

April 2026

2026 Municipal Election Candidate,

The following additional information is provided to Candidates for the administration of the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

1. Nomination Paper (Form 1)
2. Endorsement of Nomination (Form 2)
3. Declaration of Qualification (Council or School Board)
4. Ballot Name and Pronunciation Form
5. Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report (Form 4)
6. Consent to Release Personal Information (EL52)
7. Notice To Candidates of Filing Requirements (EL42(A))
8. Estimated Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses (Form EL37(A))
9. Estimated Certificate of Maximum Amount of Contributions own Campaign (EL37B)
10. Estimated Certificate of Maximum Amount of Expenses for Parties etc. - Candidate (EL37(C))
11. Declaration of Proper Use of the Voters’ List – (Form EL14)
12. Scrutineer Appointment and Oath Form – (Form EL12(A))
13. Withdrawal of Nomination (Form EL19)
14. Voter Identification - Ontario Regulation 304/13 (Form EL40)
15. Contributions to Candidates (Form EL56(A))
16. Duties of Candidates (Form EL55(A))

The following additional resources can be found on the Elections page of the South Huron municipal website under “election resources” on the [“candidates” page](#). Please note that more resources will be added to the website in the future. Anyone interested in being a candidate should continue to monitor the website for any additional resources or information.

- Election Procedures Manual for the 2026 Municipal Election and Internet/Telephone Voting Process in the Municipality of South Huron
- Rules and Procedures on Municipal Election Resources
- Ward Mapping
- Election Sign By-Law
- 2026 Council Calendar ([Agendas and Minutes Page](#))
- South Huron Code of Conduct
- Frequently Asked Questions

Save the Date for a Candidate Information Session: Evening of Wednesday, June 24 at Libro Community Hall, 239 Bill Fleming Drive, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0 – more details to follow

External Resources:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs 2026 Candidates' Guide for Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections

<https://www.ontario.ca/files/2026-03/mmah-2026-candidates-guide-en-2026-03-31.pdf>

Ministry of Municipal Affairs 2026 Voters' guide for Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections

<https://www.ontario.ca/files/2026-03/mmah-2026-voters-guide-en-2026-03-31.pdf>

AMO's Turn Up the Turnout (2025): Resource on Voter Participation in Local Elections

<https://www.amo.on.ca/healthy-democracy/turn-turnout-resource-voter-participation-local-elections>

AMO's Leading with Respect Handguides

<https://www.amo.on.ca/healthy-democracy/amo-leading-with-respect-handguides>

AMO – Election resource workshops

<https://www.amo.on.ca/amo-education-workshops/election-resources-supporting-your-run-municipal-office-2026>

Elections Ontario: Voter Registration

<https://vreg.registertovoteon.ca/en/home>

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC): Update School Support

<https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates/SchoolSupportDesignation>

Proof of Identity – O. Reg. 304/13 Voter Identification E-Laws:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/130304>

Municipal Conflict of Interest Act R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50– E-Laws:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m50>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/96m32>

Education Act, 1990

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e02>

Election Modernization Act, 2016

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s16015>

Nominations must be filed in person at the Town Hall, as original signatures are required. To file a nomination, you must provide:

- Completed nomination papers
- At least 25 declaration of endorsements (mayor and councillor candidates only)
- Current acceptable identification
- Nomination filing fee –the filing fee is \$200 for candidates running for mayor and \$100 for deputy mayor, councillor or school board trustee candidates.
Nomination fees are refunded to candidates once they file the required financial statement
- payments may be made by Cash, Debit, certified cheque or money order

If there are any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Alex Wolfe, Clerk
clerk@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x224
Encl.

Instructions

It is the responsibility of the person being nominated to file a complete and accurate nomination paper. Please print or type information (except signatures).

Nomination paper of a person to be a candidate at an election to be held in the following municipality

Nominated for the Office of			Ward Name or Number (if any)		
Nominee's name as it is to appear on the ballot paper (subject to agreement of the municipal clerk)					
Last Name or Single Name			Given Name(s)		
Nominee's full qualifying address					
Suite/Unit Number		Street Number		Street Name	
Municipality			Province		Postal Code
Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as qualifying address					
Suite/Unit Number		Street Number		Street Name	
Municipality			Province		Postal Code
Email Address			Telephone Number		Telephone Number 2

Declaration of Qualification

I, _____, declare that I am presently legally qualified
(or would be presently legally qualified if I were not a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada) to be elected and to hold the office for which I am nominated.

Signature of Nominee

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Time Received	Initial of Nominee or Agent (if filed in person)	Signature of Clerk or Designate
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Certification by Clerk or Designate

I, the undersigned clerk of this municipality, do hereby certify that I have examined the nomination paper of the aforesaid nominee filed with me and am satisfied that the nominee is qualified to be nominated and that the nomination complies with the Act.

Signature

Date Certified (yyyy/mm/dd)

Instructions

- Candidates must obtain a minimum of 25 original signatures.
- An individual providing an endorsement signature must be a Canadian citizen, aged 18 or older and have a qualifying address in the municipality. An individual may sign an endorsement for more than one person seeking nomination.
- The qualifying address provided must include the postal code.

Personal information collected on this form is obtained under the authority of sections 33 and 95 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Under section 88 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (and despite anything in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) documents and materials filed with or prepared by the clerk or any other election official under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* are public records and, until their destruction, may be inspected by any person at the clerk's office at a time when the office is open.

Name of person seeking nomination

Last Name or Single Name	Given Name(s)
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Endorsement signatures for the nomination of a person for an office in the municipality of _____ in the year _____

Name of person providing endorsement – 1			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality	Province	Postal Code	
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____ Signature		_____ Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 2			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality	Province	Postal Code	
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____ Signature		_____ Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 3			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 4			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 5			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 6			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 7			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 8			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 9

Last Name or Single Name

Given Name(s)

Qualifying Address

Suite/Unit Number

Street Number

Street Name

Municipality

Province

Postal Code

I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.

Signature

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Name of person providing endorsement – 10

Last Name or Single Name

Given Name(s)

Qualifying Address

Suite/Unit Number

Street Number

Street Name

Municipality

Province

Postal Code

I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.

Signature

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Name of person providing endorsement – 11

Last Name or Single Name

Given Name(s)

Qualifying Address

Suite/Unit Number

Street Number

Street Name

Municipality

Province

Postal Code

I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.

Signature

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Name of person providing endorsement – 12			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 13			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 14			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 15			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 16			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 17			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 18			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 19			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 20			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 21			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 22			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 23			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 24			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Name of person providing endorsement – 25			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	
Qualifying Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
I endorse _____ as a candidate and declare that I am qualified to be an elector in this municipality.			
_____		_____	
Signature		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Declaration of Qualifications – Municipal Candidate

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

1.

I, _____, a nominated candidate for the office of:

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Councillor, Ward _____

Do Solemnly Declare That:

I am qualified pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and the *Municipal Act, 2001* to be elected to and to hold the office of:

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Councillor, Ward _____

2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, a Canadian citizen, a resident of the Municipality of South Huron or the owner or tenant of land in the Municipality of South Huron or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
3. I am not ineligible, disqualified or prohibited under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* or any other *Act* to be elected to or hold the above-mentioned office.
4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3,
- I am not an employee of the Municipality of South Huron, or if I am an employee of the Municipality of South Huron, I am on an unpaid leave of absence as provided for by section 30 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
 - I am not a person who is not an employee of the Municipality of South Huron but who is the Clerk, Treasurer, Integrity Commissioner, Auditor General,

Ombudsman or registrar referred to in section 223.11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or an investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1) of Municipality of South Huron, or a person who is not an employee of the Municipality of South Huron but who holds an administrative position of the Municipality of South Huron.

- I am not a judge of any court.
 - I am not a member of the Assembly as provided in the *Legislative Assembly Act* or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada or, if I am such a person, I will provide proof of my resignation in a form satisfactory to the Clerk of the Municipality of South Huron prior to **2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, August 21, 2026**. I understand that the Clerk of the Municipality of South Huron will reject my nomination for the above-mentioned office if I fail to provide proof of resignation by this deadline.
 - I am not a public servant within the meaning of the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006*, or if I am a public servant, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part V of such *Act*.
 - I am not a Federal employee within the meaning of the *Public Service Employment Act*, or if I am a Federal employee, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part 5 of such *Act*.
5. I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under section 17 (3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
- I am not a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
 - I am not a corporation.
 - I am not a person acting as executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy in accordance with section 44.
 - I am not prohibited because of a conviction of a corrupt practice described in subsection 90 (3), if voting day in the current election is less than five years after voting day in the election in respect of which I was convicted
6. I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or of an offence under the *Criminal Code (Canada)* in connection with an act or omission that relates to an election to which this Act applies and I am not a person who is ineligible to be nominated for, any office until the next two regular elections have taken place after the election to which the offence relates (Section 91 (1)).

7. I am not ineligible from being elected to or holding office by reason of any violations of the election campaign financial requirements, violations for not filing the financial statement or any other violations pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. (Section 88.23)

I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

Declared before me at the Municipality of South Huron,
This _____ day of _____, 2026

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Municipal Clerk or designate

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will be used for the nomination process for office in the municipal election and will be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk, Municipality of South Huron until the next municipal election. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to the Municipal Clerk.

Ballot Pronunciation Form

Please fill out the following to confirm your name as it is to appear on the ballot for the 2026 Municipality of South Huron Election:

First Name: _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _

Initials (optional): _ | _ |

Last Name: _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _

Please fill out the following to confirm the phonetic pronunciation of your name as it is to sound on the accessible voting audio recording for the 2026 Municipality of South Huron Election:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phonetic pronunciation examples:

Wayne Gretzky – Way-n gret-skee

Hayley Wickenheiser – Hay-lee Wik-en-hi-ser

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Required form at time of nomination filing

Instructions

All candidates must complete Boxes A and B. Candidates who receive contributions or incur expenses must complete Boxes C, D, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 as appropriate. Candidates who use a broadcaster or publisher for an election campaign advertisement must complete Schedule 3. Candidates who receive contributions or incur expenses in excess of \$10,000 must also attach an Auditor's Report.

All surplus funds (after any refund to the candidate or their spouse) shall be immediately paid to the clerk who is responsible for the conduct of the election.

For the campaign period from (day clerk received nomination)

YYYY	MM	DD
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 to

YYYY	MM	DD
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- Initial filing reflecting finances from start of campaign to December 31 (or 45 days after voting day in a by-election)
- Supplementary filing reflecting finances from start of campaign to end of extended campaign period

Box A: Name of Candidate and Office

Candidate's name as shown on the ballot

Last Name or Single Name	Given Name(s)
Office for Which the Candidate Sought Election	Ward Name or Number (if any)

Municipality

Spending Limit General \$	Parties and Other Expressions of Appreciation \$	Contribution Limit Contributions from Candidate and Spouse \$
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I did not accept any contributions or incur any expenses. (Complete Boxes A and B only)

Box B: Declaration

I, _____, declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these financial statements and attached supporting schedules are true and correct.

Signature of Candidate _____
Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd)	Time Filed	Initial of Candidate or Agent (if filed in person)	Signature of Clerk or Designate
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Box C: Statement of Campaign Income and Expenses

LOAN

Name of bank or recognized lending institution _____

Amount borrowed
\$ _____

INCOME

Total amount of all contributions (from line 1A in Schedule 1)	+ \$	_____
Revenue from items \$25 or less	+ \$	_____
Sign deposit refund	+ \$	_____
Revenue from fundraising events not deemed a contribution (from Part III of Schedule 2)	+ \$	_____
Interest earned by campaign bank account	+ \$	_____
Other (provide full details)		
1. _____	+ \$	_____
2. _____	+ \$	_____
3. _____	+ \$	_____
4. _____	+ \$	_____
5. _____	+ \$	_____
6. _____	+ \$	_____

Total Campaign Income (Do not include loan)

= \$ _____ **C1**

EXPENSES (Note: Include the value of contributions of goods and services)

1. Expenses subject to general spending limit

Inventory from previous campaign used in this campaign (list details in Table 2 of Schedule 1)	+ \$	_____
Advertising	+ \$	_____
Brochures/flyers	+ \$	_____
Signs (including sign deposit)	+ \$	_____
Meetings hosted	+ \$	_____
Office expenses incurred until voting day	+ \$	_____
Phone and/or internet expenses incurred until voting day	+ \$	_____
Salaries, benefits, honoraria, professional fees incurred until voting day	+ \$	_____
Bank charges incurred until voting day	+ \$	_____
Interest charged on loan until voting day	+ \$	_____
Other (provide full details)		
1. _____	+ \$	_____
2. _____	+ \$	_____
3. _____	+ \$	_____
4. _____	+ \$	_____
5. _____	+ \$	_____
6. _____	+ \$	_____

Total Expenses subject to general spending limit

= \$ _____ **C2**

2. Expenses subject to spending limit for parties and other expressions of appreciation

1. _____	+ \$	_____
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2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Total Expenses subject to spending limit for parties and other expressions of appreciation		= \$	C3

3. Expenses not subject to spending limits

Accounting and audit	_____	+ \$	_____
Cost of fundraising events/activities (list details in Part IV of Schedule 2)	_____	+ \$	_____
Office expenses incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Phone and/or internet expenses incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Salaries, benefits, honoraria, professional fees incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Bank charges incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Interest charged on loan after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to recount	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to controverted election	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to compliance audit	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to candidate's disability (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Other (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Total Expenses not subject to spending limits		= \$	C4

Total Campaign Expenses (C2 + C3 + C4) = \$ **C5**

Box D: Calculation of Surplus or Deficit

Excess (deficiency) of income over expenses (Income minus Total Expenses) (C1 – C5)	+ \$	_____	D1
If there is a surplus, deduct any refund of candidate's or spouse's contributions to the campaign	- \$	_____	
Surplus (or deficit) for the campaign	= \$	_____	D2

If line D2 shows a surplus, the amount must be paid in trust, at the time the financial statements are filed, to the municipal clerk who is responsible for the conduct of the election.

Schedule 1 – Contributions

Part I – Summary of Contributions

Contributions in money from candidate and spouse	+ \$	_____
Contributions in goods and services from candidate and spouse (include value listed in Table 1 and Table 2)	+ \$	_____
Total value of contributions not exceeding \$100 per contributor • Include ticket revenue, contributions in money, goods and services where the total contribution from a contributor is \$100 or less (do not include contributions from candidate or spouse).	+ \$	_____
Total value of contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor (from line 1B; list details in Table 3 and Table 4) • Include ticket revenue, contributions in money, goods and services where the total contribution from a contributor exceeds \$100 (do not include contributions from candidate or spouse).	+ \$	_____
Less: Ineligible contributions paid or payable to the contributor Contributions paid or payable to the clerk, including contributions from anonymous sources exceeding \$25	- \$	_____
	- \$	_____
Total Amount of Contributions (record under Income in Box C)	= \$	_____ 1A

Part II – Contributions from candidate or spouse

Table 1: Contributions in goods or services
(Note: Must also be recorded as Expenses in Box C.)

Description of Goods or Services	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Value (\$)
Total		

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

Table 2: Inventory of campaign goods and materials from previous municipal campaign used in this campaign
(Note: Value must be recorded as a contribution from the candidate and as an expense.)

Description	Date Acquired (yyyy/mm/dd)	Supplier	Quantity	Current Market Value (\$)
Total				

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

Part III – Contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor – individuals other than candidate or spouse

Table 3: Monetary contributions from individuals other than candidate or spouse

Name	Full Address	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Amount Received (\$)	Amount Returned to Contributor or Paid to Clerk (\$)
Total				

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

**Table 4: Contributions in goods or services from individuals other than candidate or spouse
(Note: Must also be recorded as Expenses in Box C.)**

Name	Full Address	Description of Goods or Services	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Value (\$)
Total				

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

**Total for Part III – Contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor
(Add totals from Table 3 and Table 4 and record the total in Part 1 – Summary of Contributions)** \$ _____ **1B**

Schedule 2 – Fundraising Events and Activities

Complete a separate schedule for each event or activity held.

Additional schedule(s) attached, if completed manually.

Fundraising Event/Activity 1

Description of fundraising event/activity _____

Date of event/activity (yyyy/mm/dd) _____

Part I – Ticket revenue

Admission charge (per person) \$ _____ 2A

(If there are a range of ticket prices, attach complete breakdown of all ticket sales)

Number of tickets sold x _____ 2B

Total Part I (2A X 2B) (include in Part I of Schedule 1) = \$ _____

Part II – Other revenue deemed a contribution

Provide details (e.g., revenue from goods sold in excess of fair market value)

1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____

Total Part II (include in Part I of Schedule 1) = \$ _____

Part III – Other revenue not deemed a contribution

Provide details (e.g., contribution of \$25 or less; goods or services sold for \$25 or less)

1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____

Total Part III (include under Income in Box C) = \$ _____

Part IV – Expenses related to fundraising event or activity

Provide details

1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____

Total Part IV Expenses (include under Expenses in Box C) = \$ _____

Schedule 3 – Broadcasters and Publishers

Complete if candidate used a broadcaster or publisher for an election campaign advertisement.

Table 5: Contact information for broadcasters and publishers used during the election campaign

Name	Type of Advertisement (e.g. print, television, radio etc)	Contact Information

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

Auditor's Report – Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.25)

A candidate who has received contributions or incurred expenses in excess of \$10,000 must attach an auditor's report.

Professional Designation of Auditor

Municipality			Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
Contact Information			
Last Name or Single Name		Given Name(s)	Licence Number
Address			
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	
Municipality		Province	Postal Code
Telephone Number		Email Address	

The report must be done in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and must:

- set out the scope of the examination
- provide an opinion as to the completeness and accuracy of the financial statement and whether it is free of material misstatement

Report is attached

Personal information, if any, collected on this form is obtained under the authority of sections 88.25 and 95 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Under section 88 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (and despite anything in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) documents and materials filed with or prepared by the clerk or any other election official under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* are public records and, until their destruction, may be inspected by any person at the clerk's office at a time when the office is open. Campaign financial statements shall also be made available by the clerk in an electronic format free of charge upon request.

CONSENT TO RELEASE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Personal information on the Nomination Paper is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act* and will be used to assist the Clerk in the administration of the 2026 Municipal Elections.

Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the Clerk, Alex Wolfe, 322 Main Street South, Exeter, ON. 519-235-0310 x224, clerk@southhuron.ca.

Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate for the office of:

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor
- Councillor
- Trustee English Public
- Trustee English Separate
- Trustee French Public
- Trustee French Separate

I acknowledge that the Nomination Form (Form 1) filed by me contains personal information and I am aware that the Clerk will disclose all or part of it to the general public.

Candidates may opt to have all information released, selected information released, or only their name released:

- ____: I consent to release of all information
- ____: I consent to only my name being released.
- ____: I consent the following information be released

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Clerk or Designate

Dated at South Huron, this _____ day of _____, 2026

NOTICE TO CANDIDATE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FILING REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.25)

TO:

_____ / _____ (Name of Candidate)	Councillor Ward 3 - Usborne (Office)
_____	_____ (Postal Code)
(Address)	

FROM:

The Clerk or designated election official of the Municipality of South Huron _____ (Name of Municipality)

TAKE NOTICE EVERY CANDIDATE SHALL FILE by March 26, 2027, with the Clerk with whom their nomination was filed a financial statement and auditor's report in accordance with s.88.25 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

- 88.25 (1) On or before 2:00 p.m. on the filing date, a candidate shall file with the Clerk with whom the nomination was filed a financial statement and auditor's report, each in the prescribed form, reflecting the candidate's election campaign finances,
- (a) in the case of a regular election, as of December 31 in the year of the election;
 - (b) in the case of a by-election, as of the 45th day after Voting Day.
- (2) If a candidate's election campaign ends as described in paragraph 3 of subsection 88.24(1), the financial statement and auditor's report must reflect the candidate's election campaign finances as of the day the election campaign period ended.
 - (3) If an error is identified in a filed financial statement, the candidate may withdraw the statement and, at the same time, file a corrected financial statement and auditor's report on or before the applicable filing date under section 88.30.
 - (4) If the candidate's election campaign period continues during all or part of the supplementary filing period, the candidate shall, before 2:00 pm on the supplementary filing date, file a supplementary financial statement and auditor's report for the supplementary reporting period.
 - (5) If a candidate's election campaign period ends as described in paragraph 3 of subsection 88.24(1) and the election campaign period continued during all or part of the supplementary filing period, the candidate shall, before 2:00 pm on the supplementary filing date, file a supplementary financial statement and auditor's report for the period commencing on the day the candidate's election campaign period ends and including the six-month period following the year of the election.
 - (6) A supplementary financial statement or auditor's report shall include all the information contained in the initial statement or report filed under subsection (1) updated to reflect the changes to the candidate's campaign finances during the supplementary reporting period.
 - (7) An auditor's report shall be prepared by an auditor licensed under the *Public Accounting Act, 2004*.
 - (8) No auditor's report is required if the total contributions received and total expenses incurred in the election campaign up to the end of the relevant period are each equal to or less than \$10,000.

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

Note: At least 30 days before the filing date, the Clerk shall give notice to candidates of all the filing requirements under MEA, s.88.25, along with the candidate's entitlement to receive a refund of the nomination filing fee if the candidate meets the requirements of MEA, s.34 and the penalties set out in MEA, s.88.23(2) and s.92(1)

Notice to be given in accordance with MEA, s.13.

NOTICE OF PENALTIES

- 88.23 (1) A candidate is subject to the penalties listed in subsection (2), in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act,
- (a) if the candidate fails to file a document as required under section 88.25 or 88.32 by the relevant date;
 - (b) if a document filed under section 88.25 shows on its face a surplus, as described in section 88.31, and the candidate fails to pay the amount required by subsection 88.31 (4) to the clerk by the relevant date;
 - (c) if a document filed under section 88.25 shows on its face that the candidate has incurred expenses exceeding what is permitted under section 88.20; or
 - (d) if a document filed under section 88.32 shows on its face a surplus and the candidate fails to pay the amount required by that section by the relevant date.
- 88.23(2) Subject to subsection (7), in the case of a default described in subsection (1),
- (a) the candidate forfeits any office to which he or she was elected and the office is deemed to be vacant, and
 - (b) until the next regular election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which this Act applies.
- 92(1) A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23(2),
- (a) if the candidate incurs expenses that exceed the amount determined for the office under section 88.20; or
 - (b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section.

Estimated Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses - Candidate

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.20(13))

TO:

_____ (Name of Candidate)	<u>Councillor Ward 3 - Usborne</u> (Office)
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)

FROM:

The Clerk, or designated election official, of the Municipality of South Huron _____ (Name of Municipality)

I hereby certify that the estimated maximum campaign expenses that a candidate is permitted to incur for the office of Councillor Ward 3 - Usborne in the Municipal Election to be held October 26, 2026, is \$5,912.05.

\$5,000 plus \$.85 per eligible elector based on 1073 electors as of September 15, 2022.¹

Date	Municipal Clerk or designate
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In accordance with MEA, s.88.20(12)(13), the Clerk shall give candidates a preliminary calculation of the maximum campaign expenses at the time of filing the nomination paper, based upon the number of electors on the Voters' List as September 15 in the 2022 municipal election, including changes made that day.

On or before September 30, 2026², the Clerk shall give a "final" certificate of the applicable maximum campaign expenses to each candidate. The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the number of electors from the September 15, 2022 Voters' List, including changes made on that day, or the 2026 Voters' List as of September 15, including changes made on that day.

Certificate to be given to candidate in accordance with Section 13.

¹ Formula for calculation provided in Section 88.20(6) (15).

² The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation falls on September 30. If it is recognized as a statutory holiday by your municipality, this date can be moved to October 1, 2026.

Estimated Certificate of Maximum amount of Contributions – own campaign

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.33.0.2, 88.9.1)

TO:

_____ (Name of Candidate)	/	Councillor Ward 3 - Usborne (Office)
_____ (Address)		_____ (Postal Code)

FROM:

The Clerk, or designated election official, of Municipality of South Huron _____ (Name of Municipality)

I hereby certify that the estimated maximum contribution amount a candidate¹ may provide to their own campaign for the office of Councillor Ward 3 – Usborne in the Municipal Election to be held October 26, 2026, is \$5,214.60.²

(\$5,000.00 + (.20 cents x 1,073 electors)

_____ Date	_____ Municipal Clerk or designate
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In accordance with MEA, s.33.0.2(1), the Clerk shall give the candidate a preliminary calculation of the permitted amount of contributions to a candidate’s own campaign as of the filing date, using the number of electors from the Voters’ List as it existed on September 15 of the previous election, adjusted for applications under s.24 and s.25 that were approved as of that day. (s.88.9.1(7))

On or before September 30, 2026³, the Clerk shall give the candidate a final calculation of the maximum permitted amount of contributions to a candidate’s own campaign. The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater number of electors for the office from the Voters’ List as it existed on September 15 of the previous election, adjusted for changes on that day or the number of electors on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes made on that day.

In accordance with s.88.9.1(5), the Clerk is not required to give a certificate if the maximum amount is \$25,000.

Certificate to be given to candidate in accordance with Section 13.

¹ The contribution limit applies to the total amount of contributions made by yourself and/or your spouse to your campaign. This includes any contributions of goods and the replacement value of any inventory from a previous campaign that you are using in your current campaign.

² Formula for calculation provided in Section 88.9.1(1).

³ The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation falls on September 30. If it is recognized as a statutory holiday by your municipality, this date can be moved to October 1, 2026.

Estimated Certificate of Maximum amount of expenses for parties etc. after voting day – candidate

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.20(9)(13))

TO:

_____ / <u>Councillor Ward 3 - Usborne</u>
(Name of Candidate) (Office)
_____ (Address) _____ (Postal Code)

FROM:

The Clerk, or designated election official, of the Municipality of South Huron
_____ (Name of Municipality)

I hereby certify that the estimated maximum amount of expenses for holding parties and making other expressions of appreciation after the close of voting that a candidate is permitted to incur for the office of Councillor Ward 3 - Usborne in the Municipal Election to be held October 26, 2026, is \$591.21.¹

(10% of the amount of your general spending limit - \$5,912.05)

_____ Date _____ Municipal Clerk or designate

In accordance with MEA, s., the 88.20(13), the Clerk shall give candidates a preliminary certificate of the maximum amount permitted on or before September 30, 2026².

The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the number of electors from the September 15, 2022 Voters' List, including changes made on that day, or the 2026 Voters' List as of September 15, including changes made on that day.

Certificate to be given to candidate in accordance with Section 13.

¹ Formula for calculation provided in Section 88.20(6) (15).

² The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation falls on September 30. If it is recognized as a statutory holiday by your municipality, this date can be moved to October 1, 2026.

CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION- PROPER USE OF VOTERS' LIST

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.23(4) (5);

I, _____, being a candidate for the office of
Councillor Ward 3 – Usborne, hereby request the Clerk to provide me
with the following information when it becomes available:

an electronic copy of the Voters' List. Please note that a copy of all revisions made to the Voters' List will be provided on or before Monday, September 28, 2026.

AND

electronic access to view the Voters' List and which electors have voted.

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to use the Voters' List for election purposes only and I understand that I am prohibited by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 from using the Voters' List for commercial purposes.

Signature:

Date

Name: _____
(please print)

Policy for the Use of the Voters' List

The Voters' List has been compiled for election purposes only. All electors should ensure that their names and relevant information are correct on the Voters' List.

Eligible persons who request a copy of the Voters' List must sign a declaration Form EL14 prior to receiving a copy of all or any part of the Voters' List.

Where the Voters' List can be provided electronically to an eligible person, who has signed a declaration Form EL14 provided by the Clerk stating the list shall be used for Election purposes only, the Clerk may choose to provide it in this format.

Eligible persons who obtain additional copies of the Voters' List or any part thereof shall pay to the Clerk a fee prescribed by the Clerk for photocopies which must be the lowest fee charged by the municipality for copies. [Section 88 (8)]

Copies for local boards – municipalities - Minister

On written request, the Clerk shall provide a copy of the Voters' List to, [Section 23 (3)] the secretary of a local board any of whose members are required to be elected at an election conducted by the Clerk, or that has submitted a question to the electors; the Clerk of the local municipality responsible for conducting the elections in any combined area for school board purposes; the Clerk of an upper-tier municipality any of whose members are required to be elected at an election conducted by the Clerk, or that has submitted a by-law or question to the electors; the Minister, if he or she has submitted a question to the electors.

Copies – for candidates

On the written request of a certified candidate for an office, the Clerk shall provide him or her with the part of the Voters' List that contains the names of the electors who are entitled to vote for that office.

The Candidate or their campaign worker cannot confirm or deny if a person is on the Voters' List. The person must contact or visit the municipal office where they are entitled to vote, with proper identification and proof of residence during normal office hours beginning September 1st up to and including the close of voting on October 26th at 8 p.m.

Use of online, electronic and paper versions of the Voters' List, Interim and Final List of Changes to the List and all other information containing personal voter information shall be protected by the Candidate and shall not be used for any purpose other than the 2026 Municipal Election. All Voter information obtained by the Candidate during the 2026 Municipal Election shall be destroyed by the Candidate after the election, either by returning same to the Clerk for destruction with other election material or by deleting it completely from Candidate computer hardware. If records are shared by the Candidates with others (campaign workers) an oath administered by the Candidate, similar to the one taken by the Candidate shall be administered and all shared records shall also be protected and destroyed.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE¹

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.16 (1)

Candidate

Name of Candidate (please print)

Candidate for the Office of (check one)

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor
- Councillor, Ward _____
- _____ Public District School Board
- _____ Catholic District School Board
- _____ French Public District School Board
- _____ French Catholic District School Board

Scrutineer Appointment

Name of Scrutineer Appointed (please print)

I appoint the individual noted above as a scrutineer to represent me in the (municipality) 2026 Municipal Election.

Date

this day of , 2026

Signature of Candidate

Instructions to Scrutineer

- Scrutineers arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy.
- Candidates arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy. A candidate who enters a voting place is considered to be a scrutineer.
- Only one scrutineer per candidate may be at each ballot issuing station in the voting place and at the vote tabulator.

Rights and Prohibitions

Scrutineers and candidates can:

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot boxes and the ballots and all other papers, forms and documents relating to the vote (but not so as to delay the timely opening of the voting place).
- Place his or her own seal on the ballot box, immediately before the opening of the voting place, so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- Examine each ballot as they are fed into the vote tabulator (but not touch the ballot).
- Object to a ballot or to the counting of votes in a ballot.
- Sign the statement of the results of the election prepared by the deputy returning officer.
- Place his or her own seal on the ballot box immediately after the close of voting on each day of an advance vote, so that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- Examine the Voters' List periodically to determine who has voted or to count how many Electors have voted but may not interfere with the conduct of the voting process.

¹ Amend this form to reflect the Conduct of Scrutineers for alternative voting methods being used in your municipality.

Scrutineers and candidates cannot:

- Be near enough to the vote tabulator to see how a voter has marked their ballot.
- Campaign at the voting place.
- Attempt, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes
- Display a candidate's election material (including buttons, pins, etc.) in a voting place.
- Compromise the secrecy of voting.
- Obtain or attempt to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Communicate any information obtained at a voting place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Park a vehicle displaying campaign material in the parking lot of the Voting Place.

Note:

- It is no longer mandatory that scrutineers be 16 years of age or older to work at an election.
- The DRO is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Place and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the DRO in the discharge of his or her duties.
- Anyone who is creating a disturbance at a Voting Place will be removed by the DRO.
- The seal(s) **must not** contain any writing that could be considered "election campaigning", therefore, the name of the candidate **is not** permitted on the seal;
- Scrutineers/candidates who wish to have a discussion with another candidate or scrutineer must leave the Voting Place to carry on their discussion outside of the Voting Place.
- No campaign material or literature of any nature whatsoever shall be displayed within the Voting Place. The boundaries of the Voting Place are the boundaries of the property where the Voting Place is located and **includes** the parking lot.
- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the transmission of results **must** be at the Voting Place prior to the closing of the voting location at 8:00 p.m. No one will be admitted to the Voting Place after 8:00 p.m.
- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the counting of advance votes **must** be at Town Hall prior to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the vote tabulating equipment is final. The DRO is not required to do a second recount.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION¹²

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.36

I, _____, hereby withdraw my name as a candidate
(Name of Candidate)

for the office of _____.
(Name of Elected Office)

Date

Signature of Candidate

THIS WITHDRAWAL DELIVERED TO ME AT _____ (time)
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.
Municipal Clerk or designate _____

1 A person who has been nominated may withdraw their nomination by filing a written withdrawal in the Clerk's office by 2 pm on Nomination Day (August 21, 2026) if the nomination was filed on or before Nomination Day and by 2 p.m. on August 26, 2026, if the nomination was filed under subsection 33(5).

2 Clerk may want to require a candidate to appear in person, with identification in order to withdraw their nomination. If not, then anytime that a nomination withdrawal is submitted by someone other than the nominee, the Clerk should follow up to ensure that the withdrawal was submitted with the nominee's permission.

2026 Municipal Election Voter - Id Requirements

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and Ontario Regulation 304/13

Proof of identity and residence is required in the following instances:

- When adding or deleting one's name from the Voter's List
- **When deactivating and re-issuing a PIN**
- When issuing an oath

One of the following is required:

1. An Ontario driver's licence.
2. An Ontario Health Card (photo card).
3. An Ontario Photo Card.
4. An Ontario motor vehicle permit (vehicle portion).
5. A cancelled personalized cheque.
6. A mortgage statement, lease or rental agreement relating to property in Ontario.
7. An insurance policy or insurance statement.
8. A loan agreement or other financial agreement with a financial institution.
9. A document issued or certified by a court in Ontario.
10. Any other document from the government of Canada, Ontario or a municipality in Ontario or from an agency of such a government.
11. Any document from a Band Council in Ontario established under the *Indian Act* (Canada).
12. An income tax assessment notice.
13. A Child Tax Benefit Statement.
14. A Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid T4E.
15. A Statement of Old Age Security T4A (OAS).
16. A Statement of Canada Pension Plan Benefits T4A (P).
17. A Canada Pension Plan Statement of Contributions.
18. A Statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Works.
19. A Statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Disability Support Program.
20. A Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Statement of Benefits T5007.

21. A property tax assessment.
22. A credit card statement, bank account statement, or RRSP, RRIF, RHOSP or T5 statement.
23. A CNIB Card or a card from another registered charitable organization that provides services to persons with disabilities.
24. A hospital card or record.
25. A document showing campus residence, issued by the office or officials responsible for student residence at a post-secondary institution.
26. A document showing residence at a long-term care home under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, issued by the Administrator for the home.
27. A utility bill for hydro, water, gas, telephone or cable TV or a bill from a public utilities commission.
28. A cheque stub, T4 statement or pay receipt issued by an employer.
29. A transcript or report card from a post-secondary school

Contributions To Registered Candidates

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.8 and 88.9)

Contributions To Registered Candidates [Section 88.8 (1) – (5)]

A contribution shall not be made to or accepted by a person or an individual acting under the person's direction unless the person is a candidate.

A contribution made to or accepted by a candidate, or to an individual acting under the candidate's direction, shall only be made during the candidate's election campaign period.

Contributions shall only be made by the following:

- An individual who is normally resident in Ontario;
- The candidate and his or her spouse, subject to if the spouse of a candidate is not normally resident in Ontario, a candidate and his or her spouse may make contributions only to the candidate's election campaign.

The following shall not make a contribution:

- A federal political party registered under the *Canada Elections Act* or any federal constituency association or registered candidate at a federal election endorsed by that party.
- A provincial political party, constituency association, registered candidate or leadership contestant registered under the *Election Finances Act*.
- A corporation that carries on business in Ontario;
- A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario;
- The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board.

Acceptance Of Contributions [Section 88.8 (6) – (10)]

A contribution may be accepted only by a candidate or an individual acting under the direction of the candidate.

A contribution may be accepted only from a person or entity that is entitled to make a contribution.

A contribution of money that exceeds \$25 shall not be contributed in the form of cash and shall be contributed in a manner that associates the contributor's name and account with the payment or by money order signed by the contributor.

The listing of the phone number and email address and/or hyperlink to the candidate's website by the municipality or local board does not constitute a contribution to a candidate.

Maximum Contributions To Candidates (Section 88.9)

A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of:

- \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election;
- Except if a person is a candidate for more than one office a contributor's total contributions to that candidate in respect of all the offices shall not exceed \$1,200;
- \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or local board;
- Except if the candidate is contributing to the candidates own election campaign, then the maximum contributions do not apply;
- Except if the contributor is the spouse of the candidate, then the maximum contributions do not apply.

Duties of Candidates

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.22)

A candidate shall ensure that,

- (a) no contributions of money are accepted or expenses are incurred unless one or more campaign accounts are first opened at a financial institution exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;
- (b) all contributions of money are deposited into the campaign accounts;
- (c) all funds in the campaign accounts are used exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;
- (d) all payments for expenses are made from the campaign accounts;
- (e) contributions of goods or services are valued;
- (f) receipts are issued for every contribution and obtained for every expense;
- (g) records are kept of,
 - (i) the receipts issued for every contribution,
 - (ii) the value of every contribution,
 - (iii) whether a contribution is in the form of money, goods or services, and
 - (i) the contributor's name and address;
- (h) records are kept of every expense including the receipts obtained for each expense;
- (i) records are kept of any claim for payment of an expense that the candidate disputes or refuses to pay;
- (j) records are kept of the gross income from a fund-raising function and the gross amount of money received at a fund-raising function by donations of \$25 or less or by the sale of goods or services for \$25 or less;
- (k) records are kept of any loan and its terms under section 88.17 (Campaign Account Loans);
- (l) the records described in clauses (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) are retained by the candidate for the term of office of the members of the council or local board and until their successors are elected and the newly elected council or local board is organized;

(m) financial filings are made in accordance with sections 88.25 (Candidates' Financial Statements, etc.) and 88.32 (Return of Surplus for Subsequent Expenses);

(n) proper direction is given to the persons who are authorized to incur expenses and accept or solicit contributions under the direction of the candidate;

(o) a contribution of money made or received in contravention of this Act or a by-law passed under this Act is returned to the contributor as soon as possible after the candidate becomes aware of the contravention;

(p) a contribution not returned to the contributor under clause (o) is paid to the clerk with whom the candidate's nomination was filed;

(q) an anonymous contribution is paid to the clerk with whom the candidate's nomination was filed; and

(r) each contributor is informed that a contributor shall not make contributions exceeding,

(i) subject to subsection (2), a total of \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election, and

(ii) a total of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for offices on the same council or local board.

Exclusion of certain expenses

Expenses described in paragraph 2 of subsection 88.19 (3) (Audit and Accounting Fees) are not expenses for the purpose of clause (1) (a) above.

Contributions paid to clerk

Contributions paid to the clerk under clause (1) (p) or (q) above become the property of the local municipality.