

CRA audit of Tides Canada

February 29, 2016 at 4:55 PM

From VIVIAN KRAUSE

To Ross McMillan

Cc Alison.Henning@tidescanada.org

Mr. McMillan,

I am writing once again to inquire about the results of the CRA's audit of Tides Canada.

My guess is that Tides Canada was audited and informed by the CRA that the CRA intends to revoke the status of Tides Canada because of what the CRA refers to as "acting as a conduit," (lack of sufficient direction and control of the charity's resources, and/or gifting to an organization that is not a qualified donee).

As a case in point, I would guess that the CRA objected to the manner in which Tides Canada and the U.S. Tides Foundation have transferred funds from Collette Foundation Canada to the Collette charities in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Correct?

Sincerely,
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Subject: **CRA audit of Tides Canada**

Ms. Henning,

Thank you for taking time to reply. However, I note that you have not answered my question.

Tides Canada has made it a matter of public record that it has been under audit by the Canada Revenue Agency.

My question, as I said below, is whether the CRA's audit of Tides Canada - for whatever reason - now been completed. Or is it still ongoing?

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

On Jun 03, 2015, at 04:10 PM, Alison Henning <Alison.Henning@tidescanada.org> wrote:

Ms. Krause,

Tides Canada has never been subject to a political activities audit by the CRA.

Sincerely,

Alison Henning

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Mr. MacMillan,

The CRA announced recently that it has completed audits of the political activity of 21 charities and that it has sent letters to these charities: http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/chrts/bt/chrtsprgrm_pdt-2015-eng.html According to this bulletin from the CRA, five charities have been sent letters saying that the CRA intends to revoke charitable status.

The CRA reports, "The audits revealed several other serious non-compliance issues, beyond those related to political activities." These include:

- delivery of an undue benefit to a person involved with the charity
- lack of sufficient direction and control of the charity's resources
- gifting to an organization that is not a qualified donee

May I ask, has the audit of Tides Canada now been completed? If so, what are the results?

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause