



September 9, 2002

Elections Manitoba
Main Floor
200 Vaughan Street
WINNIPEG, Manitoba
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ATTENTION: Mr. Scott Gordon

Dear Sir:

RE: New Democratic Party of Manitoba – Election Expenses

When we recently spoke you asked that I provide in written form our objection to Mr. David J. Asselstine being involved in the review being conducted by Elections Manitoba of the NDP's 2001 Party Annual Return.

* You are aware that Mr. Asselstine has been intimately involved in the review of the Party's 1999 General Election matters. It has become quite clear to the NDP that Mr. Asselstine is firmly of the view that the Party has conducted itself improperly in that matter. Whether or not Mr. Asselstine's views result in charges being laid remains to be seen however it is clear that he believes we have in some way, shape or form violated the Election Finances Act for the 1999 Election.

Accordingly it would be inappropriate, on the basis of a perception of bias, to have Mr. Asselstine assigned to the review of our 2001 Party Annual Return and we would ask that Elections Manitoba please assign someone else to that function.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Milne".

Tom Milne
Provincial Secretary

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April 23, 2003

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Winnipeg MB [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]

Re: your 1999 general election financial statement (Form 922)

This is further to our correspondence dated March 28, 2000 concerning the 1999 election return (Form 922) that you filed on behalf of [REDACTED]

Following a review of the New Democratic Party's 1999 financial statements it became necessary to review again your candidate's 1999 general election financial statement regarding certain transactions. The transactions reviewed related to the wages and salaries of campaign workers that were recorded as cash election expenses but which, under generally accepted accounting principles, should have been recorded as donation in kind election expenses under *The Election Finances Act*.

We have been advised that it is possible that neither you nor your candidate were aware of this at the time Form 922 was filed, as matters concerning the provision of some campaign workers was apparently handled through the central office of the NDP.

As the official agent responsible for filing the candidate's Form 922 you need to be aware of the following:

- Form 922 for 1999 must be adjusted and re-filed with our office.

For your convenience we have enclosed an adjusted Form 922 that reflects what we believe are the necessary adjustments. The adjustments consist of reclassifying \$6,694.00 in cash election expenses (otherwise reimbursable) to donation in kind election expenses (i.e non-reimbursable election expenses) and of reducing the reported balances of accounts receivable and accounts payable both by \$6,694.00. We have also enclosed another document that compares the amounts originally reported on Form 922 with the amounts after the adjustments.

In fulfillment of your capacity as the official agent and having reviewed the proposed adjustments, we ask you to confirm to us your agreement with the above changes by signing the adjusted Form 922 (enclosed). Once we have received such a confirmation a record of the adjusted return will be placed on file with Elections Manitoba and will be a matter of public record and will be referred to in a future Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

If you have questions on this matter or do not agree to the adjustments please contact me at 945-1283 or by email at: sgordon@elections.mb.ca.



Scott Gordon
Manager of elections Finances

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cc: [Redacted]

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