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Payments of \$57,768 to Progressive Strategies (1997-2009)

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Mr. Solomon and Mr. McMillan,

I read today in The Globe and Mail that Progressive Strategies is the firm of Patrick Kinsella.

By my analysis of the U.S. tax returns of the Endswell foundation, Endswell paid \$57,768 to a company called "Progressive Strategies" (1997-2009). I would like to inquire as to whether this Patrick Kinsella's consulting firm? Or perhaps this company is another company by the same name, involving Laura Campobasso?

I've attached excerpts of tax returns showing that Endswell paid \$57,768 to Progressive Strategies.

Tides Canada's web-site formerly said that Laura Campobasso is a director/officer of Tides Canada and that she is the founder/president of Progressive Strategies. For that web-page, archived by the Way Back machine, click [here](#). Tax information at the CRA's web-site also says that Laura Campobasso was a director of Tides Canada in 2004. For that, click [here](#).

Assuming for a moment that Endswell, one of Tides Canada's largest donors (if not part and parcel of Tides Canada) was paying the firm of a Tides Canada director, in this case Laura Campobasso.... wouldn't that put the director in a potential conflict of interest between the charity of which she is a board member and one of her business clients?

If Endswell is, in fact, part and parcel of Tides Canada, as it appears to me, and if Progressive Strategies is Laura Campobasso's firm, was Tides Canada providing a private benefit to one of its directors by paying that director's company a total of \$57,768 over 12 years? As you know from my earlier correspondence, I have similar questions with regards to payments (totaling at least \$204,026 in 2003 & 2005 alone) made by Tides Canada to Convergence Communications, the company owned by Mr. Mike Magee.

As I believe that this is a matter in which the public has a legitimate interest, I will post this e-mail and the attachments at my blog. If I have presented anything here that is factually incorrect or if I have missed any important information, please let me know.

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Sincerely,
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