

March 10, 2026

To: Financial Institution

Re: 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections

The purpose of this correspondence is to confirm the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the Act) as it relates to opening a campaign bank account.

Section 88.22 (1) of the Act states that a candidate for municipal or school board elections cannot accept any contributions or incur any expenses until they open one or more campaign account at a financial institution, exclusively for the purpose of their election campaign. The Act does not specify the type of bank account to be opened.

A candidate will be able to provide proof that they are running in the 2026 municipal or school board elections by showing a copy of Nomination Paper that has been accepted by the Township of Wilmot Municipal Clerk. The "Certificate of City Clerk or Designate" section is not required to be completed for a candidate to open an account.

Unlike provincial or federal elections, a candidate for municipal or school board elections can be the only signing authority on the campaign account. A Chief Financial Officer is not required.

Questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Regards,

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