Enquête publique sur l'ingérence étrangère dans les processus électoraux et les institutions démocratiques fédéraux

Public Summary of Evidence - Person B

Person B was interviewed on a confidential basis by Commission Counsel in 2024. Following that interview, Commission Counsel prepared a summary of the interview. Person B reviewed the summary for accuracy. Person B affirmed an affidavit whereby they adopted the contents of the interview summary as part of their evidence before the Commission.

This summary discloses the evidence contained within the interview summary that, in the opinion of the Commissioner and Person B, would not be injurious to Person B. The confidential interview summary indicates for all information provided by Person B whether the information is based on personal knowledge or information and belief.

The information and events described in the interview summary occurred over many years.

Section 1

This section describes information pertaining to Person B's background. In this section, Person B provides some background information related to certain Chinese Canadian community associations and organizations.

Section 2

This section includes a summary of the reasons explaining why Person B wishes to provide their information to the Commission but also remain anonymous.

This section provides information on community associations and relationships with PRC officials. The information contained here is introductory in nature.

Section 3

This section describes how (the) community association(s) may be implicated in foreign interference activity, and how certain politicians perceived as 'anti-China' or contrary to PRC interests are excluded from local community events either in coordination with PRC officials or to their perceived benefit.

Section 4

This section provides some supplementary information on community associations and relationships with PRC officials.

Sections 5 and 6

This section describes how PRC officials leverage local community associations and describes an example of the practice of "Astro-turfing".¹

Section 7

No summary can be provided.

Sections 8 & 9

These sections describe (a) certain community association(s) and persons, their activities and their relationship with PRC officials in Canada, and pro-PRC messaging.

Section 10

This section describes information pertaining to influence by PRC officials in Canada over Chinese community media in Canada.

Section 11

The information in this section describes examples of conduct by certain Canadian politicians in apparent attempts to curry favour with PRC officials in Canada. The information contained in this section indicates the level of government at which this occurred.

This section also summarized an example of the use of community associations to support a candidate in an election. The information contained in this example indicates the level of government at which this occurred.

¹ A covert practice whereby a foreign state can conceal its involvement in an activity or organization by creating a false impression that a grassroots movement is spontaneous rather than constructed with foreign aid.