

## **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 September 17, 2013, and pursuant to section 294 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer entered into a compliance agreement with Sterling Belliveau of Woods Harbour, Nova Scotia, who is the Registered Candidate for the Nova Scotia New Democratic Party for the electoral district of Queens-Shelburne.

In the compliance agreement, Sterling Belliveau 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 erected campaign signs and opened a campaign headquarters prior to receiving confirmation of registration pursuant to subsection 203(6) on September 9, 2013.
- He incurred an expense in consequence of an election prior to becoming a registered candidate in breach of Section 204 of the Act.

Sterling Belliveau 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 Sterling Belliveau 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.