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Who is Interdependent Investments Ltd.?

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To: Robertson, Gregor <Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca>
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Date: March 29, 2011 2:22:02 PM

Mayor Robertson,

I'm writing to let you know that I didn't receive any reply from your office since last week. If I missed your reply, please let me know.

My question is simple: Who is Interdependent Investments Ltd., the company that gave your campaign \$6,000?

You'll notice that I've copied Charlie Smith at The Straight.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause
604.618.8110

On Mar 23, 2011, at 06:04 PM, VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com> wrote:

Mayor Robertson,

Further to my letters of [Nov. 9, 2011](#) and [Nov. 26, 2010](#), I am writing to re-iterate my questions about **\$257,812** in campaign finance that was contributed to Vision Vancouver, and to the N.D.P., by two investment firms and three P.R. companies that are associated in various ways with Tides Canada and the Endswell Foundation. As I believe that this is a matter of public interest, this is an open letter. As before, I will post this letter at my blog.

In addition to the above, I also have questions about who paid for the [P.R. work that FD Element](#) has provided to you.

In this letter, I would like to inquire specifically about Interdependent Investments Ltd., a company that contributed \$6,000 to Vision Vancouver, according to campaign disclosure statements filed by your political party.

Since you are the leader of Vision Vancouver, I believe that it is fair to direct my questions about Vision Vancouver's campaign finance, to you. In your letter of December 14, 2011, you suggest that I was asking questions about "third parties." I don't see how you can consider Vision Vancouver a "third party" since you are the leader of the party.

With regards to Interdependent Investments Ltd., my questions are:

- Who is Interdependent Investments Ltd.? What type of company is it? What services does it provide?
- Does Interdependent Investments Ltd. have employees? Who is at the Endswell Foundation other than Joel Solomon and Martha Burton?
- What are the sources of revenue of Interdependent Investments other than the \$1.4 million that it has

been paid, since 1997, by the Endswell Foundation?

Below, I have provided the information on which my questions are based. 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 by you or your staff at 604.618.8110. Please do not hesitate to give me a call.

If I do not hear from your office before the end of this week, I will assume that you decline to answer my questions about Interdependent Investments Ltd.

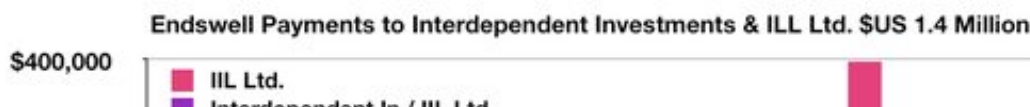
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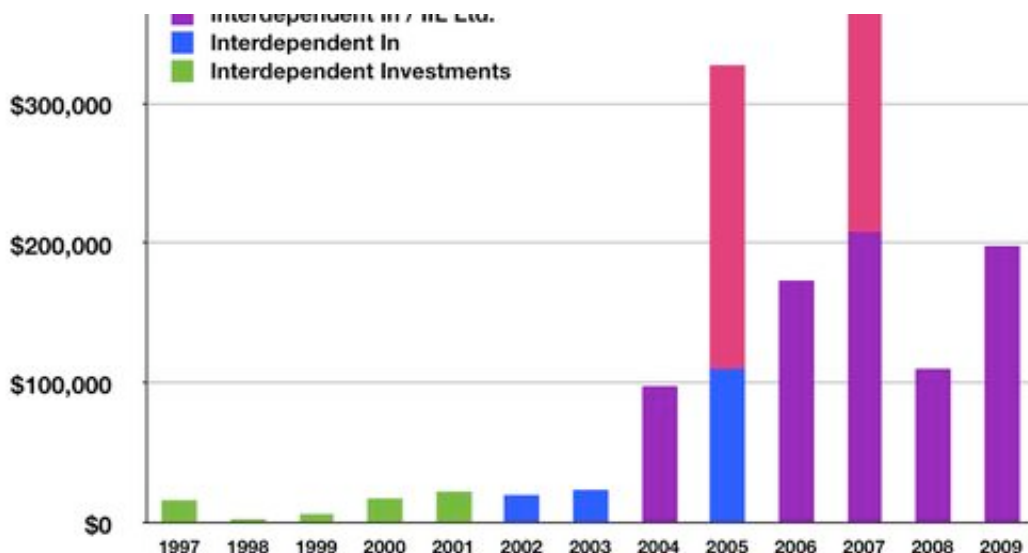
Vivian Krause

Gregor Robertson's Campaign Finance Contributions for Vision Vancouver (2008) and the N.D.P. (2005)				
Source		N.D.P. (2005-2009)	Vision Vancouver (2008-2010)	Sub-Total
Investment Firms	Renewal Partners (Joel Solomon and others)	\$680	\$70,469	\$71,149
	Interdependent Investments Ltd.		\$6,000	\$6,000
P.R. Firms	Strategic Partners a "partner" of Renewal Partners	\$33,890	\$83,314	\$117,204
	Convergence Communications (Mike Magee)	\$24,938	\$20,641	\$45,579
	Communicopia		\$17,880	\$17,880
		\$59,508	\$198,304	\$257,812

Interdependent Investments Ltd	220 Cambie St Unit 610, Vancouver, BC	11/07/2008	\$5,000.00	CO
CO Interdependent Investments Ltd.	163 W Hastings St Unit 200	Vancouver BC	06/12/2010	\$1,000.00

U.S. tax returns state that since 1997, the Endswell Foundation has paid a total of \$1.4 million to Interdependent Investments Ltd., "Interdependen In" and "IIL. Ltd." For 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008, the amounts reportedly paid to Interdependent In" and to IIL Ltd." are identical. This leads me to believe that "IIL Ltd." is an abbreviation for Interdependent Investments Ltd. For 2005 and for 2007, the amounts don't exactly match. Excerpts of the U.S. tax returns stating that these amounts were paid by the Endswell Foundation, are shown below.





A [B.C. company summary](#) says that the only two officers of Interdependent Investments Ltd. are Joel Solomon and Martha Burton. Mr. Solomon is the [vice-chair of Tides Canada](#). He is a former chair of Tides USA and is also the president of the Endswell Foundation. Ms. Burton is the [vice-president](#) of the Endswell Foundation, and is apparently a "sr. advisor" to Tides Canada. Ms. Burton is also the treasurer of Vision Vancouver.



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BC Company Summary

For
INTERDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS LTD.

Date and Time of Search: August 17, 2010 12:15 PM Pacific Time
 Currency Date: May 11, 2010

ACTIVE

Incorporation Number:	BC0556724	
Name of Company:	INTERDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS LTD.	
Recognition Date:	Incorporated on December 31, 1997	In Liquidation: No
Last Annual Report Filed:	December 31, 2008	Receiver: No

REGISTERED OFFICE INFORMATION

Mailing Address: 7TH FLOOR, 1175 DOUGLAS STREET VICTORIA BC V8W 2E1 CANADA	Delivery Address: 7TH FLOOR, 1175 DOUGLAS STREET VICTORIA BC V8W 2E1 CANADA
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SOLOMON, JOEL

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OFFICER INFORMATION AS AT December 31, 2008

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Excerpts from U.S. tax returns:

ENDSWELL FOUNDATION	98-0131284	
<u>FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES</u>		1997
DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTING - TIDES FOUNDATION	45,635.	45,635.
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON COMPANY	105,988.	105,988.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS	15,137.	15,137.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRATEGIES	26,492.	26,492.
CONSULTING - MISCELLANEOUS	26,371.	26,371.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	38,512.	38,512.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - MONTREAL TRUST	11,542.	11,542.
TOTALS	263,647.	263,647.
<u>FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES</u>		1998
DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS		1,743.
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON COMPANY		10,243.
TOTALS		11,986.
ENDSWELL FOUNDATION	98-0131284	
<u>FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES</u>		1999
DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTING - TAYLOR JORDAN CHAFET	6,773.	6,773.
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	15,960.	15,960.

CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS	11,285.	11,285.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRATEGIES	5,489.	5,489.
CONSULTING - MISCELLANEOUS	7,053.	7,053.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	44,217.	44,217.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - MONTREAL TRUST	14,886.	14,886.
TOTALS	108,663.	108,663.

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2000

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTING - TAYLOR JORDAN CHAFET	577.	577.
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	8,894.	8,894.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS	15,548.	15,548.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRATEGIES	3,958.	3,958.
CONSULTING - MISCELLANEOUS	4,894.	4,894.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	42,018.	42,018.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - MONTREAL TRUST	13,303.	13,303.
CONSULTING - TIDES FOUNDATION	2,396.	2,396.
TOTALS	91,588.	91,588.

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2001

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	13,127.	13,127.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS	21,088.	21,088.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRATEGIES	4,429.	4,429.
CONSULTING - SPECIAL PROJECTS	13,041.	13,041.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	31,365.	31,365.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - SCOTIA TRUST	10,095.	10,095.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL ASSETS	9,224.	9,224.
TOTALS	102,369.	102,369.

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2002

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	19,011.	19,011.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN	18,037.	18,037.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	2,239.	2,239.
CONSULTING - SPECIAL PROJECTS	26,650.	26,650.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	30,269.	30,269.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - SCOTIA	2,563.	2,563.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	18,216.	18,216.
TOTALS	116,985.	116,985.

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2003

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	15,029.	15,029.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	2,396.	2,396.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN	22,812.	22,812.
CONSULTING - TIDES/PIKE	2,249.	2,249.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	33,081.	33,081.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	15,390.	15,390.
PROF FEES - UNDERDOG PROGRAM	77,414.	77,414.
TOTALS	2,994.	2,994.

PROF FEES - ORGANIZATIONAL DEV 9,029. 9,029.
 TOTALS 180,396. 180,396.

2004

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services - (see page 21 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
PAUL RICHARDSON	CONSULTING	55,656.
JIL LTD.	CONSULTING	96,164.
JSCO	CONSULTING	50,203.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		NONE

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FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	1,845.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	96,164.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN	5,568.
CONSULTING - TIDES/PIKE	32,649.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	31,468.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	
PROF FEES - UNDERDOG PROGRAM	
PROF FEES - WEYCO	7,732.
PROF FEES - ORGANIZATIONAL DEV	10,810.
PROF FEES - JSCO	50,203.
PROF FEES - CANDID	23,227.
PROF FEES - TRAVEL	
PROF FEES - VISION CIRCLE	5,415.
PROF FEES - PAUL RICHARDSON	55,656.
TOTALS	320,737.

2005

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see page 21 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
N/A				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000		NONE		

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services - (see page 21 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
PAUL RICHARDSON	CONSULTING	85,929.
JIL LTD.	CONSULTING	217,410.
JSCO	CONSULTING	74,802.

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FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	37,401.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	4,458.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN	108,705.
CONSULTING - TIDES/PIKE	5,698.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	34,508.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	42,722.
PROF FEES - ORGANIZATIONAL DEV	4,738.
PROF FEES - CANDID	97,498.
PROF FEES - TRAVEL	37,940.
PROF FEES - PAUL RICHARDSON	85,929.
PROF FEES - SPECIAL PROJECTS	3,639.
TOTALS	463,236.

2006

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3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see page 24 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
III, LTD.	CONSULTING	172,126.
JSCO		?

ENDSWELL FOUNDATION

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	17,006.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	4,980.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN	172,126.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	30,987.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	29,542.
PROF FEES - ORGANIZATIONAL DEV	2,206.
PROF FEES - CANDID	134,920.
PROF FEES - TRAVEL	9,721.
TOTALS	401,488.

2007

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
IIL LTD.	CONSULTING	206,972.
JSCO		10,862.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		NONE

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 NONE	
2 IIL LTD.	190,276.
3	
4	

ENDSWELL FOUNDATION

98-0131284

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	10,862.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	2,000.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	206,972.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	31,366.
PROF FEES - ORGANIZATIONAL DEV	43,170.
PROF FEES - CANDID	22,637.
PROF FEES - TRAVEL	121,643.
PROF FEES - CONSULTING - TIDES	6,389.
PROF FEES - SPECIAL PROJECTS	4,312.
	7,783.
TOTALS	457,034.

2008

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 NONE	
2 IIL LTD.	109,477.
3	
4	

ENDSWELL FOUNDATION

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS
CONSULTING - JOEL SOLOMON CO.	4,537.
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	109,477.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN	17,219.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	17,755.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	5,444.
PROF FEES - ORGANIZATIONAL DEV	75,248.
PROF FEES - CANDID	25,766.
PROF FEES - TRAVEL	6,210.
PROF FEES - CONSULTING - TIDES	6,210.
PROF FEES - SPECIAL PROJECTS	6,210.
TOTALS	261,656.

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Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
IIL LTD.	CONSULTING	196,684.
JSCO		
2009		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		NONE

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 NONE	
2 IIL LTD.	196,684.
3	
4	

ENDSWELL FOUNDATION

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

2009

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS
CONSULTING - PROGRESSIVE STRAT	943.
CONSULTING - INTERDEPENDENT IN	196,684.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - GENUS	10,234.
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - REAL A	198.
PROF FEES - CANDID	76,995.
PROF FEES - TRAVEL	20,638.
TOTALS	305,692.

On Dec 14, 2010, at 01:38 PM, "Bertrand, Dana" <dana.bertrand@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Dear Ms. Krause,

Please find the attached letter from Mayor Robertson.

Thank you,

Dana

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