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This ethics NewScan issue provides some ethics related links that might be of interest to EPAC members.

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Governmental Ethics

The Gomery Report

This is obviously obligatory reading for anyone in or doing business with the Federal Government. It is a possible template for governance issues in the future.

The recommendations are at

<http://www.gomery.ca/en/phase2report/recommendations/>



Feb 1, 2006- Globe and Mail Update- *Harper vows to recover 'missing' \$50 million*- By Jeff Sallot

In this report, Prime Minister-designate Stephen Harper, makes it clear that his government will seek to recover the money and welcomes the Gomery report. We can look forward to an Accountability Act shortly after parliament resumes.



Outgoing Canadian PM Tells Successor to Adopt Recommended Reforms

OTTAWA

Canada's outgoing Prime Minister, brought down partly by an inquiry he ordered into a national scandal that has dominated Canadian politics for years, last week urged his successor to adopt the recommendations of the commission that probed the case....



Feb 5, 2006- *Reaction to the Gomery Phase 2 Report: The Association of Quebec Advertising Agencies and the Institute of Communications and Advertising fully agree with the Commission's recommendations*

-“ The Association of Quebec Advertising Agencies (AAPQ) and the Institute of Communications and Advertising (ICA) fully agree with the recommendations contained in the Gomery Commission's Phase 2 Report on transparency, accountability and the useful mechanisms intended to prevent bad management in future sponsorship programs or advertising activities.”

Sources: MONTREAL, Feb. 1 /CNW Telbec/

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/February2006/01/c30>

Published February 1, 2006- *Ethics govern workplace*

In a short item the writer touches on board involvement, whistleblowing, managing expectations and gives a list of guidelines.

Though brief, it is interesting to see the topic addressed in the popular press.

Sources: www.askcharney.com

http://www.metronews.ca/column_3-minute_mentor.asp?id=13717&cid=638

Purchasing/Contracting Ethics

Wednesday, January 25, 2006- *Public Works loosens contracting rules -- just a bit- But consultants fear red tape will get worse with Tory government-* By Kathryn May, The Ottawa Citizen

"On the eve of the federal election, the government's giant purchasing arm lifted its ban on sole-source contracts worth less than \$25,000, but warned they could only be issued as a last resort.

The decision was billed by deputy public works minister David Marshall in a memo on Friday as a move to make the contracting process more efficient, but consultants and suppliers say it's just more evidence of the chill on day-to-day management in the federal government since the Gomery inquiry.

That's because while Mr. Marshall will now allow un-tendered contracts worth less than \$25,000, any "follow-up contracts" with those suppliers must be personally approved by him.

But the biggest change is a new database of pre-qualified small- and medium-sized business that want to sell consulting and professional services to government. The new database, operated by the recently created Office of Small and Medium Enterprise, will allow firms to register their services and qualifications online.

Once qualified, bureaucrats looking for consultants for work worth up to \$84,000 can look up suppliers and pick a supplier after seeking at least three bids. The government spends about \$4 billion a year on consulting and other "professional" services and a large share of those are for contracts worth about \$50,000. Consulting is big business in the capital region.

With the new database, officials say the department will have zero tolerance for bureaucrats who argue they had to issue a contract without competition because of time constraints. The new database, officially launched last month, would allow a contract to be issued within days compared to weeks or longer under the old system."

Source: <http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/story.html?id=e0eb1fc0-0c52-4de7-a063-f8729581924b&k=52915>

Purchasing Management Association Welcomes Gomery Focus on Professional Values, Standards

"In his report released yesterday, Mr. Justice John Gomery calls for a strong focus on professional values and standards to restore accountability to government activities without "an elaborate menu of red tape," a move supported by the Purchasing Management Association of Canada (PMAC), a group representing the country's supply chain management professionals."

"Ultimately, a rulebook is useless without observing both the letter and the spirit of the rules. Values and ethics must be taught, reinforced and observed every day."

"The teaching of ethical behaviors and professionalism are a key pillar of the program leading to the association's Certified Professional Purchaser (C.P.P.) designation, the premier designation in the field in Canada. Adherence to the association's Code of Ethics is a condition of membership in the association. The Code requires members to base both actions and decisions on a set of professional values, including honesty, integrity, responsible management, conformity to the law and a commitment to serving the broad public interest."



TORONTO, Feb. 2 /CNW/ -

Source: <http://www.cnw.ca/fr/releases/archive/February2006/02/c3099.html>

29 Jan 2006- Canoe News

Audits chasing big names in corporate Canada- By Dean Beeby

A review of the work being done to determine review "overpayment disputes" involving the Government of Canada and , among others Air Canada, Boeing Canada Technology, Bristol Aerospace Ltd., IBM Canada Ltd., Lockheed Martin Canada and Spar Aerospace Ltd. There no evidence of wrongdoing at this time. The writer does allude to National Defence and the issues there with HP and Compaq.

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Canada/2006/01/29/1417147-cp.html>

Political Ethics

Canadian MP Switches Parties, Takes Post as Trade Minister

VANCOUVER

In the wake of a political controversy that has prompted vigorous debate and no small measure of resentment, a Canadian political leader is proposing a bill that would require members of Parliament to face an election if they intend to switch parties....

Source: <http://www.globalethics.org/redir/nl.html?d=2/20/2006&id=02200621165988>

Health Care Ethics

Jan 28, 2006- *Health Care, Ethics Motivated Canadian Voters* – From Angus Reid Global Scan

"Adults in Canada placed two issues at the top of their agenda before this month's federal election, according to a poll by Environics Research Group released by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. 22 per cent of respondents say health care was the most important topic in influencing their vote, while 10 per cent mention honesty, ethics and accountability."

Source: <http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/index.cfm/fuseaction/viewItem/itemID/10705>

Military Ethics

Thu, January 26, 2006- *Injured soldier offered new SUV*-By Kristen Vernon and Brookes Merritt, EDMONTON SUN

“An Edmonton soldier who lost his left leg in a suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan may not have to worry about his standard transmission SUV once he's ready to drive again. The new SUV should be presented to Shoppers Franklin when his health permits, and will be fitted with manual hand controls ... Franklin's acceptance of the vehicle is subject to the army's approval.

"We just have to make sure there are no ethics issues," said Edmonton Garrison spokesman, Capt. Brian Martin, “adding such checks are standard whenever gifts are offered to military members. “

Source: <http://www.edmontonsun.com/News/Edmonton/2006/01/26/1412292-sun.html>

Sports Ethics

Feb 2, 2006- *If you can go under the knife to make yourself more athletic, would you?* - By Jake Troughton

After opening with some thoughts about drug testing at the Winter Olympics, the writer then states;

“But what if the same or superior, performance-enhancing benefits were possible without drugs? As surgical techniques advance—procedures are growing safer and more versatile, recovery times are getting shorter—athletes might opt for the operating table in a bid to make the jump from also-ran to contender, or from contender to champion. The time may come when some surgeries offer enough performance benefit and little enough risk and lost training time that their temptation, like that of drugs today, will prove too much to resist.

That time may be fast approaching. Arguably, it's already here. “He then goes on to discuss several existing surgical procedures which raise questions about enhanced performance in sports including golf.

Source: <http://www.gateway.ualberta.ca/view.php?aid=5581>

Public Sector Ethics

Sources: [Edmonton Sun](#), Jan. 28 -- [Hamilton Spectator](#), Jan. 28 -- [Globe & Mail](#), Jan. 27 -- [CBC](#), Jan. 27

Defamed Student Wins Damages in Canada's Supreme Court

Canada's highest court has awarded more than \$800,000 in damages to a former student the court said was wrongly labelled as a sex offender when a professor misinterpreted material attached to an

essay.

The Supreme Court of Canada upheld a lower court verdict on behalf of Wanda Young, who said her life was ruined when a professor, who became alarmed at an anonymous first-person account of sexual abuse attached to a paper, reported her to the provincial child protection services in 1994, the Globe & Mail reported.

Young was taking a course at Memorial University in Newfoundland when she submitted the account, which was copied from a textbook but not footnoted as such. Her professor, misinterpreting the attachment as an indication that Young may have committed a crime, felt obligated to report the student, whose name was added to a Royal Canadian Mounted Police registry of suspected child abusers without her knowledge, the CBC reported.

But according to the Edmonton Sun, the Supreme Court ruled that the university "had no data that, interpreted by a reasonable person, would suggest that a child has been, was, or may be in need of protection from Wanda Young."

The ruling worries some child welfare advocates who say the fear of legal retribution may prevent people from coming forward with suspicions, CTV reports.

Source: <http://www.globalethics.org/redir/nl.html?d=1/30/2006&id=01300621545964>

Good Government

"There is good government when those who are near are happy, and when those who are far away desire to come."
-- Confucius (Chinese philosopher, 551-479 B.C.)

This is all for now!

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Voici la livraison d'Éthique NouvelleScrutées :

Éthique Gouvernementale

Le Rapport Gomery

Une lecture approfondie de ce rapport est d'un intérêt certain. Ce rapport sera à la base de la gouvernance dans la future.

Les recommandations se retrouvent :

<http://www.gomery.ca/fr/phase2report/recommandations/index.asp>

Les autres sites vous offrent des textes uniquement en anglais. Désolé pour cet inconvénient...
Voir ci-haut pour les sommaires...

Bon Gouvernement

"Nous sommes en présence d'un bon gouvernement lorsque ceux qui sont proches sont contents et ceux qui sont loin voudraient y venir."

(Trad. Libre) -- Confucius (Philosophe Chinois, 551-479 A.C.)

J'espère que vous aimerez la nouvelle livraison d'Ethics NewScan et que vous nous direz ce que nous pouvons faire pour vous aider encore davantage.

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