Twitter Thread by Mr Facts



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So I took @TheBreakdownAB's reporting and organized it into a timeline of Minister LaGrange's corruption:

A Timeline Of Lies

How Education Minister Adriana LaGrange ensured a political donor got a six figure contract, and then attempted to cover it all up.



Special Thanks To The Breakdown (@TheBreakdownAB) For Breaking This Story And Collecting These Documents.

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Spring 2019

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS - FINAL
78 - RED DEER-NORTH
February 1, 2019 to June 16, 2019
UNITED CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

ADRIANA LAGRANGE, Candidate
DIANE MACKAY, CFO

Contributor	Location	Valued	Cash	Total
LAGRANGE DARREN	RED DEER COUNTY		$2,157.19	
LAGRANGE DARREN	RED DEER COUNTY	$136.66		
	LAGRANGE DARREN Total:			**$2,293.85**
RADFORD REG	RED DEER		$2,000.00	$2,000.00
GALENZOSKI MALCOLM	RED DEER		$1,400.00	$1,400.00
WESTBERG KIRSTEN	RED DEER COUNTY	$985.80		
WESTBERG KIRSTEN	RED DEER COUNTY		$354.00	
	WESTBERG KIRSTEN Total:			**$1,339.80**

Reg Radford, the owner of IFR Workwear, donates $2000 (half the legal maximum) to Adriana LaGrange's election campaign.

Mr. Radford has contributed over $10,000 to provincial conservatives over the previous 10 years.

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July 18, 2020

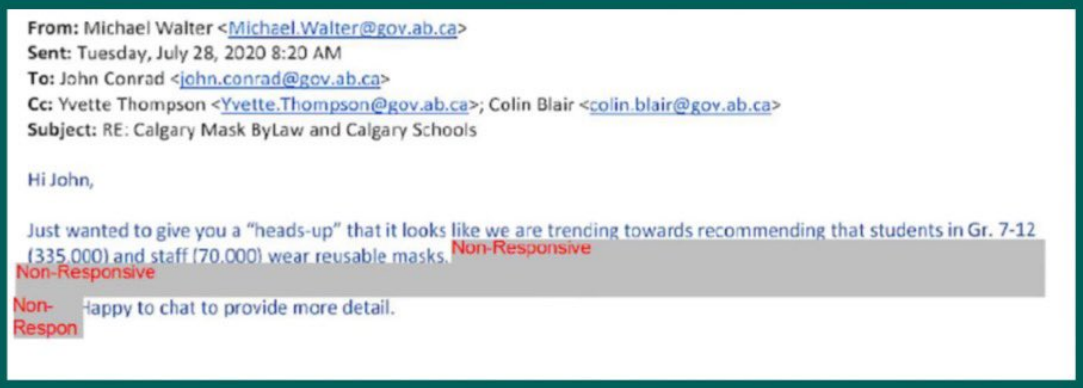


Adriana LaGrange and Jason Kenney tour IFR Workwear on Reg Radford's invitation and use it as a friendly photo op after recent negative press.

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July 28, 2020



From: Michael Walter <Michael.Walter@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:20 AM
To: John Conrad <john.conrad@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Yvette Thompson <Yvette.Thompson@gov.ab.ca>; Colin Blair <colin.blair@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Calgary Mask ByLaw and Calgary Schools

Hi John,

Just wanted to give you a "heads-up" that it looks like we are trending towards recommending that students in Gr. 7-12 (335,000) and staff (70,000) wear reusable masks. Non-Responsive

Non-Responsive

Non-Respon Happy to chat to provide more detail.

The Provincial Operations Centre (POC) is alerted that the Education Ministry intends to mandate masks for students and to begin finding vendors for masks.

The POC has special powers to skip normal procurement rules in order to source pandemic supplies fast.

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July 29, 2020

8:30am

LaGrange's Executive Advisor Linda Antunes emails to prompt the POC about IFR. They respond saying they have no records on IFR.

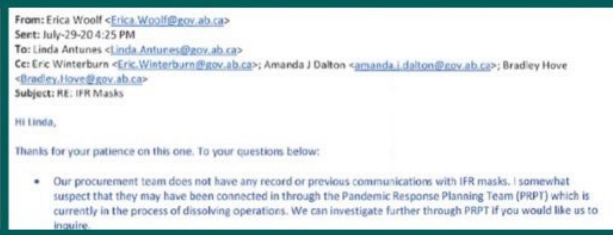


From: Linda Antunes <Linda.Antunes@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Erica Woolf <Erica.Woolf@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Erica Woolf <Erica.Woolf@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: IFR Masks

Hi,

s.24(1)(a) Do you have any information on this company?

Thanks, Linda



From: Erica Woolf <Erica.Woolf@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: July-29-20 4:25 PM
To: Linda Antunes <Linda.Antunes@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Eric Winterburn <Eric.Winterburn@gov.ab.ca>; Amanda J Dalton <amanda.j.dalton@gov.ab.ca>; Bradley Hove <Bradley.Hove@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: IFR Masks

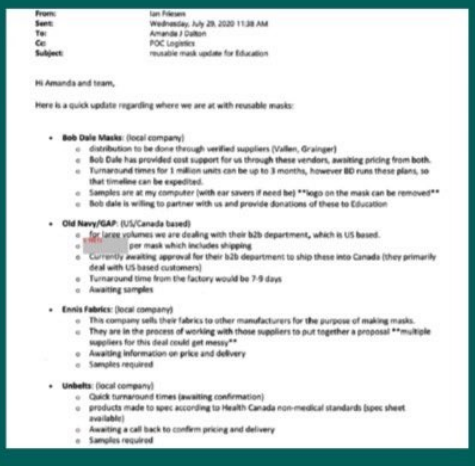
Hi Linda,

Thanks for your patience on this one. To your questions below:

- Our procurement team does not have any record or previous communications with IFR masks. I somewhat suspect that they may have been connected in through the Pandemic Response Planning Team (PRPT) which is currently in the process of dissolving operations. We can investigate further through PRPT if you would like us to inquire.

11:38am

POC provides a list of 4 acceptable vendors for masks based on time, cost, and quantities. IFR was not on the list.



From: Ian Friesen
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Amanda J Dalton
Cc: POC Logistics
Subject: reusable mask update for Education

Hi Amanda and team,

Here is a quick update regarding where we are at with reusable masks:

- **Bob Dale Masks**: (local company)
  - distribution to be done through verified suppliers (Vallen, Grainger)
  - Bob Dale has provided cost support for us through these vendors, awaiting pricing from both.
  - Turnaround times for 1 million units can be up to 3 months, however BD runs these plans, so that timeline can be expedited.
  - Samples are at my computer (with ear savers if need be) **logo on the mask can be removed**
  - Bob dale is willing to partner with us and provide donations of these to Education
- **Old Navy/GAP**: (US/Canada based)
  - for large volumes we are dealing with their b2b department, which is US based.
  - [redacted] per mask which includes shipping
  - Currently awaiting approval for their b2b department to ship these into Canada (they primarily deal with US based customers)
  - Turnaround time from the factory would be 7-9 days
  - Awaiting samples
- **Ennis Fabrics**: (local company)
  - This company sells their fabrics to other manufacturers for the purpose of making masks.
  - They are in the process of working with those suppliers to put together a proposal **multiple suppliers for this deal could get messy**
  - Awaiting information on price and delivery
  - Samples required
- **Unbelts**: (local company)
  - Quick turnaround times (awaiting confirmation)
  - products made to spec according to Health Canada non-medical standards (spec sheet available)
  - Awaiting a call back to confirm pricing and delivery
  - Samples required

Listed Vendors were:

1. **Bob Dale Masks (Local)**
2. **Old Navy/Gap (Multinational)**
3. **Ennis Fabrics (Local)**
4. **Unbelts (Local)**

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July 30, 2020



From: Linda Antunes
Sent: July-30-20 2:03 PM
To: Erica Woolf <Erica.Woolf@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Eric Winterburn <Eric.Winterburn@gov.ab.ca>; Amanda J Dalton <amanda.j.dalton@gov.ab.ca>; Bradley Hove <Bradley.Hove@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: IFR Masks

Hi Erica,
s.24(1)(a), s.24(1)(b) It was discussed that maybe it was a first nations that manufactured the masks for IFR. Could you please follow up with PRPT to see what they know?

Thanks, Linda

Adriana LaGrange's Advisor Linda Antunes pressures the POC again on including IFR. This time she tries to sell an Indigenous angle (Radford's wife at the company is Métis).

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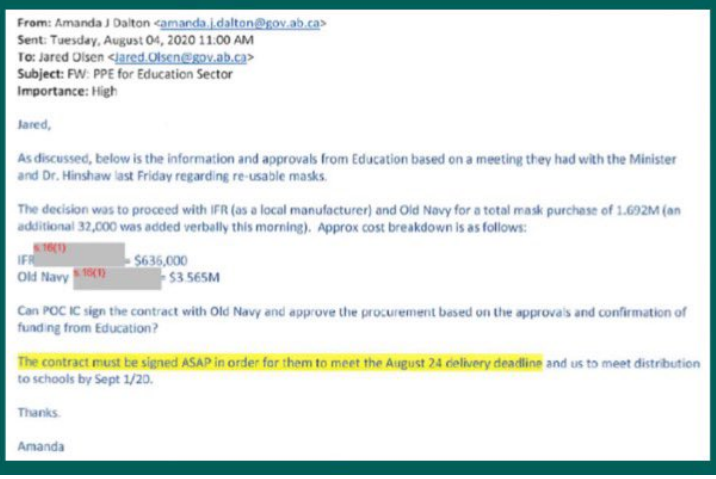
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July 31, 2020

The POC, Alberta Emergency Agency, Dr. Hinshaw, and Minister LaGrange all meet to discuss the mask mandate for schools.

This meeting determines that Old Navy and IVR are getting the contracts.

The POC sends an email after the meeting to confirm the understanding.



From: Amanda J Dalton <amanda.j.dalton@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Jared Olsen <jared.Olsen@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: PPE for Education Sector
Importance: High

Jared,

As discussed, below is the information and approvals from Education based on a meeting they had with the Minister and Dr. Hinshaw last Friday regarding re-usable masks.

The decision was to proceed with IFR (as a local manufacturer) and Old Navy for a total mask purchase of 1.692M (an additional 32,000 was added verbally this morning). Approx cost breakdown is as follows:

s.16(1) IFR = $636,000
Old Navy s.16(1) = $3.565M

Can POC IC sign the contract with Old Navy and approve the procurement based on the approvals and confirmation of funding from Education?

The contract must be signed ASAP in order for them to meet the August 24 delivery deadline and us to meet distribution to schools by Sept 1/20.

Thanks.

Amanda

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August 4, 2020

8:54am

The POC says that the entire order can be filled (for cheaper) by Old Navy.



From: Amanda J Dalton <amanda.j.dalton@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: August-04-20 8:54 AM
To: Linda Antunes <Linda.Antunes@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Walter <Michael.Walter@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Masks, etc
Importance: High

Good Morning Linda & Michael,

We have confirmation Old Navy can deliver on 1.6M masks by August 24 at a cost of s.16(1) (inclusive of shipping, customs, etc). No additional fees. We will need to sign the contract with them today to meet this deadline.

Shall we touch base with a quick call for an update on the other outstanding items?

Thanks.

Cost of $2.30 per mask

9:18am

LaGrange's Advisor Linda Antunes directs the POC to split the order so IFR can have a share of it.



From: Linda Antunes
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Amanda J Dalton; Michael Walter
Subject: RE: Masks, etc
Importance: High

Hi,
We need to split some of the order with IFR (support local as well). Can you work out the numbers? Thx,
Linda

Cost of $4.24 per mask

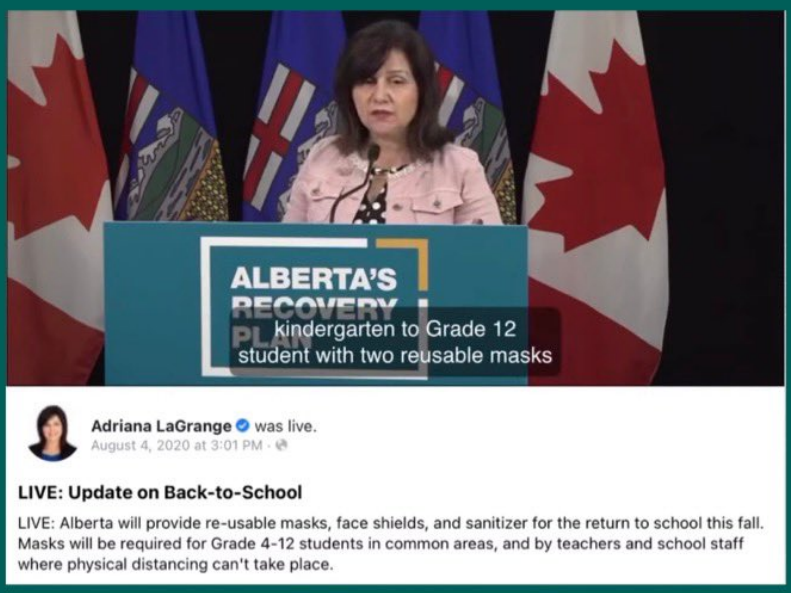
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August 4, 2020 (Cont.)

3:01PM

Adriana LaGrange announces at a press conference that all students from Grade 4 through 12 will get 2 reusable masks from the Education Ministry for a new mask mandate. Old Navy is awarded a contract for $3.57M and IFR with a contract for $636,000.



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August 10, 2020

Adriana LaGrange writes to the Ethics Commissioner to pre-empt any investigations.

She denies having personal connections to Reg Radford.

She lies, saying that IFR was chosen purely on POC's technical advice.

She lies and says she only learned of IFR's contract on August 8th, after she had her press conference.

She then tries to mislead the Ethics Commissioner by saying none of her political staff were involved.



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August 10, 2020

Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC
Ethics Commissioner of Alberta
Suite 1200, 9925 – 109 St. NW
Edmonton, AB T5K 2J8

Dear Commissioner Trussler,

As you might have seen, the Government recently announced the contracting of two vendors to provide 1.7 million re-usable masks for students use as part of the return to K-12 classes this fall.

The first vendor is the well-known retailer Old Navy, which has recently begun mass-producing masks for the pandemic. The second vendor, IFR Workwear, has elicited some faux controversy that I nevertheless wish to flag to you proactively.

Founded in 2005, IFR is a well-established manufacturer of workwear that happens to be based in my constituency of Red Deer-North. In addition, both IFR as a corporate entity and its CEO Reg Radford have made political donations to political parties/campaigns in the past.

The vast majority of the donations are to the former PC Party, between 2006 and 2015. However, Radford did donate $2,000 to my local election campaign in 2019 (Appendix A). While the Radford family is very well known in the Red Deer community, myself and my family do not have any personal connections to them or their company.

Nevertheless, I would like to assure you that neither myself nor my political staff had any role in the selection of vendors for these masks.

Due to urgent time constraints, my department enlisted the Provincial Operations Centre (POC) to procure the masks in question. The POC operates under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

My office was only made aware of the winning vendors the morning of Saturday, Aug. 8, prior to the issuance of a statement reassuring the public that the mask procurement was well in hand (Appendix B).

As Minister of Education, my only concern on this matter is getting masks that meet the requirements into the hands of parents in time for the start of classes in a matter of weeks.

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Given tight timeframes, it's my understanding that the POC directly contacted vendors which it believed capable of meeting the technical requirements and volume of a very large order – 1.7 million re-usable masks – in just weeks. Non-political staff at the POC alone made the final selection of vendors.

I have also attached a letter from my colleague Minister Madu better explaining this process, as the POC falls under his ministry (Appendix C).

I hope this letter assures you that there is nothing untoward in the selection of vendors for this projects.

Please feel free to contact me directly should have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education

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And bonus slide:

August 11, 2020

Lyn Radford, IFR's spokesperson and wife of owner Reg Radford, lied to the Edmonton Journal that they got the contract through a "third party distributor".

Lyn Radford, spokeswoman for IFR workwear, said in a Tuesday interview the family-owned company got the contract through a third-party distributor, and doesn't communicate with end-customers during the procurement process.

Edmonton Journal Aug. 11/2020