

## Funding sources of Open Media

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Mr. Anderson/Mr. McMillan,

I'm writing to let you know that I didn't receive any reply from you concerning my questions about who funds Open Media.

As I said before, I would like to inquire about how the salaries of your staff are paid, and other major expenses such as office space and equipment.

You can reach me by e-mail or at 604.618.8110.

Sincerely,  
 Vivian Krause

On Mar 25, 2011, at 07:19 AM, VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com> wrote:

Mr. Anderson,

I am writing to introduce myself and to inquire about some of the information that has been posted at [www.openmedia.ca](http://www.openmedia.ca)

By way of background.... over the past few years, I have tried to research the funding behind various campaigns which seem to originate with Tides Canada. I have posted some of my work at my blog [www.fairquestions.com](http://www.fairquestions.com) and have written several op-eds that have been published in The Financial Post and The Vancouver Sun.

During the course of my research, it has come to my attention that, according to the information that I have seen, Open Media is or has been receiving funding through Tides Canada. About a month ago, I wrote about Open Media at my blog (click [here](#)) and raised questions about whether Open Media is charity work, or whether it is lobbying. For a link to that, please click [here](#).

Recently, I noticed that the web-page on which it was reported that "secure donations" could be received through Tides Canada has been removed. See: <http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy>. I also notice that some statements have been re-written at the web-page titled <http://openmedia.ca/drive>. My question is, **why have these web-pages been altered and removed?**

Below, please find excerpts of the web-pages that were at your web-site as of Feb. 11, and as of last week.

I would also like to inquire as to the **funding sources of OpenMedia**. In particular, I would like to know how the salaries of your staff are paid, and other major expenses that you may have such as office space and equipment.

You can reach my by e-mail or at 604.618.8110.

In advance, thank you for taking time to consider my questions.

Sincerely,  
 Vivian Krause  
[www.fairquestions.com](http://www.fairquestions.com)



## Donation page

### Secure Donations

Your donation to Tides Canada supports real solutions for the common good.

Tides Canada Initiatives is a Canadian charity registered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

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### From <http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy> as of March 9, 2011:

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### From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of February 11, 2011:

Don't want to use PayPal? You can still support media education work by donating (via credit card) to [the Media Democracy Project of Tides Canada Initiatives](#) (<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&VER=1&LNG=EN&PID=1465>) by clicking [here](#) (<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&VER=1&LNG=EN&PID=1465>).

### From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of March 11, 2011:

Don't want to use PayPal? Please consider supporting our charitable work - [The Media Democracy Project of Tides Canada Initiatives](#) by [clicking here](#) (<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&VER=1&LNG=EN&PID=1465>). The Media Democracy project works at the national, regional and local levels to support a diverse public service-oriented media system through public education and civic engagement. Our current projects include: Media Democracy Day and Fresh Media.

Thank you for helping us create a more open and democratic media system in Canada!

### From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of February 11, 2011:

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### Save The Affordable Internet!

Wow! If you're a Stop the Meter supporter, you should feel great about yourself...You've been part of the **biggest online campaign in Canadian history!** And you've moved politics!



Industry Minister Tony Clement has ordered the CRTC back to the drawing board. As you know, the immediate future of the Internet now comes down to the CRTC's decision.

But the CRTC offices are swarming with telecom lobbyists. We can't let them push back the advances we've already made. Will you help boost our campaign to the next level by donating to our non-profit work today?

**Donate by selecting one of the options below.** Support the open and affordable Internet - before it's too late.

### From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of March 11, 2011:

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### Save The Affordable Internet!

Phone and cable companies have unleashed a deep-pocketed public relations campaign designed to confuse Canadians about new Internet usage fees. One of their most common messages is that Canadians don't understand these issues and are just speaking up based on emotion.

For example, Mark Goldberg, a telecom analyst known for doing the industry's bidding, said this on Thursday February 24th, "nothing rallies a mob like a good ol' fashioned lynching. Hang 'em high!" Goldberg is essentially calling Canadians who are sick of being gouged an angry mob. Comments like that are arrogant, elitist and outright insulting.

**While phone and cable companies unleash their PR campaign, broadcasters and cable companies are also meeting in Ottawa to hash out a plan to deal with online services that are "competing for customers".**

We can't let them impose new unnecessary fees and control online content.

We urgently need to put together a united front of public interest groups, creators, indie ISPs, online service providers and Canadians.

Please help by chipping in today.