

In November 2008 the newly elected executive board was made aware of the fact that the Alberta Greens were not incorporated. The issue of not being incorporated was a major concern in December 2008 because legislation specifically required the registration of a corporate entity, before party status could be granted.

At this time, the legal questions confronting the Alberta Greens were two fold. If the corporate entity did not exist, (keeping in mind only a corporate entity can apply for status as a political party), how could the party exist? The second question involved the relevance of the corporate entity GAIA. GAIA was the corporate entity on record that had originally applied for party status back in the early 1990's. The possibility of requesting a "grandfathering" exemption for GAIA was dismissed as an option, because the former executive did not transfer control of GAIA, and Services Alberta's (the agency that governs incorporation) rules and regulations have been updated. Services Alberta currently mandates that a political party's name must be exactly the same as its corporate entity.

The Alberta Greens membership was consulted at a General Meeting held on January 21, 2009 of these issues. At this meeting, it was conveyed to the General Membership that a forced de-registration was a possibility, and that de-registration could be imminent. A special resolution was passed at the January meeting granting the new executive the authority to address the issue of incorporation, and incorporate if possible, and/or convene a special general meeting on short notice should time allow.

On February 7, 2009 a meeting was convened with Elections Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer, Lorne Gibson, to discuss a number of issues relevant to the Alberta Greens' registration status. However, in the matter of the issue of corporate registration, legislation spans multiple jurisdictional authorities governed by multiple legislative acts, not limited to "*The Business Corporations Act*", "*The Companies Act*", "*The Partnerships Act*", and "*The Societies Act*", to name but a few!

Elections Alberta, it was stated, is primarily concerned with the "*Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*", and in reading this Act, all parties agreed that it appeared the Act did not anticipate the dissolution of a corporate entity without first dissolving the political entity. In conclusion, the Act does not provide any direction beyond the initial requirement mandating that an entity incorporate prior to making an application for party registration. While this interpretation clarified Elections Alberta's responsibility, it did not address any of the organizational concerns relative to legal liabilities and contractual obligations. To address these concerns the "Alberta Greens" the Green Party of Alberta Society incorporated on February 25, 2009.

However, complications continued to escalate after the creation of a corporate entity. Certain former Alberta Greens members took it upon themselves to establish contact with Elections Alberta for what appears to be an attempt to validate a position that incorporation is not necessary. This activity continued into late March and early April despite a personal request from me to cease and desist. One former member went as far as to publically transmit Elections Alberta's contact information, and asked others to engage in the same practice. This behavior was baffling, not to mention hypocritical, since the same individual voted affirmatively at the January General Meeting to empower the executive to incorporate!

The constant repetitive message transmitted to Elections Alberta that the Alberta Greens were not incorporated and do not need to be incorporated, led directly to the discovery of a potential false document, submitted on behalf of the party to a financial institution.

The document in question boasts compliance pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* and appears to be constructed to misrepresent the party's status as a corporate entity for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the ING Bank. Some of the signatory's on the document, and their supporters, make a defense of this document impossible, because their continued public crowing confirms they are fully aware the party was not incorporated. The document in question is under investigation and follows as an attachment.

There are numerous Legislative Acts that address false documents, forgery, and fraud, in addition to the criminal code, however, the *Business Corporations Act* specifically addresses the issue of false and misleading documents in Sec:251(1)

BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT

Offences relating to reports, returns, etc.

251(1) *A person who makes or assists in making a report, return, notice or other document required by this Act or the regulations to be sent to the Registrar, the Executive Director or any other person or filed with the Executive Director that*

- (a) *contains an untrue statement of a material fact, or*
- (b) *omits to state a material fact required in it or necessary to make a statement contained in it not misleading in the light of the circumstances in which it was made,*

is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 6 months or to both.

Name: Madeleine Oldershaw

Title: Secretary

Resolution passed by all the Directors of the Corporation pursuant to the Business Corporations Act (Alberta) as evidenced by their signatures.

DATED this 13 day of June 2008

Directors

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Sign: M. A. Oldershaw

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