconded the motion.

10:42 p.m. – The Committee reconvened in Public Session. Rafiq Rokerya, Chair, verbally handed down the Committee's decision as follows (see also *Notice of Decision*):

“Deny the application for compliance audit due to lack of compelling evidence presented to raise reasonable probability of breach of statute (MEA).”

10:44 p.m. - Adjournment

WITNESSES:

The following individual testified on behalf of the Applicant:

9:06 p.m. – Amir S. Ali, Broker of Record, Mizone Reality Inc., Brokerage

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- a. Print out from <http://www.cashin4ward5.com/> printed on March 6, 2012.
- b. Print out entitled "Basic Information" from <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cashin4ward5/210518262333683?sk...> printed on March 6, 2012.

Exhibit 12

Print out from <http://www.eventdirect.ca//index.php> printed on March 6, 2012.

Exhibit 13

Copy of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga Business Licensing By-Law 1-06.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be announced

OTHER BUSINESS

Nil