

Date: February 12, 2010

From: Larry Barron  
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To: Tracy Green  
Anmore Times

Thanks for your reply, Tracy.

As to the enquiry at the beginning of your email, I think I am aware of the difference between a legal business enterprise and a volunteer community group, but perhaps you could clarify some issues in this regard.

What is the actual legal status of the *Anmore Times*? Is it an incorporated company? Is it a Society created under the *Society Act*? Is it a registered trade name?

As you can appreciate, it is not uncommon for legal business enterprises to have volunteers working on a regular basis. The Vancouver Canucks are a handy example.

I suppose that your point is that, even with its ad revenue, the *Anmore Times* does not make money, and needs the Village grant of \$3000 per year to cover out of pocket non-labour costs, ie. disbursements. And, since it is not making any money, and is an all-volunteer effort, how can it be a business?

So far as I am aware, whether or not a given entity is deemed a business or not, for purposes of the *Local Government Act* or the *Community Charter*, does not depend on whether it relies primarily on volunteers and labels itself a community group.

The February 2010 edition of the *Anmore Times* consisted of:

1 page Heather Anderson announcement  
½ page rotary club report  
½ page congrats to torch runner Tara Beuk with picture  
½ page ARLA announcements  
½ page congrats to student James Lively  
1½ page Around Anmore by Linda Weinberg  
4½

7½ pages ads

3½ page Darryl Chambers editorial  
2 ½ pages letter to editor  
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Hence, just 4½ pages out of 18 were devoted to Village announcements, and not ads and opinions. Surely 4½ such pages could be posted on the Village website each month (or at anytime) for a thousandth of the cost of the \$3000 per year the Village currently pays to the *Anmore Times*.

The *Anmore Alternative* survives without Village funds. Why must the *Anmore Times* be publicly funded?

Returning to your proposition that the *Anmore Times* is not a business and is a volunteer community group, would you be prepared to open your financial records to public perusal in order to confirm that, even after receiving ad revenue and the Village grant of \$3000, the *Anmore Times* was not making any money?

Also, could you tell me when the last time was that the Village Council or administration received confirmation that the *Anmore Times* has not been making any money. This would seem to be an obvious pre-requisite to granting \$3000 year after year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Barron".

Larry Barron