



## eNews – May 9, 2016 STEP Canada Executive Committee

### **STEP Canada donates \$1,000**

Dear fellow STEP Canada members,

With the support of the members of the national executive committee, STEP Canada will be donating \$1,000 to the Canadian Red Cross in support of those affected by the Fort McMurray fires.

It is natural to feel somewhat helpless in the face of a tragedy such as the wildfires in Fort McMurray. When we think of the devastating damage worth billions of dollars and the immense task of rebuilding ahead for Albertans, it is understandable to think that any contribution that we can make as individual Canadians would be so miniscule that it is not worth making at all. As we witness all of the day to day selfless acts of charity by Albertans and other Canadians, however, it not only reinforces our belief in the kindness of our fellow citizens, it also confirms to us that through many small acts of compassion, we can make a huge difference.

As the leading Canadian trusts and estates organization, with many members (and members' clients – some of which may be directly impacted) in Alberta, we have an obligation to help, and at the same time encourage our fellow members to help as well. Not everyone will help in the same way, but to do something rather than nothing is the right thing to do.

Individual donations are matched by the Government so this the most effective way of contributing funds:

[https://donate.redcross.ca/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1951&ea.campaign.id=50610&gclid=CjwKEAajw6sC5BRCogc aY\\_dKZ2nESJABsZihxd0osv\\_6hBr-cYRZ2gWN11-cbdsS0RHCIZoPHvAbUbxoC3Qfw\\_wcB](https://donate.redcross.ca/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1951&ea.campaign.id=50610&gclid=CjwKEAajw6sC5BRCogc aY_dKZ2nESJABsZihxd0osv_6hBr-cYRZ2gWN11-cbdsS0RHCIZoPHvAbUbxoC3Qfw_wcB)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tim Grieve  
Chair, STEP Canada

#### **About STEP Canada:**

The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners is the leading international organization for trust and estates professionals. Headquartered in London, England, it has more than 20,000 members worldwide in 95 countries.

**STEP Canada**, founded in 1998, has 2,300 members with branches in the following cities and regions: Atlantic, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and chapters in London & Southwestern Ontario, Okanagan Valley and Saskatchewan. STEP is a multi-disciplinary organization with the most experienced and senior practitioners in the field, including: lawyers, accountants, financial planners, insurance advisors and trust professionals. They provide domestic and international advice on trust and estates, including planning, administration and related taxes.

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