

November 27, 2013

Notice of 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 November 27, 2013, and pursuant to Section 294 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer entered into a Compliance Agreement with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU), a Registered Third Party.

In the Compliance Agreement, the NSTU acknowledged that:

On September 10, 2013, prior to registering as a third party, the NSTU published an advertisement under the Stand for Education public awareness campaign that took a position on a policy with which a registered party was associated. Further, the advertisements and the associated website (standforeducation.ca) did not indicate that they had been authorized.

The NSTU incurred an expense greater than ten thousand dollars in consequence of an election prior to becoming a registered third party and failed to indicate that the advertisement had been authorized, thus the NSTU breached Sections 275, 278, and 277 of the Act.

Before entering into this Compliance Agreement, the Chief Electoral Officer has taken into consideration the fact that the NSTU undertook to suspend the public awareness campaign including removal of the standforeducation.ca website during the election period, admitted the facts above, and has taken responsibility for the acts that have led to this Compliance Agreement.