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2020 ANNUAL REVENUE RETURNS CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO POLITICAL PARTIES RELEASED

Elections Yukon's Chief Electoral Officer, Maxwell Harvey, has released the *Annual Revenue Returns Contributions Made to Political Parties* which covers the 2020 calendar year. It will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly. It is now available online at www.electionsyukon.ca.

The *Annual Revenue Returns* reports the total revenues received by registered political parties. Registered political parties are required to file their total revenues on or before the last day in March each year. Total revenues include all contributions, monetary and in-kind, and the total of all other revenues. Contributions of over \$50 are included in the report with only those who contribute over \$250 in monetary or in-kind contributions named. For the calendar year 2020, there were 771 monetary or in-kind contributions totaling \$337,047.47.

Election period financial reporting for the April 12, 2021 election is separate from the *Annual Revenue Returns*. These filings by political parties and candidates include an Election Revenue Return, an Election Expenses Return, and an Election Financing Return. These will be released as part of the Chief Electoral Officer's report to the Legislative Assembly later this fall.

Quote: Maxwell Harvey, Chief Electoral Officer: "In a democracy, fundraising is an important element in a political party's ability to organize, conduct outreach to electors, and run campaigns. It is also an opportunity for electors to support political organizations. Finance regulation and proactive disclosure requirements, such as the *Annual Review Returns*, are designed to ensure political financing is fair and transparent."

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