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Coffin, Alison

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Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:40 PM

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Coffin, Alison; Parsons, Andrew; Petten, Barry; Davis, Bernard; Warr, Brian; Haley, Carol Anne; Crosbie, Ches; Tibbs, Chris; Mitchelmore, Christopher; Pardy, Craig; Brazil, David J.; Bennett, Derek; Bragg, Derrick; Joyce, Eddie; Loveless, Elvis; Byrne, Gerry; Conway Ottenheimer, Helen; Dinn, James; Dwyer, Jeff; Lester, Jim; Haggie, John; Brown, Jordan; Parsons, Kevin; Evans, Lela; Dempster, Lisa; Parrott, Lloyd; Parsons, Pam; Dinn, Paul; Lane, Paul; Trimper, Perry; Forsey, Pleaman; Stoodley, Sarah; Reid, Scott; GambinWalsh, Sherry; Coady, Siobhan; Crocker, Steve; Osborne, Tom; Wakeham, Tony; O'Driscoll, Loyola; Ball, Dwight

Subject:

Re: Total pissed with the deceit and lies of Dwight Ball and his Cabinet Ministers

To all

I seriously don't think Dwight Ball is fit to carry on as Premier.

His first term was a total fiasco any way you look at it. He denied responsibility in most of the controversies that arose, from the "bullying and harrassment" in his Cabinet to forgetting the "Capping" at Muskrat..

This new term he has had the Perry Trimper situation, the Gerry Byrne situation, the Tom Osborne situation and now the Chris Mitchelmore situation which is a carry over from his first term as Premier. He would not accept responsibility for any.

In his first term he ousted Joyce and Kirby (for lesser infractions) from caucus because he had a majority, now that he is in a minority situation you can stay in his caucus and cabinet no matter what.

Isn't it time for a confidence vote of this government. I don't know about the MHAS but I certainly don't have any confidence in this government or Dwight Ball.

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Coffin, Alison

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:55 PM
To: Coffin, Alison
Subject: The Rooms Debacle

Alison, You and the opposition are doing a good job at trying to make the Liberals realize they are accountable for mismanagement of the Foote hiring and subsequent huge wage increase. Please keep it up! Mitchelmore should go and if not, at minimum leave Cabinet. Foote should be dismissed as she obtained the position unfairly not even meeting qualifications. She can reapply if she chooses and compete for the position with other qualified applicants. Please keep at it, do not let Mitchelmore or the Premier get away with making an insincere apology.

Thanks keep up the sensible, wise leadership [REDACTED]

Coffin, Alison

From: NL NDP <info@nl.ndp.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 11:47 PM
To: Coffin, Alison
Subject: Fwd: Carla Foote appointment

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 7:47 AM
Subject: Carla Foote appointment
To: <info@nl.ndp.ca>

Dear Ms. Coffin

Although a longtime Liberal I was impressed with you during the election and had it gone on longer may well have voted for you. So now I'm looking at how you do in opposition.

Specifically, what are you going to do about the hiring of Ms Foote which is a perfect example of unacceptable patronage that is all too acceptable in Newfoundland?

Respectfully
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Coffin, Alison

From: NL NDP <info@nl.ndp.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 8:35 AM
To: Coffin, Alison; acoffin@mun.ca
Subject: Fwd: Ethics

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Dec 5, 2019 at 12:14 AM
Subject: RE: Ethics
To: Ches Crosbie <chescrosbie@chescrosbie.ca>
CC: Alison Coffin <info@nl.ndp.ca>, [REDACTED]

Ches

Ball is not credible. He is really at the centre of this affair and Mitchelmore is merely a pawn. The Directors of the Rooms should have resigned. The Telegram's editorial was spot on today except they failed to question how the appointee in question became a deputy minister. The lateral transfer concept is a travesty. Ball should not be allowed to get away with the silly investigation into human resource transfers. This is a distraction which should be discredited for what it is. It is an insult to the intelligence of every citizen. He must not get away with it.

The message this saga sends to the public is that the merit principle has been thrown to the winds and that qualified people do not stand a chance when politically connected people can be appointed who lack the minimum credentials for the job. Qualified applicants were treated with disdain.

Ball is continuing to downgrade the public service, firing strong deputies like John Abbott and replacing them with obsequious, invertebrate functionaries.

As a matter of principle this abuse should be repudiated by forcing the matter in the House, regardless of whether the public has an appetite for an election. This is an opportunity for the opposition to show leadership and demonstrate its mettle.

The corruption that we are witnessing cannot be exorcized by a reprimand or by a mea culpa. The government has lost the confidence of the people and must go.

This is an opportunity for you and the NDP to take a stand for accountability, transparency and probity.

Dave

-----Original Message-----

From: Ches Crosbie [mailto:chesecrosbie@chesecrosbie.ca]

Sent: December 4, 2019 10:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Alison Coffin

Subject: Ethics

[REDACTED]
I think Allison and I agree that accountability must extend to Ball, who denies that he instructed Mitchelmore. The credibility of this denial ranges from highly improbable to probably impossible, and we must devise a way to ensure that an investigation takes place. Stay tuned tomorrow.

Thanks

Ches

Sent from my iPad=

Coffin, Alison

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Coffin, Alison
Subject: Rooms

Ms Coffin

Do not let this slide.... Ball and Mitchellmore must be held accountable on this absolutely disgusting misuse of power.

Hold them accountable.... you represent the people and the people want are speaking loudly!

[REDACTED]

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Coffin, Alison

From:

Sent:

To:

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 8:44 PM
Coffin, Alison

I just can't believe the other Liberal MHAS can support the actions of Dwight Ball.

He has had four Cabinet Minister having to apologize for their wrong doings in as many months.

I think its a systematic problem in this Liberal party being led by Dwight Ball.

Either the Liberal Backbenchers and the remainder of Cabinet that have not been called upon to apologize "Yet" are spineless and gutless in their defense of these actions.

Sent from Samsung tablet.

Coffin, Alison

From: _____
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 8:11 PM
To: Crosbie, Ches; Coffin, Alison
Subject: Mitchelmore Report

Good evening Mr. Crosbie/ Ms. Coffin,

Being a proud, young Newfoundlander and Labradorian, I am appalled at the behaviour that has been displayed by Cabinet Minister Christopher Mitchelmore and Premier Ball as outlined in the Mitchelmore Report.

Having worked for the Provincial Government as a _____ prior to being fired without cause by the Ball Liberals in 2014, I understand how government operates.

However, what's striking here is that we have a report from an Officer of the House of Assembly which demonstrates the gross incompetence of a Minister. From a quick review of the report, directing someone to be fired to make way for Carla to be hired, changing the organizational structure of The Rooms to accommodate a new Executive Position, not adhering to the Public Service Commission Act and not even filling out the proper paperwork, not to mention not holding an interview or competition, is nothing short of outrageous. The total disregard for the processes/policies is shocking.

Anyone that's been around government would quickly realize that none of this would happen without Premier's Office knowledge/involvement. Hence, the Premier is protecting Minister Mitchelmore and is grasping at straws which is demonstrated by his speaking points of the increase in visitors to The Rooms and giving the credit to Carla which is nothing but a desperate stretch in the absence of any defence for his government's actions.

However, what's even more concerning for me is knowing that leadership sets the tone for any organization and the message the Premier is sending is that adhering to policy is not important. That when an Officer of the HOA submits a damning report it can be dismissed with a simple apology. There isn't a need for a review, there's a need to follow the current policies that are already in place.

In the days ahead, the tactic will be to make announcements, to change the channel. To push it off long enough to go into the Christmas season and hope people forget and move on. I ask that you do not let this happen. I ask that both of you and your caucus' demand much more than a simple apology. The removal of Carla Foote from The Rooms and the firing of Minister Mitchelmore are the appropriate outcomes. Nothing less. For me, this example clearly demonstrates everything that is wrong with government. It's time for this to stop. This is something worth bringing down the government.

I look forward to seeing both of you continue to press for the just outcome all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are expecting and deserve.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone

Coffin, Alison

From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 1:44 PM
To: Coffin, Alison; Dinn, James
Subject: Michelmore report

Dear Alison and Jim:

My name is [REDACTED] former educator and [REDACTED]. I am writing you today to express my utter disgust with the Ball government over the hiring debacle of Carla Foote. The entire hiring process is rotten to the core and it is corruption and political patronage at its finest.

As taxpayer of this great province of ours, I am asking you to keep up the good fight and do not let this scandal be sweep underneath the carpet by the Ball Government.

We do not need another review to examine the lateral movement of government bureaucrats, it is total waste of taxpayers' money. It is distraction from the real issue at hand.

The hiring process needs to be restarted, and Carla Foote has to go. It was wrong to appoint her without a competition and selection process of suitable candidates to interview for the position and it is wrong for her to remain in the job today. This is not Dwight Ball's personal and private pharmacy stores where you can hire who you want without competition, whereas this is position within a government entity where the public expect and demand transparency in the hiring process.

Christopher Mitchelmore must resign as a cabinet minister in order for the public to have faith and confidence in our democratic system. Anything less is unacceptable. The good people of this province must have equal opportunity to apply and obtain jobs in the public service. And it is my opinion that every now and then an issue of this level of corruption comes along and it is worth "dying on the proverbial hill." over.

I would also that you so far as to suggest that a public inquiry to examine Premier Ball's involvement in the hiring of Carla Foote be initiated. As he may have to do the honorable thing and resign as well. While that action is highly unlikely. I encourage you not to let this one go without appropriate consequences. As you both recall, this premier was elected on a promise of setting up an independent commission for hiring as means to remove political patronage from the hiring process. . And, that message cannot be forgotten.

Coffin, Alison

From: _____
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 8:20 PM
To: Coffin, Alison; Crosbie, Ches; Ball, Dwight
Subject: House of Assembly

Good Day MHA's . Its a hard job to call you leaders when I see what is going on in the house of Assembly. We people of our lovely Province elect people to run our beautiful province. But since this last election it is the worst time I see the house being run. Its nothing but a constant battle to turn over the government to give me a try! First it was all the bullying. If you put your name in to politics be prepared to take a bit of dirt! That's what the big bucks are for! Getting on worst than elementary school kids he said this to me, take that back and so. At least high school students don't get on this way! Here we are in a province surrounded by natural resources with 500,00 people running a deficit. I blame this on the pass PC's with there do this muskrat falls and get it done at what ever cost!! Here's a free for all start it! And I voted for Premier Williams! Its time to start acting like elected officials band together and run this province instead of looking to dig up dirt on the other guys! Its actually embarrassing to see elected officials behav this way.

As for the lady getting put in the rooms I heard the previous PC government under Premier Dunderdale was constantly releasing press releases with appoiments to senior positions. Its like most careers like it or not, its who you knows!! If my dad worked with Hydro, I may have a Chance, if my dad fished I may work on the boat. If my dad worked at construction, he could get me in the union. You look around any government Department and see whos related to who, it happens mother/daughter, father /son or sibling/sibling. Mistakes are made, we move on. But please stop wasting our tax Paying dollars wasting time fighting with ourselves looking for dirt on each other when we have bigger issues in our province. Unite for now and in 4 years time settle this silliness with a new election. The people of this province have spoken with the past election so please do the job requested, lead this province collective as one government and 3 parties as requested.

Concerned Citizen

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Coffin, Alison

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Coffin, Alison
Subject: Foote Scandal

Hi Alison,

I am sending you my encouragement to continue pressing Premier Ball on the nepotism of Carla Foote's hiring at The Rooms. The Premier said if her name wasn't Foote it wouldn't be a story. That is the point! Her name IS Foote and that's why she got the job. That's what nepotism is all about! I am furious about this and I have been for over a year. This is one of the main reasons I voted NDP. Keep up the good work!

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Coffin, Alison

From:
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 12:19 PM
To: Crosbie, Ches; Coffin, Alison
Cc:
Subject: Mitchelmore Report

Opposition Leader and Leader of the NDP:

Surely this abuse of power by government should lead to more than a motion of censure? This is a flagrant violation of the merit principle and turns the clock back to the abuse of the Smallwood administration.

It shows the hypocrisy of the independent appointments commission (IAC). The merit principle is the very raison d'être of the Public Service Commission, which is now redundant.

Will you be bringing a motion to defeat the government?

Mitchelmore is simply the messenger. To censure him alone is futile and fatuous.

Coffin, Alison

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Crosbie, Ches; Mitchelmore, Christopher; Ball, Dwight; Joyce, Eddie; Coffin, Alison
Subject: The Rooms Hiring Misconduct

Hello,

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment with the gross misconduct regarding the hiring and reclassification of the Marketing Director at The Rooms.

An apology for this unprecedented corruption is no where near sufficient. The public trust is lost. This nepotistic behaviour is not acceptable from any party serving our public.

The suggestion that a 5% improvement at The Rooms is solely one employee's contribution is ludicrous. It undermines and devalues the contributions of all other employees and volunteers at The Rooms.

Please remove the incumbent from the position at The Rooms. Then run an authentic and valid hiring process. It is essential to hold any MHA responsible for this misconduct to account by requesting resignations and full disclosure of the way this appointment was sanctioned.

Please ensure the following questions are answered in the assembly on the public record.

1. Who offered the job to the incumbent?
2. What was the rationale for reclassifying the position?
3. Why was the successful candidate removed after 48 hours?
4. Is the provincial government being sued for the wrongful dismissal of the previously successful candidate (AB)?

This appointment clearly demonstrates a lack of ethics and transparency within provincial hiring. It does not matter which political party condoned this misconduct. It matters that it never happens again.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

Coffin, Alison

From: _____
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 10:00 PM
To: Coffin, Alison
Subject: Mitchelmore Foote fiasco

Hi

I'm not one to involve myself with politics but I've had enough.

Please ask that Mitchelmore be removed from cabinet and that the job Foote has been granted be revoked. Have the job reposted at the previous pay rate which was more that adequate. Let qualifications be the guideline for hiring so all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have a fair chance.

Sincerely

Sent from my iPhone

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Coffin, Alison

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Coffin, Alison
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi--just wonder if you can answer a question that never gets answered.

Ok, you just became an MHA, now you sit (I voted for you. We sit around drinking beer arguing politics and what is fundamental is that I always say that once an MHA is elected they are part of a system that, well, all elected members have to abide by. Is that not correct? Do you not have to sign various documents that outline what rules you have to go by as a sitting MHA?

I guess the reason I am asking is that while many can not stand the hypocrisy of our parliamentary democracy, not many understand that it is a system, set up in a certain way so that all members have to play by the rules and there in lies the rub.

The rub being that in the day to day operations of govt there may be many instances where nepotism, patronage, cronyism are in plain view but as sitting MHAs not much can be done about it due to the rules?

I read the Samara book a while back and a fundamental tenet was that in the `exit` interviews many politicians stated that they were stifled by the rules as sitting MPs....does this not apply at the provincial level as well.

It just seems that there are scandals every day that the public cannot know about due to the rules.

I know this email may not be replied to and I know that it is not clear but as someone who votes NDP on policy issues rather than other reasons you are the only one that may start a discussion on what we the people see on a daily basis as a corrupt system that will never change simply because the rules cannot be changed.

[REDACTED]