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To: Financial Institution

Re: Municipal Election Campaign Account

A candidate running in the 2026 Municipal Election is required under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to open an account in the name of their campaign (for example: "Campaign for John Doe" or "John Doe's Campaign").

The Act does not contain any prohibition against a municipal candidate being a signing officer on the campaign account, nor does it require the candidate to have a chief financial officer, as is the case with provincial and federal candidates.

Section 88.22(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 states:

"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;"

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me directly at 519-769-2010.

Yours truly,



Jeff Carswell
CAO/Clerk

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