

Notice of Compliance Agreement
Elections Act

January 27, 2017

This notice is published by the Chief Electoral Officer of Nova Scotia pursuant to section 299 of the *Elections Act* (the *Act*), as a result of the findings of an investigation into breaches of the *Act* in the Municipality of the County of Richmond which commenced in October 2016 and concluded with an investigation report in January 2017.

Steve Sampson of L'Ardoise entered into a compliance agreement acknowledging that:

- On May 23, 2014, he attended a fundraising dinner for the EDA.
- He sought and accepted reimbursement for travel expenses and the cost of one ticket to the dinner.
- He was unaware that accepting funds to reimburse a contribution made to an electoral district association is a breach of subsection 243(2) of the *Act*.
- He reimbursed the Municipality the moneys received before the investigation was initiated by ENS.
- He authorized the expense claims to himself and seven other councillors in his role as Warden for the Municipality.
- He was unaware that providing funds to reimburse contributions made to an electoral district association is a breach of subsection 236(9) of the *Act*.