

April 2026

## **2026 Municipal Election – Third Party Advertiser,**

The following additional information is provided for the administration of the 2026 Municipal Election

1. Notice of Registration (Form 7)
2. Declaration of Qualification (Third Party) (EL33(A))
3. Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report (Form 8)
4. Notice To Registered Third Party of Filing Requirements (EL42(B))
5. Estimated Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses (EL51(A))
6. Estimated Certificate of Maximum Amount of Expenses for Parties etc.  
- Candidate (EL51(B))
7. Duties of Registered Third Parties Form (EL55)
8. Contributions of Registered Third Party Advertisers (Form EL56B)
9. Consent to Release of Campaign Information (Form EL52B)

The following additional resources will be found on the South Huron municipal website under “election resources” on the [“third-party advertiser” page](#). More information will be added as it becomes available.

- 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

External Resources:

[2026 third party advertisers guide – Ontario Municipal Council and School Board Elections](#)

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 Elections Act, 1996  
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/96m32>

Education Act, 1990  
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e02>

**Note:** *In accordance with Section 88.22 (1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 a Third Party Advertiser must open an election bank account if they accept any contributions (including contributions of money from candidates) or incur any expenses. Also, if you use third party advertisements from a previous campaign, they must consider the cost of the advertisements as an expense.*

Registered Third Parties may register during regular office hours at the Clerk's Office from Friday, May 1 of 2026 to Friday, October 23, 2026. There is no prescribed fee for registering but Third Parties must be registered prior to advertising. Registered third parties are invited to set up meeting requests through the Clerk's office. An appointment should be arranged in advance.

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

Sincerely,

Alex Wolfe, Clerk  
[clerk@southhuron.ca](mailto:clerk@southhuron.ca)  
519-235-0310 x224  
Encl.

**Instruction**

It is the responsibility of the person incurring expenses to file a complete and accurate notice. Please print or type information (except signatures).

**Box A: Notice of Registration (Individuals, Corporations and Trade Unions)**

Registration for an Individual, Corporation or Trade Union in the Following Municipality

Name of Individual, Corporation or Trade Union (Registrant)

Mailing Address (Registrant)

Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name
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Municipality	Province	Postal Code
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Email Address	Telephone Number	Telephone Number 2
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**Box B: Designation of an Official Representative (Corporations and Trade Unions)**

Name of person signing (Official Representative)

Last Name or Single Name	Given Name(s)
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Mailing Address (Official Representative)

Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name
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Municipality	Province	Postal Code
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Email Address	Telephone Number	Telephone Number 2
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**Box C: Additional Information (Corporations)**

Business Name

Corporation Number (Indicate whether Ontario Corporation Number, Federal Corporation Number, etc.)

Names of Principal Officers

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____  | 2. _____  |
| 3. _____  | 4. _____  |
| 5. _____  | 6. _____  |
| 7. _____  | 8. _____  |
| 9. _____  | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 12. _____ |

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**Box D: Declaration of Qualification**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the Registrant (or Official Representative of the Registrant), referred to in this notice, do hereby declare that:

- (1) The information in this notice of registration is, to the best of knowledge and belief, true;
- (2) The Registrant is qualified to be registered as a third party advertiser; and
- (3) I am authorized to sign on behalf of the Registrant (applies only where the Registrant is a corporation or trade union).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registrant (or Official Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Time Received	Initial of Registrant (or Official Representative) (if filed in person)	Signature of Clerk or Designate
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**Certification by Clerk or Designate**

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I, the undersigned clerk of this municipality, do hereby certify that I have examined the notice of registration of the aforesaid registrant filed with me and am satisfied that the registrant is qualified to incur expenses and that the notice of registration complies with the Act.

Signature of Clerk or Designate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Certified (yyyy/mm/dd)

**Declaration of Qualifications – Third Party Advertisers**

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 88.6)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am:  
(individual or corporation or trade union name)

- An individual who is normally resident in Ontario
- A corporation that carries on business in Ontario
- A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am:  
(person or agents name)

- A person
- An agent

Do Solemnly Declare That:

1. I am qualified pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to file a notice of registration to be a registered third party advertiser for the election.
  
2. I am not:
  - A Candidate whose nomination has been filed.
  - 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.

3. I am not under the direction of a Candidate whose nomination has been filed.

AND 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 individual or representative of the corporation or trade union)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Municipal Clerk or designate)

Note: Each individual or representative of the corporation or trade union may be asked for ID and each person or agent filing on behalf of a corporation or trade union may be requested to provide a resolution from the corporation or trade union that authorizes the person or agent to register on their behalf.

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and will be used for the registration of third party advertisers for 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 Clerk at clerk@southhuron.ca, phone: 519-235-0310 x224.

**Instructions**

All registrants must complete Boxes A, B, C and D and Schedule 1. All registrants must complete Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 as appropriate. Registrants 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 registrant or, if the registrant is an individual, their spouse) shall be immediately paid to the clerk who was responsible for the conduct of the election.

For the campaign period from 

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 Registrant**

Name of Registrant (individual, trade union or corporation)

Official Representative (name of person signing on behalf of trade union or corporation)

Last Name or Single Name	Given Name(s)
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Municipality

Spending Limit – General \$	Spending Limit – Parties and Other Expressions of Appreciation \$
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**Box B: Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a registrant (or official representative), declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these financial statements and attached supporting schedules are true and correct.

Signature of Registrant (or Official Representative)	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
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Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd)	Time Filed	Initial of Registrant, Official Representative 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.	_____	+ \$	_____
<b>Total Expenses subject to spending limit for parties and other expressions of appreciation</b>		<b>= \$</b>	<b>C3</b>

**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 registrant's disability (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Other (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
<b>Total Expenses not subject to spending limits</b>		<b>= \$</b>	<b>C4</b>

**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)	_____	+ \$	<b>D1</b>
If there is a surplus, deduct any refund of registrant's or spouse's contributions to the campaign	_____	- \$	
Surplus (or deficit) for the campaign		= \$	<b>D2</b>

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 was responsible for the conduct of the election.

# Schedule 1 – Contributions

## Part I – Summary of Contributions

Contributions in money from registrant and (if individual) spouse	+ \$	
Contributions in goods and services from registrant and (if individual) 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 registrant or spouse).	+ \$	
Total value of contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor (from line 1B; list details in Tables 3-6) • Include ticket revenue, contributions in money, goods and services where the total contribution from a contributor exceeds \$100 (do not include contributions from registrant or spouse).	+ \$	
<b>Less:</b> Ineligible contributions returned or payable to the contributor	– \$	
Contributions paid or payable to the clerk, including contributions from anonymous sources exceeding \$25	– \$	
<b>Total Amount of Contributions (record under Income in Box C)</b>	<b>= \$</b>	<b>1A</b>

## Part II – Contributions from registrant 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 (\$)
<b>Total</b>		

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 registrant and as an expense.)

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

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

**Part III – Contributions exceeding \$100 – contributors other than registrant or spouse**

**Table 3: Monetary contributions from individuals other than registrant or spouse**

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

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

**Table 4: Monetary contributions from corporations or trade unions**

Name (legal and carrying on business as)	Full Address	President or Business Manager	Authorized Representative	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Amount Received (\$)	Amount Returned to Contributor or Paid to Clerk (\$)
<b>Total</b>						

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

**Table 5: Contributions in goods or services from individuals other than registrant 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 (\$)	Amount Returned to Contributor or Paid to Clerk (\$)
<b>Total</b>					

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

**Table 6: Contributions in goods or services from corporations or trade unions**  
**(Note: Must also be recorded as Expenses in Box C.)**

Name (legal and carrying on business as)	Full Address	President or Business Manager	Authorized Representative	Description of Goods or Services	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Value (\$)	Amount Returned to Contributor or Paid to Clerk (\$)
<b>Total</b>							

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

**Total for Part III (Add totals from Tables 3-6) (Record 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)

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 registrant used a broadcaster or publisher for a third party advertisement.

**Table 7: Contact information for broadcasters and publishers used during the third party advertising campaign**

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

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

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

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A registrant 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)
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**Contact Information**

Last Name or Single Name	Given Name(s)	Licence Number
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**Address**

Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name
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Municipality	Province	Postal Code
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Telephone Number	Email Address
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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

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Personal information, if any, collected on this form is obtained under the authority of sections 88.29 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.

**Notice to Registered Third Party of Filing Requirements**

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.29)*

TO:

_____ (Name of Registered Third Party)
_____ (Address) <span style="float: right;">(Postal Code)</span>

FROM:

The Clerk or designated election official of the Municipality of South Huron _____ (Name of Municipality)
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Take Notice That Every Registered Third Party Shall File by March 26, 2027, with the Clerk with whom they registered a financial statement and auditor's report in accordance with s.88.29 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

- 88.29 (1) On or before 2:00 p.m. on the filing date, a registered third party shall file with the Clerk of the municipality in which he, she or it registered a financial statement and auditor's report, each in the prescribed form, reflecting the registered third party's campaign finances in relation to third party advertisements,
- (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 45<sup>th</sup> day after Voting Day.
- (2) If an error is identified in a filed financial statement, the registered third party 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.
- (3) If the campaign period for the registered third party in relation to an election in the municipality continues during all or part of the supplementary reporting period, the registered third party shall, before 2:00 pm on the supplementary filing date, file a supplementary financial statement and auditor's report for the supplementary reporting period.
- (4) 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 registered third party's campaign finances during the supplementary reporting period.
- (5) An auditor's report shall be prepared by an auditor licensed under the *Public Accounting Act, 2004*.
- (6) No auditor's report is required if the total contributions received and total expenses incurred in the registered third party's campaign in relation to third party advertisements during an election in the municipality 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 registered third parties of all the filing requirements under MEA, s.88.29 and the penalties set out in subsections 88.27(1) and 92(4).  
 Notice to be given in accordance with MEA, s.13.

**Also Note:** If the Clerk has provided for electronic filing, registered third parties must also be advised of this option and consequences or limitations associated with it.

**NOTICE OF PENALTIES**

88.27(1) Subject to subsection (6) and in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, an individual, corporation or trade union that is registered as a registered third party in relation to an election in a municipality is not entitled to register in relation to a subsequent election in the municipality until after the next regular election has taken place,

- (a) if the registered third party fails to file a document as required under section 88.29 or 88.32 by the relevant date;
- (b) if a document filed under section 88.29 shows on its face a surplus, as described in section 88.31, and the registered third party 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 88.29 shows on its face that the registered third party has incurred expenses exceeding what is permitted under section 88.21; or
- (d) if a document filed under section 88.32 shows on its face a surplus and the registered third party fails to pay the amount required by that section by the relevant date.

92(4) A registered third party 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 penalty described in subsection 88.27(1),

- (a) if the registered third party incurs expenses that exceed the amount determined under section 88.21; or
- (b) if the registered third party files a document under section 88.29 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section.

**Estimated Certificate of Maximum Amount of Campaign Expenses – Registered Third Party**

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.21(15))*

TO:

_____ (Name of Registered Third Party)		
_____ (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 campaign expenses that a registered third party is permitted to incur in the Municipal Election to be held October 26, 2026, is \$ 5,400.20 (\$5,000 plus \$0.05 per eligible (8004) Elector)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal Clerk or designate

In accordance with MEA, s., the 88.21(15), upon registering the registered third party, the Clerk shall give the individual filing the registration a certificate setting out the maximum amount for campaign expenses. For the preliminary certificate, the Clerk shall calculate an estimated amount using the number of electors from the Voters' List as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2022 municipal election.

On or before September 30, 2026, the Clerk shall give the registered third party a final calculation of the permitted amount of maximum campaign expenses. The formula to be used is the greater number of electors on Nomination Day for the previous election, adjusted for changes made that day or the number of electors as of September 15 in the 2022 municipal election, adjusted for changes made on that day.

Certificate to be given to registered third party in accordance with Section 13.

**Estimated Certificate of Maximum Amount of Expenses for  
Parties Etc. –Registered Third Party**

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.21(15))*

TO:

(Name of Registered Third Party)	
(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 amount of expenses for parties, etc. that a registered third party is permitted to incur in the Municipal Election to be held October 26, 2026, is \$540.02. (10% of the amount of the general spending limit - \$5,400.20)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal Clerk or designate

In accordance with MEA, s., the 88.21(15), upon registering the registered third party, the Clerk shall give the individual filing the registration a certificate setting out the maximum amount for expenses for parties etc. For the preliminary certificate, the Clerk shall calculate an estimated amount using the number of electors from the Voters' List as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2022 municipal election.

On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give the registered third party a final calculation of the permitted amount of maximum expenses for parties etc.. The formula to be used is the greater number of electors on Nomination Day for the previous election, adjusted for changes made that day or the number of electors as of September 15 in the 2022 municipal election, adjusted for changes that day.

Certificate to be given to a registered third party in accordance with Section 13.

**Duties of Registered Third Parties**

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*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.26)*

**A registered third party shall ensure that,**

- (a) no contributions of money are accepted or expenses are incurred in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in a municipality 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
  - (iv) 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 registered third party 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 (Account Loans);
- (l) the records described in clauses (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) are retained by the registered third party 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 88.29 (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 registered third party;
- (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 registered third party becomes aware of the contravention;
- (p) a contribution not returned to the contributor under clause (o) is paid to the clerk of the municipality in which the registered third party is registered;
- (q) an anonymous contribution is paid to the clerk of the municipality in which the registered third party is registered; and
- (r) each contributor is informed that a contributor shall not make contributions exceeding,
  - (i) a total of \$1,200 to any one registered third party in relation to third party advertisements, and
  - (ii) a total of \$5,000 to two or more registered third parties registered in the same municipality in relation to third party advertisements.

**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 (a) above.

**Contributions paid to clerk**

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

## Contributions of Registered Third Parties

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### *Municipal Elections Act, 1996 Section 88.12 (1) To (5)*

A contribution shall not be made in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in a municipality unless they are a registered third party.

A contribution to a registered third party, or to an individual acting under his, her or its direction, shall only be made during the campaign period.

Contributions shall only be made by the following:

- An individual who is normally resident in Ontario.
- A corporation that carries on business in Ontario.
- A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario.
- The registered third party and, in the case of an individual, his or her spouse, subject to if the spouse of a registered third party is not normally registered in Ontario, the spouse may make contributions only to the registered third party.

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*.
- The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board.

### **Acceptance Of Contributions [Section 88.12 (7) To (8)]**

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

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.

### **Maximum Contributions To Registered Third Party Advertisers (Section 88.13)**

A contributor shall not make contributions in relation to third party advertisements exceeding a total of:

- \$750 to a registered third party that appear during an election in a municipality;
- \$5,000 to two or more third parties registered in the same municipality;
  
- Except if the third party is contributing to itself, then the maximum contributions do not apply;
- Except if the contributor is the spouse of an individual that is a registered third party, then the maximum contributions do not apply.

**Fund-Raising For Registered Third Party Advertisers (Section 88.14 And 88.28)**

Only registered third parties in the municipality may hold a fund-raising function relating to third party advertisements.

Fund-raising functions may only be held during the campaign period.

\*NOTE: Please note the third party advertiser is solely responsible for complying with the legislation in the *Municipal Elections Act* relating to third party advertising.

**Consent To Release Campaign Information**

*Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

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

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Name of Third Party Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that the Notice of Registration Form (Form 7) filed by me may contain personal information and I am aware that the Clerk will disclose all or part of it to the general public. Complete with information and check below for information to be released. Note that the name will be released online.

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

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Signature of Third Party Advertiser

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Signature of Clerk or Designate

Dated at South Huron, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026