



## Where's Vic Toews???

(August 1, 2013) -- Toews resigned from public office on July 8, 2013. Later that week, he showed up at the Day's Inn hotel in Newfoundland where, as a purported "consultant," Toews attempted to deflect fraud and related charges committed against a U.S. children's 'wish' charity by Canadian developers, Theresa Keeping and Dale Merkel.

Speaking to a small group of local, Keeping-invited Chamber and government officials, a video recording of that meeting reveals Toews' stating, *"If you have questions, let me know ... I will get you the answers you need ..."*

But where is Victor Toews today? How does one get in touch with him? And will he really keep his word by getting and providing (possibly truthful) answers to my requested questions?

Is Mr. Toews still a consultant" (or *hand-puppet*) of Keeping and Merkel? Or was Toews' trek to the Day's Inn hotel in Stephenville just a one-night-stand?

Mr. Toews, I for one, but so do many others, have case-related concerns and questions about Keeping and Merkel's lawsuit-alleged acts and omissions. For your help, I would reciprocate, of course, by answering any questions you (Keeping and/or Merkel) might have which are case-related and relevant to the charges set forth within the recently served lawsuit.

**Here are some questions I have for Theresa Keeping that require only a simple "yes" or "no" response:**

Q1. In January of 2013, you and Dale Merkel traveled to Long Beach, California and met with people regarding a charitable organization known as WishCruise Navy, and the organization's plans to have a 75' "pirate ship" built for the purpose of providing free *"Pirate WishCruise Adventure"* experiences for children suffering with a life threatening illness?

Q2. During your January visit to Long Beach, you and Dale Merkel met at the office(s) of, and shared your WishCruise Navy/WishCruise Pirate Adventure support commitment with:

- a. John Bridwell, Vice-President, Gambol Industries ("pirate ship" builder)?
- b. Mark Sandoval, Director of Marine Operations, The City of Long Beach?

Q3. During your Long Beach visit, specifically in the Eisenhower stateroom of the Queen Mary hotel, you and Dale Merkel participated in a meeting regarding your proposed financial participation and support of WishCruise Navy/WishCruise Pirate Adventures, Ltd.?

Q4. Besides you and Dale Merkel, also present at this meeting were Chuck Foster, Dan Howard and Mary Ann Mercer?

Q5. As a result of the above referenced meeting, you agreed to underwrite the \$1.5MM funding for the construction of the WishCruise Navy flagship ("pirate ship") and start-up funding for a limited liability company (LLC) identified as WishCruise Pirate Adventures, Ltd. (WCPA)?

Q6. Your understanding was that WishCruise Pirate Adventures, Ltd. would be a U.S. limited liability company that would manage “pirate ship” operations for WishCruise Navy?

Q7. Terms, conditions and consideration for your \$1,500,000 financial support included:

- a. WCPA President: Theresa Keeping?
- b. WCPA Vice-President: Dale Merkel?
- c. From "pirate ship" generated revenue:
  - 1) First position to recoup 51% of your \$1.5MM underwriting/investment?
  - 2) Balance of investment is payment for your 49% WCPA equity interest?
  - 3) Upon recoupment, you annual WCPA net revenue entitlement is 49%?

Q8. After you left Long Beach, you told others (i.e., Canadian business associates, bank personnel, accountant, family members and friends) about your agreed-upon support and financial commitment to WishCruise Navy and/or WishCruise Pirate Adventures?

Q9. After you left Long Beach, and concurrent with your sharing WCN/WCPA support and financial commitment details to the above people, you also showed them architect drawings, illustrations and/or photos of the to-be-built “pirate ship.”

Q10. To some of the people described in questions #8 and #9 above, you referred to the above described “pirate ship” as belonging, in whole or in part, to you and/or Mr. Merkel?, i.e., “... *the pirate ship we bought!*”

Q11. After you left long Beach, you provided written confirmation that you were opening a “holding company” bank account at the Royal Bank of Canada, from which wire transfers to WCPA would subsequently result?

Q12. In your written confirmation, you used language that would indicate there would be more than one wire transfer from this “holding” account to WCPA?

Q13. You did, in fact, set up, and initially or incrementally deposited funds into a “holding” account at the Royal Bank of Canada in an amount of at least \$1.5 million dollars?

Q14. You did, in fact, tell Royal Bank of Canada personnel that the above referenced “holding company” contained funds to pay for the construction cost of a “pirate ship” and start-up funding for a program to provide celebrity captained WishCruise Pirate Adventure experiences for children suffering with a life-threatening illness?

Q15. On or about February 13, 2013, pursuant to the WCPA agreement, you authorized \$53,482 to be wire-transferred from the RBC account to WCPA to cover the \$35,000 cost of engineered “pirate ship” construction plans and WCPA start-up operating capital?

Q16. You and/or Dale Merkel were provided with written notice about how you/he could monitor the WCPA bank account?

Q17. You subsequently accused, and communicated to others, that “\$35,000 of the wire-transferred money designated for the purchase of the ‘pirate ship’ construction plans was not paid because these plans were donated and the \$35,000 was not used for its intended, agreed-upon purpose?”

Q18. You and/or Dale Merkel sought and accepted financial assistance from Chuck Foster with assurance that he would “*be reimbursed from the next wire transfer occurring no later than April 8, 2013?*”

Q19. On March 25, 2013, you and/or Mr. Merkel had been advised in writing that the next payment to the boat builder in the amount of \$325,000 was due on or before April 15, 2013?

Q20. During late March and early April, 2013, you and Dale Merkel had several phone conversations with Dan Howard and/or Chuck Foster about the initial \$50,000 deposit payment to the boat builder?

Q21. During your and/or Dale Merkel's conversations with Dan Howard and/or Chuck Foster described in question #20 above, the balance in the above referenced RBC "holding company" account was:

- a. \$1,400,000+?
- b. More than \$1,000,000?
- c. At least enough to cover Chuck Foster's \$50,000 reimbursement?
- d. Less than \$12,000?

Q22. \$1.4+ million dollars was withdrawn from this RBC "holding company" account on 2/25/13 (12 days after the initial wire-transfer) leaving a balance of less than \$12,000)?

Q23. The money taken from the RBC "holding" account was used to invest in Vinking Marine Enterprises/Port Harmon Authority, including the purchase of a building (from Randy Simon) located adjacent to this Vinking/Port Harmon property?

Q24. You have claimed that Chuck Foster sent emails to you and made phone calls so severe and threatening that you contacted *and "filed a complaint with the Police?"*

Q25. You also have claimed that due to the above mentioned threats:

- a. The police told you "Chuck Foster is a really bad person and you're not to have any further contact with him?"
- b. The police took these alleged threats so seriously "*a patrol car was sent and parked in front of the house ...*"?

Q26. Dale Merkel told Dan Howard that Chuck Foster's \$50,000 reimbursement and the promised next wire-transfer of funds occurring on or before April 8, 2013 did not happen because you were hospitalized?

Q27. You told Chuck Foster and/or Dan Howard that you were going to take the \$1.4MM+ from the "Holding Company" bank account from which the first \$53,482 wire-transfer came?

Q28. You told Dan Howard during a phone conversation that you would reimburse Chuck Foster for his \$50,000, but later claimed you "*... didn't have the money to go forward with, and were backing out*" of your WishCruise Navy/WishCruise Pirate Adventures, Ltd. support agreement?

Q29. In reference to question #28 above, Dale Merkel insisted, and you went along with his insistence to not reimburse Chuck Foster for the \$50,000 he paid to the boat builder?

Q30. Notwithstanding Chuck Foster and Dan Howard's repeated requests, after April 8, 2013 to date, you have refused to communicate with Foster, or advise your attorney to communicate on your behalf?

(\*). Separately from the Toews "Wanted" poster, the redacted "Hand Puppet" graphic illustration of Vic Toews was with the permission of Canadian artist, [Guy Badeaux](http://bado-badosblog.blogspot.com) ("Bado"). See <http://bado-badosblog.blogspot.com>