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Subject: Letter of Resignation
Attachments: Hugh MacKay - Incident Report.pdf

Dear Andre,

As President of the Chester St Margarets' Liberal Riding Association, please accept this email as my official notice of resignation from the Board of Directors.

I have been struggling for the past while hiding an incident that I can no longer keep hidden regarding the conduct and activity of certain members of the Board along with our MLA - Mr. Hugh MacKay.

Attached is a brief overview of one of my concerns. I suggest you present the attached letter along with this letter of resignation to the Board at the next monthly meeting.

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MEMO

Subject

Hugh MacKay – MLA for Chester St. Margaret's
Possible Criminal Conduct Requires Investigation.

Author

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Parties Involved:

Hugh MacKay – Nova Scotia MLA, Chester St Margaret's [REDACTED]

Penny Lawless – Constituency Manager – Chester St Margaret's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date of incidents

November 22nd through 24th – 2018

Location of incident

New Ross to Upper Tantallon Nova Scotia

Allegation of Criminal Activity

- Impaired driving
- Dangerous driving
- Hit and run involving an individual
- Leaving the scene of an accident
- Destruction of public property
- Conspiracy to cover up criminal activity

Summary Overview of Allegation

Preliminary Statement of [REDACTED]
(individual involved in the incidents and participant in the cover up)

On or about November 22nd, 2018 at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon, I received a frantic call from [REDACTED] Penny Lawless telling me Hugh MacKay was very drunk, texting and calling her while he was driving. This was approximately the 3rd or 4th time this happened to her over the previous few months so she instructed me to get in my car and drive to New Ross. She had found his approximate location on her cell phone (Apple Phone - find my friends). He was driving around New Ross with his locations moving around the back roads of the community.

[REDACTED] was quite frantic knowing the danger Hugh was in and possibly the danger he presented to others. Originally I said to call the police, but she insisted we not do that. I knew this was probably very serious event because she had informed me of other times he would do similar things after getting into a fight with his wife Mary-Lynn. She informed me this was was to get one or two bottles of vodka, drive to some remote location

and sit in his car and drink for hours. During his time there he was texting and calling Penny and his wife Mary-Lynn.

I followed [REDACTED] request and got in my car and left my home in Upper Tantallon and drove to New Ross. I was getting moment by moment updates from Penny who was tracking his changing locations on her cell phone (find my friends app). When I got to New Ross, the sun had set and it was dark with the temperature hovering around zero. The roads were clear at that time, but there was risks of icy patches and snow flurries. I was partially concerned for my own well-being, given the fact my tires had very poor traction and possibly shouldn't have been driving on them under those conditions.

I was in constant contact with Penny on my phone who was giving me a moment by moment update as to when he was driving and when he was parked. He changed locations a number of times through-out the New Ross community. Every time she gave me a new location, I would find it but he wasn't there and had already moved on. There was a slight delay between her being able to find him and me being able to get to that location. I finally arrived at a location she had provided approximately 10 kms south of the intersection of Highway 12 and Forties Road where I saw a Silver GMC SUV parked on the side of the road with the engine running. I pulled up behind it and saw through the rear window, a male occupant sitting in the driver seat with the motor running. I walked up to the window and saw it was Hugh, slouched over and appearing very incoherent with a bottle of vodka in his lap. I opened the door and started to talk to him. He initially thought I was the police, but I assured him I wasn't and I was there to collect him up and take him home. Our discussion was cordial at first but when I pressed him to get out of the vehicle he told me a number of times – NO. His seat belt was on so I reached in to try and release it and he pushed me away. He then put the car in drive and drove off hitting me and running over my right foot for the first time. I was not injured.

I got back in my car and followed him south on Highway 12. The time was approximately 4:30pm, the roads were still clear at that time, but dark with no street lighting. I flashed my lights a number of times at him but he kept on driving. I was on the phone to Penny giving her moment by moment updates. A number of times, she called or texted him telling him to pull over. I don't know if he ever responded to her. He texted me saying... "I'm so fucking drunk...", and it was clear he was extremely drunk. My observations consisted of erratic driving, the smell when I opened the door (I am very sensitive to alcohol smell), his speech and his apparent lack of awareness of his situational surroundings. During the initial time we spoke, he slurred his words, laughed at how drunk he was and told me to leave him alone, he just wanted to sit and quietly drink alone. He was not aggressive at all, but he was dismissive to any suggestion of letting me get him home safely and his tone slowly turned from cordial to passive aggressive and he eventually told me to fuck off. That was consistent to the pattern Penny had described from his previous incidents.

I followed him south on Highway 12 out of the New Ross community towards Chester Grant. His driving was relatively reasonable at first, but did exhibit a few times where it appeared he had difficulty keeping the car wheels between the lines. I was getting more and more nervous about the risk to public safety and told Penny we have to call the police. She emphatically said no at that time.

On two occasions, I managed to pass him and get in front of him. The first time I slowed down to approximately 20kms down from about 80kms trying to convince him to pull over. The first occasion he did slow down, but then pulled out and then speed up and passed me on a double lane section of the road. The second time as soon as I started to slow down he erratically pulled out into the oncoming lane (no cars were coming) and accelerated quickly, nearly colliding with my vehicle and substantially exceeding the speed limit. His driving had become erratic and extremely dangerous. I got very nervous and pulled back 1 or 2 kms behind him in the hopes he would slow down.

As we passed Chester Grant approximately half way between there and the intersection of Highway 103 he pulled over to the side of the road and I caught up with him and pulled in behind him. As soon as I got out and started to walk up to the vehicle, he pulled out again and drove off. I got back in my car and followed him again as he crossed the overpass on Highway 103, and turned left onto the on ramp to the highway heading east towards Halifax.

Again I was on the phone with Penny who I believe had been speaking with Mary-Lynn, Hugh's wife and was updating her on our progress. I explained how nervous I was now having Hugh in his condition driving on Highway 103. Shortly after entering the highway, the weather changed to light snow and ice pellets. I grew increasingly concerned and told Penny we have to call the police, but she emphatically told me no, it would ruin his career and she would lose her job, which was the only source of household income at the time. I felt pressured but didn't do what I should have at the time and horribly regret my complicity in this incident.

His driving became more and more erratic with his speeds ranging from about 30kms on the highway to 150kms (estimate only). His right wheel kept crossing over the right painted line and on at least 2 occasions his right tires hit the gravel section and he nearly lost control of his vehicle. Twice I pulled back about 2kms in the hopes that he would see I stopped my pursuit and drive more carefully. He continued east passing the Chester exit at Highway 14 and continued onward towards the East River exit on the Hwy 103. The road conditions were deteriorating quickly with light snow and ice pellets starting to accumulate on the highway. He continued past the Hubbards exit and was now entering the stretch of road between Exit 5A and Exit 6, one of the most notorious spots for car accidents in Nova Scotia. His driving became more and more erratic and on at least 2 occasions vehicles coming in the opposite direction flashed their lights at him because he had swerved into the on coming traffic causing the drivers to move out of his way. I was getting more and more angry arguing with Penny that I have no choice left – I have to call the police, but she convinced me not to. I was on the verge of calling 911, [REDACTED] if Hugh and Penny lost their jobs, [REDACTED] I feel terrible now for allowing this to continue.

I followed him in fear he would lose control of his vehicle, especially in such rapidly deteriorating road conditions. I continued to follow him past Exit 6, past Exit 5A and towards Exit 5 leading to Upper Tantallon and Hammonds Plains Road. He did exit the highway at Exit 5, slowed down as he approached the red light and then turned left on to Hammonds Plains road as he rolled through the red light at the top of the exit ramp. He continued back across the highway overpass towards the Tantallon Shopping Centre approximately 500 meters past the overpass. Once again at the intersection of the entrance to the shopping centre he rolled through a red light at the intersection **but this time did loose control of the vehicle** and plowed into a lamp standard at the entrance to the shopping centre parking lot. He severely damaged the front right corner of his vehicle and his vehicle was stuck momentarily. He put it in reverse and pulled back and drove over the sidewalk back onto the road and proceeded into the parking area in the Sobeys parking lot.

The time was approximately 5:20pm on November 22nd, 2018. I recall being on the phone with Penny when he hit the lamp standard and told her I was done with this pursuit and was calling the police. But I followed him to the parking area where he was parked and parked my vehicle a few stalled over from him and approached the car. I could see significant damage to the right side of the vehicle, including a flat tire, what appeared to be a broken rim and damage to the right quarter panel and passenger side door.

This time, I was angry and opened the door and yelled at him to get the fuck out of the car now! He told me to fuck off but was clearly not aware of the extent of the damage to his vehicle. I had to explain to him he had a flat tire and probable broken rim. He didn't believe me and said it was not a problem and he will drive home. The flat tire stopped him from moving. I opened the door again and this time his seat belt was off, so I physically grabbed him and pulled him from the vehicle. He immediately attempted to fight back, but quickly stopped his

struggle and I convinced him to leave the car and I would drive him home. I picked up the vodka bottle from the passenger side floor well and put it in my vehicle. I informed Penny I had him and [REDACTED] and put him to bed. He was very drunk.

The following morning Penny drove him home. The vehicle was left in the Sobey's parking area for about 3 days before he had it towed away for repair. In the morning after the incident, the 3 of us decided not to inform anyone of this event and I don't believe anyone else, other than his wife Mary-Lynn and possibly one other member of the Chester St Margaret's Riding Association was knowledgeable of what happened. This was done to protect Hugh's reputation, his seat in the Legislature and Penny's [REDACTED] income.

I am on the Board of Directors for the Chester St Margarets Liberal Riding Association and have tendered my resignation along with providing this statement.

I am aware that Mr. MacKay continues to drink and drive and his conduct must be stopped in the name of public safety.

Evidence

The following evidence can be made available upon request to the appropriate authorities should they choose to investigate this incident further.

- Telephone records – [REDACTED] / Penelope Lawless [REDACTED] / Hugh MacKay Cell [REDACTED]
- Emails between myself and Penny and myself and Hugh MacKay
- Text messages to and from various parties
- Video evidence
- Photo's at various stages of the incident