



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial Institution

FROM: Joanne Scime, Deputy Clerk

RE: Municipal Campaign Accounts

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The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* requires a municipal election candidate to ensure that:

- (a) one or more campaign accounts are opened at a financial institution, exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign and in the name of the candidate's election campaign (for example, "Campaign for John Doe" or "John Doe's Campaign");
- (b) all contributions of money are deposited into the campaign account including contributions from the candidate and the candidate's spouse;
- (c) all funds in the campaign accounts are used exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;
- (d) all payments for expenses, except for the nomination filing fee, are made from the campaign accounts;
- (e) personal bank account(s) are not used for campaign finances;

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* does not prohibit a candidate from being a signing officer on the campaign accounts, nor does it require a candidate to have a chief financial officer, as is the case with provincial and federal candidates.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, ext. 5136 or at the email address: [jscime@westlincoln.ca](mailto:jscime@westlincoln.ca)

Joanne Scime, Deputy Clerk