

Tides USA paid Tides Canada \$24,625 for Organizing for Change

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Mr. McMillan & Mr. Solomon,

I am writing to re-iterate my concern and my questions about foreign funding for Tides Canada's project to influence the leadership picks of both the B.C. Liberals and the N.D.P. As I believe that this is a matter of public interest, I am posting this at my blog: www.fair-questions.com.

According to U.S. tax returns (excerpt shown below), Tides USA paid Tides Canada \$24,625 for **Organizing for Change**. As far as I can tell, this project explicitly seeks to influence the leadership picks of both the B.C. Liberals and the N.D.P.

The excerpt shown below is at the **top of page 52** of the U.S. tax return, posted [here](#). For a larger version of this excerpt from U.S. tax returns, please click [here](#).

2008		TIDES FOUNDATION		51-0188308	
Name of Organisation	Region	Purpose of Grant	Amount	Method of Payment	
Tides Canada Foundation Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth Dogwood Initiative	North America (including Canada and Mexico) Sub-Saharan Africa North America (including Canada and Mexico)	Organizing for Change Fund Active Schools project Community Link to Health Columbians exercise local control to create healthy and prosperous communities	24,625.00	24,625.00	Wire - International
				23,795.00	Check

Again, I would like to inquire as to where this U.S. money originated. In particular, I would like to know whether this money originated from the Hewlett Foundation, which paid Tides Canada "to develop a strategic plan to address oil & gas development in B.C.?" I would also like to know whether this money originated from the Moore foundation which is pouring at least \$27 million into the PNCIMA Initiative to influence marine planning on the B.C. coast? Or, perhaps this money originated from the Wilburforce Foundation or the Bullitt Foundation, both of which are also U.S. foundations.

More broadly, I would like to know whether Organizing for Change is part and parcel of Tides's multi-million dollar campaign that would land-lock Alberta oil within North America by banning oil tanker traffic on the B.C. coast.

I have also read that Groundwire provided "government relations assistance" to Organizing for Change (Click [here](#), see pg. 7). What was that "government relations assistance" that this Seattle-based organization provided to Tides Canada?

As before, if I have presented anything that is factually incorrect, or if I have missed any important points, please let me know. I can be reached at 604.618.8110.

Sincerely,
 Vivian Krause
 604.618.8110

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: U.S. Foundation Paid Tides Canada for project to influence Liberal and NDP leadership picks

Mr. McMillan,

I am writing to let you know that I have not received a reply from you with regards to my questions about the funding for [Organizing for Change](#). As I understand, this is a Tides Canada project which seeks to influence the leadership picks of both the Liberal and the N.D.P. political parties in B.C.

As shown below, the Wilburforce Foundation, a U.S. foundation, reports that it paid Tides Canada \$30,000, specifically for Organizing for Change. I have posted this at my blog. For a link to that, please click [here](#). When I asked you a month ago where Tides Canada got \$90,125 for Organizing for Change, why didn't you say that you got money for this project from the Wilburforce Foundation?

Organizing for Change clearly states that its purpose is to influence the leadership picks of the two leading political parties in British Columbia. However, the database of the Wilburforce Foundation merely says that its grant for \$30,000 for Organizing for Change was "to promote and support collaboration among environmental organizations in British Columbia."

The \$30,000 that Wilburforce granted for Organizing for Change was for 2010. This leads me to believe that this \$30,000 is on top of the \$90,125 that U.S. tax returns show that Tides Canada has paid for Organizing for Change. This further leads me to ask, what is the total amount of funding that Tides Canada has put into Organizing for Change to date, and where did that money originate?

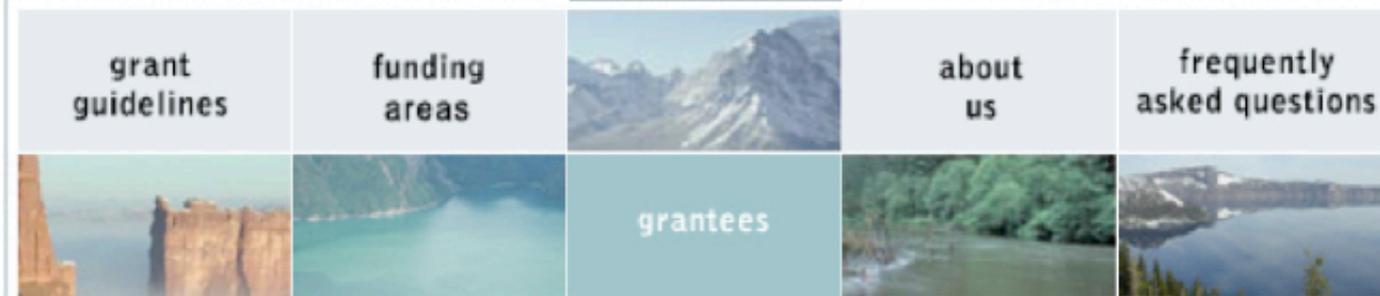
I also note that between 2008 and 2009, funds allocated by the Endswell Foundation for project support increased from [\\$32,973](#) to [\\$903,840](#). I would also like to ask, was any of that money from Endswell granted for Organizing for Change?

Sincerely,

Vivian Krause

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Wilburforce Foundation



grantees

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Recent Grants

2010 - \$50,000

Tides Canada Initiatives Society: Headwaters Initiative Project

To support and organize the First Nations communities impacted by potential tanker traffic associated with the Enbridge pipeline project in the Great Bear Rainforest.

2010 - \$50,000

Tides Canada Initiatives Society: Canopy

To support a markets campaign to deliver full implementation of Ecosystem Based Management and Forest Stewardship Council certification in the Great Bear Rainforest.

2010 - \$30,000

Tides Canada Initiatives Society: BC Organizing for Change

To support Organizing for Change efforts to promote and support collaboration among environmental organizations in BC.

2010 - \$60,000

Tides Canada Foundation BC Scientific Conservation Mapping Fund

To support mapping of conservation values in British Columbia.

2009 - \$25,000

Dogwood Initiative: Expanding the Reach - Coastal Oil Tanker Campaign

To protect the BC Coast from the threat of proposed pipeline and tanker projects.

On Feb 02, 2011, at 07:30 AM, VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com> wrote:

Mr. McMillan,

I am writing to let you know that don't seem to have received a reply to my request, below, for information about the origin of the \$90,125 that Tides Canada has provided to the Georgia Straight Alliance for Organizing for Change.

My question is, where did Tides Canada get this \$90,125? Did any of this originate directly or indirectly, from USA foundations, eg. the Bullitt Foundation?

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

Begin forwarded message:

From: VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com>
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Subject: \$90,125 for Organizing for Change and "Bullitt Foundation match"

Mr. McMillan,

I am writing to inquire about funding through Tides Canada for Organizing for Change.

According to U.S. tax returns for 2008 and 2009 (excerpts shown below), Tides Canada Foundation paid \$90,125 to the Georgia Straight Alliance for Organizing for Change. As far as I can tell, this project seeks to influence the leadership picks of both the Liberal and the NDP parties in British Columbia. As such, I believe that its fair to inquire about the origins of funding for Organizing for Change.

My question is, where did Tides Canada get the \$90,125 (2008 - 2009) that Tides Canada Foundation has paid to the Georgia Straight Alliance for Organizing for Change? Tides Canada's tax return for 2009 states that Tides Canada paid \$12,125 "in support of Georgia Straight Alliance's participating in Organizing for Change and for Bullitt Foundation match. What was the "Bullitt Foundation match" that Tides Canada reported in its U.S. tax returns?

As before, I can be reached either by e-mail or at 604.618.8110.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

From Tides Canada Foundation's U.S. Tax Return 2008

Grantee	Region	Purpose of Grant	Grant \$ Amount	Manner of Cash Disbursement (cash, chq, wire, etc)
Dignitas International	Canada	To support the timely distribution of the future documentary "Frage: Dr. James O'Shahly's Humanistic Disease"	13,500	cheque
Driftwood Foundation Society	Canada	To support Driftwood Foundation Society in its conservation mission, in supporting the Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition activities related to the Sacred Headwaters Campaign: a multi-level campaign focused on protecting habitat for three of Canada's premier wild salmon ecosystems; the Skeena, Nass and Skeena Rivers.	51,917	cheque
Locks Unlimited Canada	Canada	In support of the AFFLUENZA watershed water quality research	290,000	cheque
Oyake-Walton-Numer's Fund	Canada	In support of FOUR Legacy and Runaway Program	10,013	cheque
Restoration Canada Society	Canada	In support of the following charitable work to achieve the grant outcomes as outlined on the reporting plan attached: Strategic Canadian and British Columbia target audiences request government action to strengthen marine conservation through Integrated Area-based Management (IABM) in the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) region; formal government launch of a science-based, participatory Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) planning process; marine conservation Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (ENGOs) have strategic capacity and are coordinated to advance and participate in a science-based, stakeholder-driven Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) planning process.	330,378	cheque
Uttakohe Action Centre	Canada	To fund development of a "Coastal Policy for Nova Scotia" document to follow up on "N" class roads	15,317	cheque
Recofish Canada	Canada	In support of the work in the Great Bear Riverfront. Also in support of the Hellskirk Nelson and Coastal Canada Project to build and test an Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) spatial modeling tool in two Commercial Areas in Hellskirk Tannery, at the heart of the Great Bear Riverfront. Also in support of the "Shropshott Caught - Building Sustainable Fisheries" project.	300,494	cheque
Environmental Defence Canada Inc.	Canada	In support of the Toxic Tar Sands Phase I Project. Also to support the Campaign Lake Simcoe. Also to provide support for the project of reviewing existing, publicly available data and reports regarding storage of contaminated water from the tar sands tailings impoundments along the Athabasca River; hiring a professional engineer, biologist and cartographer to help provide context, the writing and release of the report focused on the tailings dam, modeled after the previous report on the tar sands stacks and to make follow up recommendations to tar sands working group.	200,000	cheque
Environmental Mining Education Foundation	Canada	To support habitat and riparian conservation on the Bulkley River Basin by undertaking a review of the Skeena Head Environmental Assessment.	10,000	cheque
Wild's Initiative	Canada	For the support of the salmon operations of the Hovine First Stage.	25,000	cheque
Water Action Association	Canada	For the "Smart Board as Policy Development" campaign.	10,000	cheque
Peace Valley Community	Canada	For the support of the water work with B.C. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Wild Water Campaign.	5,125	cheque
Georgia Strait Alliance	Canada	In support of the Organizing for Change project.	90,000	cheque
Global Youth Education Network Society	Canada	for general support	25,000	cheque

From Tides Canada Foundation's U.S. Tax Return 2009

Grantee	Region	Purpose	Grant Amount (in USD)	Manner of Cash Disbursement	Amount of Non-Cash Assistance	Description of Non-Cash Assistance	Method of Valuation
Georgia Strait Alliance	Canada	in support of Georgia Strait Alliance's participation in Organizing For Change and for Built Foundation match	2,125	cheque	0		
Georgian Bay Trust Foundation, Inc	Canada	for land purchases	43,764	cheque	0		
Habonim Zivnat Society-Charitable Trust Operating Camp Minam	Canada	for general support	21,892	cheque	0		
Hot Docs	Canada	in support of Hot Docs' Digital Doc Shop and the Lindalee Tracey Award	14,011	cheque	0		
Institute for New Economics Public Interest Research Association Inc	Canada	to support Dogwood Initiative's Coastal Oil Tanker Campaign to protect BC's wild northern waters and intact ecosystems from the threat of five proposed tar sands related projects	45,639	cheque	0		