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## **Chief Electoral Officer Enters Into Compliance Agreement With Candidate**

(Halifax) – Today, the Chief Electoral Officer announced that he has entered into a compliance agreement with a candidate who contravened the *Elections Act* by incurring an expense prior to receiving confirmation of his registration as a candidate from Elections Nova Scotia.

These provisions were introduced in Nova Scotia for the first time in 2012 to bring transparency and fairness to all provincial political campaigns.

“I am concerned that other prospective candidates from each of the registered parties also may be unwittingly breaking the law by spending money before registering with Elections Nova Scotia,” said Richard Temporale, Chief Electoral Officer. “We have contacted the registered parties to remind them of candidates’ registration obligations.”

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[See notice of Compliance Agreement following](#)

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## **Compliance Agreement** *Nova Scotia Elections Act*

This notice is published by the Chief Electoral Officer of Nova Scotia, pursuant to sections 294 to 299 of the *Elections Act* (hereafter referred to as the “Act”).

On June 3, 2013, and pursuant to section 294 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer entered into a compliance agreement with Kevin Murphy of Mineville, Nova Scotia, who is a Registered Candidate for the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia for the electoral district of Eastern Shore.

In the compliance agreement, Kevin Murphy acknowledged that:

- Pursuant to section 204 of the Act, a candidate shall not accept a contribution or transfer, or incur an expense in consequence of an election until such time as the candidate receives confirmation of registration pursuant to subsection 203(6) or is deemed to be registered pursuant to subsection 203(3).
- He entered into a purchase agreement for the bus signage and rented space for the signage prior to May 17, 2013.
- He received confirmation of registration pursuant to subsection 203(6) on May 17, 2013.
- He incurred an expense in consequence of an election prior to becoming a registered candidate in breach of Section 204 of the Act.

Kevin Murphy has accepted responsibility for these acts.

Before entering into this compliance agreement, the Chief Electoral Officer took into account a number of considerations, including the fact that Kevin Murphy had promptly admitted the facts and taken responsibility for the acts that led to the compliance agreement. As well, the requirement for a candidate to be registered prior to incurring an expense was introduced effective January 1, 2012.