

Ethics or Aesthetics?

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Was the Parliamentary Ethics Committee created to ensure elected politicians and the federal government conduct their business in a morally ethical manner? Or was it created simply to cover their blemishes and hide their indiscretions so that the government looks better? I'm sure you agree that ethical behaviour was the goal. Apparently, the Liberal members of the Ethics Committee didn't get the memo. They seem to care more about orders from the PMO.

The Condo Development Bailout Scandal (for lack of a better title) is a developing story that the Ethics Committee really ought to be pursuing. Unfortunately, it involves ethics violations—or at least a perception of them—at the highest level. The PM's recent announcement of an intervention by the federal government and the B.C. government of Premier Eby to alleviate the woes of some B.C. condo developers has raised eyebrows, and rightly so. The shared commitment of \$3.2 billion for the purchase of high-priced, unsold condos is no small step, especially when it is being done to prevent condo developers from losing money on their speculative investments. Of course, PM Carney is trying to sell the move as an effort to create affordable housing. Nobody's buying that flimsy excuse.

More and more info is coming out regarding the very troubling details and context of this bailout. Before we list some of those details, it's important to point out that the Ethics Committee is itself violating ethical standards by refusing to investigate¹ this very concerning action by the Prime Minister. The Ethics Committee exists to investigate potential violations and to either exonerate the actions of a politician—or a party or the government—or to expose and render a judgement when those actions are found to be a conflict of interest or even criminal. The current Ethics Committee, under the majority control of Liberal members, has done neither. It has instead kicked the can down the road, essentially said, "Nothing to see here," and prevented opposition members of the Committee from calling witnesses and conducting a thorough review.

This response from the government-controlled committee should send chills down the spine of every Canadian who believes in accountability and transparency. To prevent public disclosure of facts and figures regarding a \$3.2 billion bailout and the shady circumstances leading up to it is more evidence that our current Prime Minister and his sycophantic Cabinet are misusing their power and trying to mislead Canadians as to their motives and intents.

Investigative journalist, Sam Cooper, has done a great job of documenting not only the financial threads and timeline of the bailout but also the cover-up in Parliament. Regarding the bailout, Sam presents these facts:²

- In 2014, condo developers paid \$25,000 per plate for a meeting with then-mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson. Gregor Robertson is now Federal Housing Minister under PM Mark Carney.

- In February, 2026, 17 condo developers paid \$1750 each for a dinner meeting with PM Mark Carney.
- On June 3, 2026, just 15 days before PM Carney and Premier Eby announced the bailout (the government purchase of 2,200 unsold condos at an average price of \$600,000), Brookfield Asset Management (the corporation Mr. Carney previously chaired and in which he still holds significant shares) made a deal with Concert Properties, which owns thousands of unsold condos in B.C.
- Brookfield recently received \$276 million in financing from the Shanghai Bank. Interesting that our Prime Minister has been building bridges with China while trashing our long-standing trade partnership with the USA. There's more to that story.

Are these facts proof of a conflict of interest? No. However, they certainly raise enough questions that a proper hearing before the Ethics Committee, the calling of pertinent witnesses and the gathering of facts is not only appropriate but essential if that committee is to be taken seriously. If it won't investigate questionable actions by the government, what is it doing to ensure ethical behaviour by politicians?

The shutting down of this investigation is just one more instance of government arrogance and corruption. Financial scandals seem to follow Liberals around; until they let the sunshine in and deal with these suspicious actions, they can never expect to win back the trust of Canadian voters and taxpayers.

The Christian Heritage Party (CHP Canada)³ demands that the Ethics Committee re-open this question and give those involved the opportunity to either clear their names or come clean on their misdeeds. Anything less is not worthy of elected representatives in a "free and democratic society."

Footnotes

¹ www.theepochtimes.com/world/liberals-shut-down-ethics-committee-meeting-on-governments-condo-bailout-plan-6058692

² www.thebureau.news/p/eby-briefed-for-meeting-with-vancouver

³ www.chp.ca

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