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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

May 17, 2012

Ms. Krause,

Thank you for your most recent communication. I hope that replying once again to your queries will help to address your recent questions (communicated both publicly and in your letter, which I see that you also provided to the news media) about my meeting with Mr. Michael Northrop, as well as your theories related to Tides Canada, and fully-disclosed political contributions to Vision Vancouver.

In response to your first concern, Mike Magee (my Chief of Staff) and I met with Mr. Northrop while in New York City on the advice of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office. The discussions focused solely on Mr. Northrop's work as a member of Mayor Bloomberg's Sustainability Advisory Board and New York's PlaNYC 2030 initiative (New York City's long-term sustainability plan). The purpose of the meeting was to gain insight into that body of work as it relates to ongoing projects in the City of Vancouver.

The City of Vancouver has strongly committed itself to a comprehensive strategic plan to fulfill the goal of making Vancouver the Greenest City in the world by 2020. Similarly to the work of New York's Sustainability Advisory Board and PlaNYC, Vancouver and our Greenest City Action Team have strived to learn from and implement best practices from cities around the world to achieve that key target. These include ideas on how we can attract green jobs and investment, improve transportation networks, encourage green building, reduce waste and promote energy efficiency, and a variety of other creative steps to build upon Vancouver's top-tier record of leadership as a sustainable city. There was no discussion of Canadian energy policy or civic initiatives related to them.

In regards to your commentary on Tides Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency, I note the comments of Tides Canada President Ross McMillan in response to your questions, in the Vancouver Province newspaper on Friday May 11th.

Journalist Sam Cooper reported that McMillan stated that "none of the issues raised in [Krause's] blog have been raised" by the CRA, and reported that McMillan also affirmed the following: "Directly or indirectly, we have never had involvement in a political campaign."

I am also aware that Vision Vancouver has communicated to you last year the fact that we do not accept donations from charities directly, indirectly or through third parties. All donations are in compliance with all laws, are fully and publicly disclosed and can be found on the City of Vancouver website.

I hope this further background information helps to allay your concerns.

Thanks and best regards,

Sincerely,



Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

