



2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TELEPHONE/INTERNET VOTING

April 2022

As Clerk of the Municipality of Thames Centre for the municipal elections, I do hereby certify the following procedures for conducting the 2022 municipal elections and also certify the Forms attached (or similar version, either paper or electronic) as being those permitted to be used during this election process.

April 29, 2022

Date Approved

Original Signed

Clerk

AMENDMENTS

Amendment	Date Finalized	Paragraph Updates
1	May 10, 2022	Date change on Page 26 to August 19, 2022
2	July 22, 2022	Added procedure for filing a second nomination Page 22

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Note: The Forms and notices in this document will be provided in English only as required by Legislation

Legend
PR FORM = Prescribed Form
TC FORM = Thames Centre Form
EL FORM = AMCTO Election Form

DEFINITIONS

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- a) **Act** - means the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, C. 32, as amended.
- b) **Auditor** - means the person appointed by the Clerk who performs the prescribed combination of processes and procedures (audit duties) designed to validate a range of activities and/or functions of the internet/telephone voting system, which is the Middlesex County Information Technology Department.
- c) **Ballot** - means either an image on a computer screen of a ballot card for an election to be voted for, including all choices available to the electors and containing spaces in which the electors mark their votes; or when voting, using a touchtone telephone, an audio set of instructions which describe all choices available to the electors and instruction to mark their selection by depressing the numbered touchtone keypad.
- d) **Candidate** - means a person who has been nominated under Section 33 of the Act.
- e) **Certified Candidate** - means a candidate whose nomination has been certified by the Clerk under Section 35 of the Act.
- f) **Clerk** - means the Clerk of the municipality who is responsible for conducting municipal elections under the authority of the Act. All references to the Clerk for the purposes of this manual shall mean the Returning Officer (R.O.) for the 2022 Municipal Election. All references to Clerk's designate shall mean the delegated duties of the R.O.
- g) **Corporation** – means a firm that meets certain legal requirements to be recognized as having a legal existence, as an entity separate and distinct from its owners. Corporations are owned by their stockholders (shareholders) who share in profits and losses generated through the firm's operations. A legal entity has legal capacity to enter into agreements or contracts, assume obligations, incur and pay debts, sue and be sued in its own right, and to be held responsible for its actions.

A Corporation may include a numbered company, a co-op, an incorporated company, an association, a partnership, a proprietorship (excludes sole-proprietorship as it's not a legal entity), trust, etc. A legal entity cannot vote, only an individual (a person) can vote.

Test – if someone tripped and fell on your property who would they sue? You as the person or your company?

What is a Sole Proprietorship?

Income and losses are taxed on the individual's personal income tax return. The **sole proprietorship** is the simplest business form under which one can operate a business. The **sole proprietorship** is not a legal entity. It simply refers to a person who owns the business and is personally responsible for its debts.

What is a Co-op?

A business or organization that is owned and operated by the people who work there

or the people who use its services.

- h) **Election Campaign Advertisement** – means an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting or supporting the election of a Candidate.
- i) **Election Official** - means the Clerk or other person(s) appointed in writing by the Clerk to carry out election duties under the Act. An Election Official can only carry out the tasks and duties as assigned in writing by the Clerk and must take the prescribed oath. [s.15(4)]
- j) **Lame Duck** - means there are restrictions on Council's powers (*Municipal Act*, Section 275). A Council is considered to be a Lame Duck Council when: before election day it is determined the new Council will include less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members of the outgoing Council before election day; it is determined on election day after the results are known that the new Council is composed of less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members of the outgoing Council.
- k) **Municipal Office** - means the Municipality of Thames Centre administration building located at 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON.
- l) **Normally Resident in Ontario** – means the place in which an individual regularly returns if his or her presence is not continuous (sleep).
- m) **Password** - means an additional access control word assigned by internet/telephone voting provider to each authorized user (ie. Auditor, Clerk, Election Official) to provide additional security for access to the voting system.
- n) **Personal Identification Number (PIN)** - means a unique multiple digit number assigned by the eVoting Service Provider to each voter to provide security for access to the voting system.
- o) **Preliminary List of Electors** - means a list of electors for the municipality compiled by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and provided to the municipality between July 31st to September 1st of an election year.
- p) **Proof of Identification** - means proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13 of the Act.
- q) **Regular Office Hours** - means Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- r) **Registered Third Party (Third Party Advertiser)** - means an individual who is normally resident in Ontario, a corporation that carries on business in Ontario or a trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario, and who's Notice of Registration for Third Party Advertiser has been certified by the Clerk.
- s) **Restricted Period for Third Party Advertisements** - begins on the earliest day that an individual, corporation or trade union is permitted to file a notice of registration as a registered third party and ends at the close of voting on Voting Day.

- t) **Satisfactory Identification** – means the identification required under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Ontario Reg. 304/13) which would provide proof of identity and residence of an individual to the satisfaction of an election official.
- u) **Script** - means all Information flow and system prompts from the eVoting system including instructions, Informational messages, error messages, and exceptions.
- v) **Scrutineer** - means an individual, appointed in writing by a certified candidate, to represent him or her during the voting process, or an individual appointed by Council, a local board or the Minister in relation to a by-law or question, or by an elector in the case of a recount.
- w) **Support Person/Friend** - means a person who has been requested by an elector to assist him or her in the voting process.
- x) **Third Party Advertisement** – means an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting, supporting or opposing a candidate, or a “yes” or “no” answer to a question on the ballot, but does not include an advertisement by or under the direction of a candidate, or an advertisement that incurs no expenses in relation to the advertisement, or an advertisement that is transmitted to employees, shareholders, or directors of the registered third party.
- y) **Trade Union** – means a trade union as defined in the *Labour Relations Act, 1995* or the *Canada Labour Code* (Canada) and includes a central, regional or district labour council in Ontario.
- z) **Time/Clock** - means the time as indicated on the clock located on the Clerk’s iPhone.
- aa) **Voter Help Centre** - means a location designated by the Clerk supplied with a telephone and internet connection to accommodate voting during the voting period. The ability to vote at the Help Centre will be limited to October 17, 2022 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., October 18-21, 2022 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and October 24 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- bb) **Voter Information Letter** - means a letter containing a Personal Identification Number (PIN), a telephone access number and an internet address for voting, a Help Centre telephone number for assistance and a list of candidates for office. These letters shall be mailed individually to every person on the Voters’ List or provided by Election Officials to persons who have completed an application for inclusion on the Voters’ List.
- cc) **Voters’ List** – as defined by Section 23 (1) of the Act.
- dd) **Voting Day** (not to be confused with Voting Period) - means the final day on which the final vote is to be taken in an election and shall be Monday, October 24, 2022 with the close of voting to be at 8:00 pm.

- ee) **Voting Period** - means the period in which an eligible voter may cast their vote, either via internet or telephone and shall span from Monday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. to Monday, October 24, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.
- ff) **Voting Place** - means the only location, both convenient and accessible to the electors, for the purpose of casting an electronic ballot as established by the Clerk. Location is 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON.

AUTHORITY & APPLICATION

AUTHORITY

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Duties of Clerk

- 11. (1)** The clerk of a local municipality is responsible for conducting elections within that municipality, subject to the following exceptions:
1. The clerks specified in the regulations made under the *Education Act* are responsible for certain aspects of the elections of members of school boards, as set out in those regulations.
 2. The clerks specified in section 11.1 are responsible for certain aspects of the election of members of the council of an upper-tier municipality, as provided for in that section.
 3. Repealed: 2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table.
 4. The clerks specified in subsection (5) are responsible for certain aspects of the election with respect to a question an upper-tier municipality submits to its electors under clause 8 (1) (b) or (c).
- (2)** Responsibility for conducting an election includes responsibility for,
- (a) preparing for the election;
 - (b) preparing for and conducting a recount in the election;
 - (c) maintaining peace and order in connection with the election; and
 - (d) in a regular election, preparing and submitting the report described in subsection 12.1 (2).

Powers of Clerk

- 12. (1)** A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that,
- (a) is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation; and
 - (b) in the clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election.

Forms

- (2) The power conferred by subsection (1) includes power to establish Forms, including Forms of oaths and statutory declarations, and power to require their use.

Procedures and Forms

Section 42(4) states that the procedures and Forms established by the Clerk, if they are consistent with the principles of this Act, prevail over anything in this Act and the regulations made under it.

Any unforeseen cases not dealt with in these procedures will be recorded, action taken, and reflected in an addendum signed by the Clerk, to these procedures and circulated to all candidates and third party advertisers, as applicable.

Application

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

1. This procedure has been developed under the authority of Subsection 42(4) pursuant to Subsection 42(3) (a) (ii) of the Municipal Elections Act, and applies to the Telephone/Internet Voting being conducted by The Municipality of Thames Centre between Monday October 17, 2022 to Monday October 24, 2022.
2. The procedures and Forms established by this document prevail over anything in the Act and its regulations, as per Subsection 42(4) of the Municipal Elections Act.
3. Where these procedures do not provide for any matter, the election shall be conducted as far as is consistent and practical within the principles of the Municipal Elections Act with the same being determined and established by the Clerk.
4. These procedures may be amended, as necessary and deemed appropriate, by the Clerk of the Municipality of Thames Centre. Any amendment to these procedures shall be signed by the Clerk and a copy of the amendment(s) shall be provided forthwith to all certified candidates for the office for The Municipality of Thames Centre and/or school boards.

LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE (SECTION 9)

English

With respect to an election held for offices of a municipal council and an English public or separate school board, notices, Forms and other Information provided under this Act shall be made available in English only, unless the council of the municipality passes a by-law to authorize the use of:

- a) French, in addition to English, in the prescribed Forms; and
- b) French, other languages other than English, or both, in notices, Forms (other than prescribed Forms) and other Information provided under this Act.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ACT

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Some of the principles that were considered during the development of the legislation were that:

- the secrecy and confidentiality of the individual votes is paramount;
- the election should be fair and non-biased;
- the election should be accessible to the voters;
- the integrity of the process should be maintained throughout the election;
- there be certainty that the results of the election reflect the votes cast; and
- voters and candidates should be treated fairly and consistently within a municipality.

SECRECY

SECURITY

1. The Clerk shall require all election official(s) and/or other persons working in connection with the municipal elections to swear or affirm an oath of secrecy in accordance with Section 49 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
2. No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an elector while in the process of accessing the Telephone/Internet Voting service or interfere or attempt to interfere in the voting process while using the Telephone/Internet Voting service unless expressly requested and authorized by an elector asking for assistance.
3. No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain Information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted. Any individual requested by an elector to assist him or her in voting is required to maintain the secrecy of the vote(s) cast by the elector and shall vote according to the instructions and wishes of the elector.
4. No person shall communicate any Information that might have been inadvertently obtained about how an elector intends to vote or has voted
5. No elector shall reveal how he or she intends to vote except when obtaining assistance in voting from either a support person or an election official.
6. All electors voting at the Voter Help Centre(s) may vote with the assistance of a support person; however, the support person shall be required to take the appropriate oath prior to providing assistance.
7. All complaints regarding any and/or all breaches of secrecy shall be investigated by the proper authorities and shall be prosecuted according to the provisions of "Corrupt Practices and Other Offences - Penalties and Enforcement" under Sections 89 and 90 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

NOMINATIONS

2022 NOMINATION PROCEDURE

NOMINATION PAPERS (SECTION 33)

The giving of notice (Section 32) for nominations shall be placed, as a minimum, in a local newspaper(s) prior to May 2, 2022 and on the municipal website.

“Nomination Paper” [PR FORM 1](#) for the following offices will be available on the municipal website and at the Clerk’s Office from the first business day of May in 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022 during regular office hours, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day):

- (1) Mayor (at large)**
- (1) Deputy Mayor (at large)**
- (2) Councillor, Ward 1**
- (2) Councillor, Ward 2**
- (2) Councillor, Ward 3**

Nomination papers for school boards must be obtained and filed at the appropriate Municipal Office (The Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc) for the following offices:

- (2) School Board Trustee – English Public
- (1) School Board Trustee – English Separate
- (1) School Board Trustee – French Public
- (1) School Board Trustee – French Separate

Nominations must be on the prescribed Form and are to be filed with the Clerk at the appropriate Municipal Office in the following manner:

- in person or through an agent, original signatures are required (the nomination paper may not be filed electronically). If subsequent Information is required to be filed, this will be at the discretion of the Clerk if it can be filed through email or fax.
- during regular office hours at the Clerk’s Office from the first business day in May of 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022 and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day)
- with the prescribed declaration by at least 25 persons endorsing the nomination [PR FORM 2](#) who are eligible to vote in an election for an office within the municipality (original signatures are required), if a regular election was held on the day that the person endorses the nomination – “Nomination Paper” [PR FORM 1](#)
- To avoid suggestions of conflict and to protect the integrity of the election process, Municipal Staff are discouraged from endorsing a nomination of a person for an office on Council.
- with the prescribed statement of qualifications, signed by the person being nominated
- with the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200 for Head of Council and \$100 for all other offices - the filing fee shall be paid by cash, debit card, certified cheque or money order payable to the municipality or by an electronic method of payment that the Clerk specifies
- with proof of identity and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*, as amended

If a person is present at the Clerk's Office on Nomination Day at 2:00 p.m. and has not yet filed a nomination, they may file the nomination as soon as possible after 2:00 p.m.

The Clerk shall administer the Declaration of Qualifications on the Nomination Paper [PR FORM 1](#) and the "Declaration of Qualifications – Municipal Candidates" [Form TC06A](#) (or for the Clerk responsible for the School Board Elections, the "Declaration of Qualifications – School Board Candidates" [Form EL18\(B\)](#)), oath to the Candidate. The date and time of filing are to be filled in by the Clerk and initialled by the candidate or his/her agent. The Clerk will then sign the Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualifications.

The certified cheque, cash, debit card, money order or an electronic method of payment that the Clerk specifies will be deposited with the Municipal Treasury Department.

Nomination papers will be reviewed for completeness when filed and will be certified at a later date, on or before 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2022.

Estimated Maximum Campaign Expenses [Section 88.20(6)]

The Clerk shall calculate the estimated maximum campaign expenses for each office on the "Estimated Maximum Campaign Expenses" [Form TC07A](#) and provide a copy to the candidate or their agent the day that the Nomination Paper is filed in accordance with Section 33.0.1 (1). The Clerk's calculation is final.

Notice of Penalties (Section 33.1)

The Clerk shall, before voting day, provide a notice of penalties on the "Notice of Penalties" [Form TC12A](#) to the candidate or their agent.

Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act

The candidate may sign the consent to release personal Information [Form EL52](#) authorizing the Clerk to release personal Information to the public and media.

UNOFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES

The Clerk shall provide notice of the unofficial list of candidates by preparing and, at a minimum, post on the municipal website an "Unofficial List of Candidates" [Form TC01](#) which is to be updated as soon as practical after each Nomination Paper is filed. The list should be clearly marked "UNOFFICIAL".

NOMINATION DAY – August 19, 2022 (SECTION 31)

Nomination Papers will be received at the Municipal Office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day.

Procedure for the handling of Nomination Papers on Nomination Day will be the same as above.

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION PAPERS (SECTION 35)

On or before Monday, August 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the Clerk will do a review of each nomination received to determine qualification and if the nomination complies with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Once satisfied the candidate is qualified, complete the “Certification by Clerk” section on “Nomination Paper” **PR Form 1**.

REJECTION OF NOMINATION PAPER [SECTION 35(3), (4)]

If the Candidate is not qualified to be nominated, or the nomination does not comply with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the Clerk will reject the Nomination. A telephone call or email shall be made to the candidate Informing them of the rejection, and a “Notice of Rejection of Nominations” **Form EL19A** shall be sent, by Registered Mail, as soon as possible, to:

- the person who sought to be nominated, and
- by regular mail to all candidates for the office.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION PAPERS (SECTION 36)

Candidates may withdraw their Nomination by filing in person; or the candidate’s agent shall appear in person, with identification and a Letter of Authorization to represent the candidate, in order to withdraw the candidate’s nomination in writing on a “Withdrawal of Nomination” **Form EL19** with the Clerk before 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, Friday, August 19, 2022, if the person was nominated on or before Nomination Day; and before 2:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following Nomination Day, (August 24, 2022), if the person was nominated under Section 33(5) - Additional Nominations. The withdrawal shall be noted on the “Unofficial List of Candidates” **Form TC01**

If a candidate has filed an earlier nomination for an office in the same election, the first nomination shall be deemed to have been withdrawn at the time the second nomination is filed. A nomination paper is not transferable. The filing fee is deemed to have been paid with the latest filing, if the two nominations are for the same council or local board.

OFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES

The final list of certified candidates will be posted, as a minimum, on the website on or before, Monday, August 22, 2022, using the “Official List of Certified Candidates” **Form EL07**.

DECLARATION OF ELECTION (SECTION 40)

If after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022 the number of certified nominations filed for an office is more than the number of persons to be elected to the office, the Clerk shall declare an election to be conducted.

The Clerk shall give the electors notice of the following, as a minimum, through the use of newspaper advertisements and the municipal website:

- a) under clause 42(1)(b), (alternative voting methods), the manner in which electors may use the Internet/Telephone voting method;
- b) the dates and times of the voting period;
- c) the location and hours of operation for the Help Centre.

ACCLAMATIONS [SECTION 37(1)]

If after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022, the number of certified candidates for an office is the same as or less than the number to be elected, the Clerk shall immediately declare the candidate(s) elected by acclamation. The Clerk shall post a “Declaration of Acclamation to Office” on **Form EL20**. In this situation there shall be no election conducted for this position(s).

FEWER NUMBER OF NOMINATION PAPERS THAN OFFICES [SECTION 33(5)]

If at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022, the number of certified nominations filed for an office is less than the number of persons to be elected to the office, additional nominations may be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. The Clerk shall post a “Notice of Additional Nominations” **Form EL17B** advising that additional Nomination Papers may be filed for that office during the specified time. If at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, additional Nomination Papers have been filed, the procedure to certify or reject Nomination Papers shall be followed.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MORE THAN NUMBER OF OFFICES REMAINING [SECTION 33(5)]

If between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, there are more than a sufficient number of certified Nominations to fill the office(s), an election shall be conducted with the names of the persons who have filed certified Nomination Papers.

WITHDRAWAL OF ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS (SECTION 36)

Withdrawal of additional nominations must take place prior to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. Follow the procedure in the Withdrawal of Nomination Paper section above.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS EQUIVALENT TO NUMBER OF OFFICES [SECTION 35(2) and 37(2)]

If at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2022 there is a sufficient number of certified Nomination Papers filed to fill the office(s), the Clerk shall cause to be posted a “Declaration of Acclamation To Office - Additional Nominations” on **Form EL20**.

FILLING VACANCIES [SECTION 37(4)]

If an office remains vacant after the declaration of candidates by acclamation under section 37 and the declaration of the election of candidates following the conduct of the election for offices on the Municipal Council, the following rules apply:

- **Insufficient Number to Form a Quorum – Municipal Council**
If the number of candidates declared elected is insufficient to Form a quorum of the Municipal Council, a by-election shall be held.
- **Sufficient Number to Form a Quorum – Municipal Council**

If the number of candidates declared elected is less than the number of positions for an office of the Municipal Council, but does Form a quorum, Section 263 (1) (a) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* shall apply.

DEATH OR INELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE (SECTION 39)

If a certified candidate dies or becomes ineligible before the close of voting and

- if the result would be one less candidate only and no acclamation, the candidate's name shall be omitted from the ballot. If the ballots are already printed, the Clerk shall at a minimum, post the notice of the death or ineligibility in a conspicuous place in every Voting Place, Ballot Return Station or Help Centre and the election shall proceed as if the deceased or ineligible candidate has not been nominated.
- if the result would be an acclamation for an office, the election to such office is void and a by-election for such office shall be held (Section 65(4)(1.)(v.)) provided that the sixty day (60) period starts as of the date of death or ineligibility).

No votes are to be counted for the candidate who has died or become ineligible.

FINAL CALCULATION OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES [SECTION 88.20 (13), (14) and (15)]

The Clerk shall, after determining from the number of eligible electors from the Voters' List for each office, calculate the maximum amount of campaign expenses that each candidate may incur for that office and prepare a "Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses" **Form EL37A**. The certificate shall be given to each candidate in the case of a regular election, on or before September 25, 2022, (as the required date is a Sunday, the certificate shall be prepared on or before September 26, 2022); and in the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the Clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4).

The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

- the number determined from the Voters' List from the previous regular election, as it existed on September 15 in the year of the previous election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- the number determined from the Voters' List for the current election as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day. [Section 88.20 (11)]

The Clerk's calculation is final and shall be made in accordance with the prescribed Formula in *Ontario Regulation 101/97*.

CANDIDATE NAME PRONUNCIATION

All certified candidates are to provide to the Clerk the proper pronunciation of their name prior to September 20, 2022.



DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

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

- ☐ Mayor
- ☐ Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Councillor, Ward _____

Do Solemnly Declare That:

1. 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 Thames Centre or the owner or tenant of land in the Municipality of Thames Centre 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 Thames Centre, or if I am an employee of the Municipality of Thames Centre, 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 Thames Centre 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 Thames Centre, or a person who is not an employee of the Municipality of Thames Centre but who holds an administrative position of the Municipality of Thames Centre.
 - 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 Thames Centre prior to 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, August 19, 2022. I understand that the Clerk of the Municipality of Thames Centre 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*.
2. 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
3. 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)).
4. 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)

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 Thames Centre,

this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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 Thames Center until the next municipal election. Questions about this collection of personal Information should be directed to the Clerk, 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, Ontario, 519-268-7334, clerk@thamescentre.on.ca



ESTIMATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s. 33.0.1(1)

TO: _____
(Name of Candidate)

FROM: Tena Michiels, Clerk, Municipality of Thames Centre

I hereby certify that the estimated maximum campaign expense that a candidate is permitted to incur for the office of _____ in the Municipal Election to be held on October 24, 2022, is _____ (\$7,500.00 plus .85 cents for each of the 9,927 electors entitled to vote for the office).

May 2, 2022
Date

T. Michiels, Clerk

The Clerk shall give candidates a Preliminary Calculation of the estimated maximum campaign expenses at the time of filing the nomination paper, based upon the number of electors on the Voters' List as of Nomination Day for the 2018 election. (Section 33.0.1 (1))

On or before September 26, 2022; and in the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4), the Clerk shall give a Final Calculation 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 following:

- the number determined from the Voters' List from the previous regular election, as it existed on September 15 in the year of the previous election, adjusted for changes made under Sections 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- the number determined from the Voters' List for the current election, as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes made under Sections 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day (Section 88.20 (11))

* *Formula for calculation provided in Ontario Regulation 101/97.*

FORM TC12A



NOTICE OF PENALTIES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.33.1

In accordance with Section 33.1 of the Municipal Elections Act (MEA), the Clerk is required to give, before voting day, notice of penalties, under subsections 88.23(2) and 92(1), related to election campaign finances, to each person nominated for an office.

EFFECT OF DEFAULT BY CANDIDATE – s. 88.23(1)

TAKE NOTICE THAT A CANDIDATE SHALL be subject to the penalties listed below, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996:

- 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. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

OFFENCES – s. 92(1)

TAKE NOTICE THAT A CANDIDATE SHALL be guilty of an offence and, on conviction, is subject to the penalties listed below, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996:

- (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. 2016, c. 15, s. 68 (1).

PENALTIES – s. 88.23(2)

In the case of a default described above:

- 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. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

REFUND – s. 34

A candidate is entitled to receive a refund of the nomination filing fee if the documents (Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report), required under subsection 88.25(1) are filed on or before 2:00 p.m. on the filing date in accordance with that subsection.

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

The Clerk shall, before voting day, give to each person nominated for an office notice of the penalties under subsections 88.23 (2) and 92 (1) related to election campaign finances and the refund of the nomination filing fee that the candidate is entitled to receive in the circumstances described in section 34.



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 2018 Municipal Election. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the Clerk, 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON N0L 1G3, 519-268-7334.

Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate for the office of:

- ☐ Mayor
- ☐ Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Councillor, Ward _____

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990, as amended, I hereby authorize the Clerk to publish and make available to the general public the personal Information contained on my Nomination Paper.

Candidate Signature: _____

Municipal Clerk or Designate: _____

Dated at Municipality of Thames Centre, this _____ day of _____, 2022.



UNOFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES

NAME OF CANDIDATE	OFFICE	QUALIFYING ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION

As of _____ 2022.

Municipal Clerk

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF NOMINATION

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s. 35(3), (4), (5)

TO:

_____ (Name of Candidate)	_____ (Office)
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)

TAKE NOTICE that the nomination you filed has been examined and has been rejected for the following reasons:

- ☐ I am not “*satisfied*” that you are a “*person qualified to be nominated*” as required by the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or by the relevant legislation which sets out qualification for the office for which you filed your nomination.

OR

- ☐ I am not “*satisfied*” that your “*nomination complies with*” the requirements of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

NOTE: The Clerk's decision to reject a nomination is final and where rejected, the Clerk shall give notice of such rejection to the person who sought to be nominated and to all candidates for that same office [Section. 35 (4),(5)]. The Clerk may choose to expand on the above options to include specific reasons for the rejection of the nomination.



WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION

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 _____ this _____ day of _____,
2022. (time)

Municipal Clerk or designate

A person who has been nominated may withdraw his or her nomination by filing a written withdrawal in the Clerk's office by 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day (August 19, 2022) if the nomination was filed under section 33 (4) and by 2:00 p.m. on August 24, 2022, if the nomination was filed under section 33(5).



OFFICIAL LIST OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s. 33(5) to 37

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors that during the period commencing May 2, 2022 and completed on Nomination Day, August 19, 2022, the following persons filed all necessary papers, endorsement of nominations, declarations and fees and as Clerk, I am satisfied that such persons are qualified and that their Nomination satisfies the requirements of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. I have, therefore, certified such candidates for the office which follows their respective name:

NAME OF CANDIDATE	OFFICE	QUALIFYING ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION

Dated this _____ day of August, 2022. (after 4 p.m. on August 19 to August 22)

Municipal Clerk



DECLARATION OF ACCLAMATION TO OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s. 37(1)

I hereby declare the certified candidates listed below to be acclaimed to the office that follows their respective names pursuant to Section 37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*:

NAME OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATE	OFFICE	QUALIFYING ADDRESS

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2022

Municipal Clerk or designate



NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.33(5)

TAKE NOTICE that the number of candidates for the office of _____ was not sufficient to fill the number of vacancies to which candidates may be elected.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk may receive and certify additional nominations for the remaining vacancies in the Clerk's Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, subject to the provisions of Subsection 33(5) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Offices for Which Persons May be Nominated:

_____ to be elected.
 (Office) (Number)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the manner in which nominations shall be filed is set forth in Section 33 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Nomination Forms and full particulars of procedures to be followed may be obtained from the undersigned.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022.

 Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE**DECLARATION OF ACCLAMATION TO OFFICE
ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS***Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 37 (2)]*

I hereby declare the certified candidates listed below to be acclaimed to the office that follows their respective names pursuant to Section 37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*:

NAME OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATE	OFFICE	QUALIFYING ADDRESS

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF August, 2022.

Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN EXPENSES*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [88.20 (13)]*

TO:

_____ (Name of Candidate)	/	_____ (Office)
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)	

I hereby certify that the maximum campaign expenses that a candidate is permitted to incur

for the office of _____ in the Municipal Election to be

held October 24, 2022, is _____.

 Date

 Municipal Clerk or designate

On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give a final certificate of the applicable maximum campaign expenses to each candidate. In the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the Clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4).

The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

- The number determined from the Voters' List from the previous regular election, as it existed on September 15 in the year of the previous election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- The number determined from the Voters' List from the current election, as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day [Section 88.20 (11)].

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – OWN CAMPAIGN

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [S.33.0.2, 88.9.1(1)]

TO:

_____ (Name of Candidate)	/	_____ (Office)
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)	

I hereby certify that the maximum amount of contributions to your own campaign that a

candidate is permitted to incur for the office of _____

in the Municipal Election to be held October 24, 2022, is _____.

 Date

 Municipal Clerk or designate

On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give a final certificate of the applicable maximum campaign expenses to each candidate. In the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the Clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4).

The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

- The number determined from the Voters' List from the previous regular election, as it existed on September 15 in the year of the previous election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- The number determined from the Voters' List from the current election, as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day [Section 88.20 (11)].

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF EXPENSES FOR PARTIES ETC. - CANDIDATE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [88.20(9)(13)]

TO:

_____ (Name of Candidate)	/	_____ (Office)
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)	

I hereby certify that the maximum amount of expenses for parties, etc. that a candidate is permitted to incur for the office of _____ in the Municipal Election to be held October 24, 2022, is _____.

 Date

 Municipal Clerk or designate

On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give a final certificate of the applicable maximum campaign expenses to each candidate. In the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the Clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4).

The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

- The number determined from the Voters' List from the previous regular election, as it existed on September 15 in the year of the previous election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- The number determined from the Voters' List from the current election, as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day [Section 88.20 (11)].

VOTERS' LIST

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS [SECTION 17 (2)]

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if, on Voting Day (October 24, 2022) he/she:

- (i) resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- (ii) is a Canadian citizen,
- (ii) is at least 18 years old; and
- (iv) is not prohibited from voting under subsection 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or otherwise, by law.

PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM VOTING [SECTION 17 (3)]

The following are prohibited from voting:

- (i) a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
- (ii) a corporation.
- (iii) a person acting as executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy in accordance with section 44.
- (iv) a person who was convicted of the 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 he or she was convicted.

PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS (PLE) (SECTION 19)

The Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) supplied by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) shall be delivered to the Clerk by September 1, 2022, if no date is agreed upon with MPAC or prescribed by the Minister [Section 19 (1.1)].

The PLE shall contain the name and address of each person who is entitled to be an elector and any additional Information the Clerk needs to determine for which offices each elector is entitled to vote, such as school support [Section 19 (4)].

In addition, if the local municipality is divided into voting subdivisions, the name of each resident elector shall be entered on the PLE for the voting subdivision in which he or she resides and the name of each non-resident elector shall be entered on the PLE for the voting subdivision in which the elector or his or her spouse is an owner or tenant of land [Section 19 (5)].

The Clerk shall, to the best of their ability and legislative authority, ensure that an elector's name appears on the PLE for a local municipality only once [Section 19 (6)].

Where a voter qualifies at more than one location in the municipality, the voter **may vote only once** for each office and **the qualifying address to determine eligibility for voting shall be the elector's place of residence** [Section 19 (7)].

It is possible for an elector's name to appear on the Voters' List of more than one municipality. That elector may be eligible to vote in both municipalities. For example, a person listed as a resident elector in one municipality and a non-resident elector in another municipality is entitled to vote in each, provided they are not voting for the same office more than once. For example, School Board votes must be cast in the municipality where the elector resides.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS (SECTION 22)

The Clerk shall correct any obvious errors in the PLE prior to September 1, 2022 and notify the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). This notification can occur when the "Final List of Changes" to the Voters' List is sent to MPAC after the election (see the Final List of Changes section below). However, those changes affecting a ward and voting place designation, missing streets, buildings or subdivisions, should be forwarded to MPAC in time for inclusion in the September Exceptions files that MPAC provides. Notification to MPAC should be sent in an email to the municipality's Municipal Relations Rep.

The Clerk may use any Information that is in the municipality's custody or control when correcting the PLE for obvious errors [Section 22 (2) and (3)].

CERTIFICATION OF VOTERS' LIST (SECTION 23)

The corrected PLE becomes the Voters' List once it is reproduced and identified with a "Voters' List Cover Sheet" **Form TC15** on or before September 1, 2022.

The Clerk, may place in a local newspaper(s) on or before September 1, 2022 a "Notice of the Voters' List" **Form TC16** as attached and/or all Clerks in Middlesex County may place a joint notice in a newspaper having general circulation within Middlesex County, a "Notice of the Voters' List" (Middlesex County) **Form TC16A**.

REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF VOTERS' LIST [SECTION 23 (3), (4) and (5)]

Upon written request, but not until September 1, the Clerk shall give every candidate a copy of the part of the Voters' List that contains the names of the electors who are entitled to vote for that office. For example, if a candidate is running in Ward 2, they only receive the part of the Voters' List pertaining to Ward 2, not the entire Voters' List. Each candidate will be required to sign the "Declaration of Proper Use of the Voters' List" **Form EL14**.

The use of the Voters' List shall be in accordance with the "Policy for Use of the Voters' List" **Form TC17**.

ACCESS TO THE VOTERS' LIST [SECTION 23 and SUBSECTION 88(11)]

The legislation states that the Voters' List cannot be posted in a public place and can be used only for election purposes.

Due to MFIPPA, details about another person, other than the person an Election Official is speaking with, should not be provided, including whether or not the individual is on the Voters' List. The procedure, "Voters' List – Are you on the Voters' List?" **Form TC18** shall be used by Municipal Staff and Election Officials.

AMENDMENTS TO THE VOTERS' LIST [SECTION 24 & 25]

Application for Change of Own Name (Section 24)

An elector may make an application to amend their Information on the Voters' List using the prescribed Form "Application to Amend Voters' List" **Form EL15** and providing proof of identity and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*, between the 1st day of September, 2022 to the 23rd day of October, 2022 during normal hours and on the 24th day of October, 2022 until 8:00 p.m.

The "Voter – ID Requirements" **Form TC19** may be posted at the Municipal Office or any other location where Amendments to the Voters' List are made. In addition, it may be included in Information packages, posted on the municipal website, etc.

If the elector does not appear in person, a certified copy showing proof of ID and proof of residence/occupancy is required (e.g. for amendment to name, address changed, etc.).

****An elector can no longer remove a family member's name from the Voters' List, except in the case of a deceased person. See Removal of Deceased Person's Name **Form EL16**.**

Removal of Deceased Person's Name (Section 25)

The Clerk may remove a person's name from the Voters' List up to 8:00 p.m. on October 24th, 2022, if the Clerk is satisfied the person has died.

A person may make an application requesting that a deceased person's name be removed from the Voters' List by using the Form "Application for Removal of Deceased Person's Name from the Voters List" **Form EL16** and providing proof of identity and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*, between the 1st day of September, 2022 to the 23rd day of October, 2022 during normal hours and on the 24th day of October, 2022 until 8:00 p.m.

Number of Electors to Determine Candidates' Expenses

On, September 15th, 2022, determine the total number of electors on the Voters' List. This number will be necessary to calculate the "Estimated Maximum Campaign Expenses" **Form TC07A** and the "Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses" for the 2026 Municipal Election.

Amendments at Voter Help Centre

The Voter Help Centre shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Eligible electors who attend the Voter Help Centre and are not on the voters' list will be able to be added to the list by filling out a declaration Form and providing satisfactory identification.
 - i. Their names will be added to the voters' list and they will be assigned and receive a Voter Information Letter containing a PIN; and
 - ii. They will be able to vote at the Voter Help Centre if they so wish during the voting period.
- b. Verifying and re-issuing a Voter Information Letter to qualified voters:
 - i. Where a person on the voters' list has lost their Voter Information Letter or did not receive it in the mail, or does not have access to it, they can attend a Voter Help Centre in order to receive a new one. The authorized election official will disable the voter's lost Personal Identification Number (PIN) and electronically mark it in the system with the appropriate details. Upon providing satisfactory identification to election official, an oath shall be taken by the voter a new Voter Information Letter containing a new Personal Identification Number (PIN) shall be issued.
- c. Verifying and re-issuing a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to qualified voters:
 - i. Where a person on the voters' list has lost his or her Personal Identification Number (PIN), did not receive it in the mail, or does not have access to it, they can attend a Voter Help Centre in order to receive a new one. The authorized election official will disable the voter's lost Personal Identification Number (PIN) and electronically mark it in the system with the appropriate details. Upon providing satisfactory identification to a Voter Help Centre election official, as may be defined, a new Personal Identification Number (PIN) shall be issued

INTERIM LIST OF CHANGES [SECTION 27(1)]

The Clerk shall, during the period beginning on September 15th and ending on September 25th in the year of a regular election, prepare an "Interim List of Changes" **Form TC07** to the Voters' List. The Interim List of Changes shall be given to each person who received a copy of the Voters' List and to each certified candidate.

For the purpose of producing the Voter Information Letter by the supplier, the Interim List of Changes shall be prepared on or before September 15, 2022 (date provided by election supplier).

CERTIFICATION OF THE VOTERS' LIST [SECTION 28(1)]

The Clerk shall compile any changes to the Voters' List on the "Certificate of the Voters' List" **Form EL22** and certify the Voters' List for use in each voting place, if applicable.

FINAL LIST OF CHANGES [SECTION 27(2)]

The Clerk shall prepare the "Final List of Changes" **Form TC20** to the Voters' List by November 23, 2022. A certified copy of the Final List of Changes shall be sent to the MPAC together with a copy of the approved applications **Form EL15** and **Form EL16** .

For those who use a supplier to manage their Voters' List (e.g. DataFix), the Final List of Changes shall be provided to MPAC by November 23, 2022 by the supplier upon the Clerk's authorization.



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

VOTERS' LIST COVER SHEET

FOR THE YEAR
2022

This Voters' List was prepared in accordance with Section 23 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, S.O. 1996, C.32, as amended. In accordance with Section 88 (11), the Voters' List shall not be posted in a public place nor made available to the public in any other manner.

Electors should ensure that their names and relevant Information are correctly shown on the Voters' List.

A person may make an application to the Clerk requesting that their name be added to or removed from the Voters' List or that Information on the Voters' List relating to them be amended by completing and filing the prescribed Form available at the Office of the Clerk during regular office hours between September 1, 2022 to October 23, 2022 and to the close of voting on October 24, 2022. The application shall be in writing and shall be filed in person, or by mail, email or fax by the applicant or his/her agent. Proof of identity and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13* will be required of the applicant. If the applicant does not appear in person, a certified copy showing proof of ID and proof of residence/occupancy is required.

**NO PERSON SHALL USE ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE VOTERS' LIST
EXCEPT FOR ELECTION PURPOSES**

Tena Michiels
Returning Officer
MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2022 NOTICE OF THE VOTERS' LIST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, the list of all persons entitled to be electors for municipal elections in this municipality has been prepared by the Clerk's office.

As of September 1, 2022, all electors should ensure that their names and relevant Information are correct on the Voters' List.

A person may make an application to the Clerk requesting that their name be added to or removed from the Voters' List or that Information on the Voters' List relating to them be amended by completing and filing the prescribed Form available at:

**The Office of the Clerk
MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
4305 HAMILTON ROAD, DORCHESTER, ONTARIO, N0L 1G3**

during regular office hours between September 1, 2022 to October 23, 2022 and to the close of voting on October 24, 2022. The application shall be in writing and shall be filed in person, or by mail, email or fax by the applicant or his/her agent. Proof of identity and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13* will be required of the applicant. If the applicant does not appear in person, a certified copy showing proof of ID and proof of residence/occupancy is required.

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS

A person is entitled to vote in a municipal election if he or she on voting day,

- resides in the local municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- is a Canadian citizen, and
- is at least 18 years old, and
- is not prohibited from voting by law.

DATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

THIS ____ DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

CLERK

KEY INFORMATION TO MUNICIPAL ELECTORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE REGARDING THE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



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Who Can Vote?

A person is entitled to vote in a municipal election if he or she on voting day,

- resides in the local municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- is a Canadian citizen, and
- is at least 18 years old, and

is not prohibited from voting under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or otherwise prohibited by law

Who Cannot Vote?

The following cannot vote:

- a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in penal or correctional institution;
- a corporation;
- a person who was convicted of the corrupt practice described in subsection 90 (3), if voting in the current election is less than five years after voting day in the election in respect of which her or she was convicted.

Are You on the Voters' List?

Check early to see if you are listed as a voter on MPAC's [Voter Lookup](#) site. The List of eligible voters for the upcoming municipal election will be prepared by the Returning Officer/Clerk and can be checked at the municipal office.

As of September 1, 2022, all Voters should ensure that their names and relevant Information are correct on the Voters' List. To be added, deleted or to make any other corrections to your Information, contact or visit the municipal office where you are entitled to vote, with proper identification and proof of residence during normal office hours beginning September 1, 2022, up to and including the close of voting on October 24, 2022, at 8 p.m.

INTERNET/TELEPHONE VOTING

Electors in the municipalities of Thames Centre will be voting by internet and/or telephone, in the 2022 municipal election.



A Voter Information Letter will be mailed to you directly, in the month of October, providing you with a Personal Identification Number (PIN) which will allow you to vote 24 hours a day starting October 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. until October 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m., from any telephone or any device connected to the internet. If access to a telephone or internet connection is unavailable to you, a Voter Help Centre will be provided by your municipality with telephone and internet access during the voting period. Contact your municipality for Voter Help Centre locations and dates and times of operation. Proof of identity and residence is required in the following instances:

- when adding or deleting your name from the Voters' List
- when correcting your Information on the Voters' List
- when re-issuing, activating or deactivating a PIN
- when swearing an oath

Municipality of Thames Centre
Returning Officer-Tena Michiels
4305 Hamilton Road
Dorchester, Ontario N0L 1G3
(519-268-7334)
www.thamescentre.on.ca



DECLARATION OF PROPER USE OF THE VOTERS' LIST

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 23 (3), (4) and (5)]

I, _____, being a:
(Name)

☐ Candidate for the office of _____

OR

☐ a person entitled to a copy of the Voters' List pursuant to section 23 (3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, namely

hereby request the Clerk to provide me with the following Information when it becomes available:

☐ the Candidates module to view the list of electors as of September 28, 2022;

☐ a copy of the daily lists showing the name of each person who has 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* from using the Voters' List for commercial purposes.

Signature

Date



POLICY FOR 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 as per the attached Form 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 3 up to and including the close of voting on October 24, 2022, 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 2022 Municipal Election. All Voter Information obtained by the Candidate during the 2022 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.

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS VOTERS LIST – Are You on the List? Not for public use

Procedure

- The list is NOT available for public viewing at any time.
- Eligible electors can start asking if they are on the list as of September 4th (legislative)
- An elector can only ask about themselves, they cannot enquire about anyone else on the list, not even their spouse, DO NOT ever provide it
- Only the Clerk (Returning Officer), Deputy Clerk (Deputy Returning Officer), and Administrative Assistant (Election Assistant) have access to the Voters' List via VoterView
- When verifying Information, always ask the potential eligible elector to give you their birth date, mailing address, etc., DO NOT ever provide it to them

In Person

If a potential eligible elector comes into the Municipal Office:

- ask them for proof of identity and residence (see ID Requirements page)
- hold on to that piece of identity as you look up the potential eligible elector
- do not show them the screen at any time
- if you cannot find them in the system by searching their name, next search their qualifying address
- if they show up in the system, verify the following Information in VoterView:
 - birth date
 - citizenship
 - mailing address
 - school support (only a permanent resident can vote)
- refer them to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk:
 - if they do not show up in the system at all
 - if they show up in the system more than once
 - if they show up in the system and Information is missing or incorrect (ex. birth date, etc.)

Over the Phone

If a potential eligible elector calls in to the Municipal Office:

- ask them who they are
- look them up in the system
- if you cannot find them in the system by searching their name, next search their qualifying address

- ask them to provide their qualifying address, mailing address and birth date (if any of this Information is missing or incorrect, ask them to come into the Municipal Office with ID)
- if they have provided this Information correctly, **verify their citizenship and school support**
- ask them to come into the Municipal Office with ID:
 - if they do not show up in the system at all
 - if they show up in the system more than once
 - if they show up in the system and Information is missing or incorrect (ex. birth date, etc.)

Email and Fax

Elector cannot enquire via email or fax. Ask them to come in or to phone.

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 S.O. 1996, CHAPTER 32 SCHEDULE

17 (1) Repealed: 2002, c. 17, Sched. D, s. 5 (1).

Qualifications

- (2) A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if, on voting day, he or she,
- resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
 - is a Canadian citizen;
 - is at least 18 years old; and
 - is not prohibited from voting under subsection (3) or otherwise by law.

Persons prohibited from voting

- (3) The following are prohibited from voting:
1. A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
 2. A corporation.
 3. A person acting as executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy in accordance with section 44.
 4. A person who was convicted of the 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 he or she was convicted.

Status as tenant

- (4) Despite the definitions of “owner or tenant” and “tenant” in subsection 1 (1), a regulation may specify circumstances in which a person is, and is not, considered to be a tenant for the purposes of clause (2) (a).



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

INTERIM LIST OF CHANGES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 27(1) (a)]

Municipality of Thames Centre

Ward No. (if any)	
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I hereby certify that the following revisions, as attached, were made to the Voters' List for this Municipality.

DATED THIS ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Municipal Clerk

NOTE:

This Form is the cover sheet for the Interim List of Changes. Information should be the same as appears on the Voters' List with the addition of a column indicating D = Deletion, A = Addition, C = Correction.



CERTIFICATE OF VOTERS' LIST

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.28(1)

I hereby certify that the attached Voters' List contains the names of persons entitled to vote at the Municipal Elections to be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, for the voting subdivision(s) set out below:

**Municipality of Thames Centre
Wards 1, 2, 3**

Dated this 15th day of September, 2022.

Municipal Clerk

NOTE: The Voters' List for use in the Voting Subdivision should be prepared as late as possible so that as many revisions made to the list can be included. Clerks may choose to create this list from a computer data base.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

FINAL LIST OF CHANGES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 27(2)]

Municipality of Thames Centre

Ward No. (if any)

Voting Subdivision (one or more)

I hereby certify that the following additions were made to the Voters' List for this Municipality.

C = correction D = deletion A = addition	ELECTOR	ELECTOR STATUS			QUALIFYING ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS

DATED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2022.

Municipal Clerk**NOTE:**

Be sure to include all additions made by the Deputy Returning Officers at the voting place on voting day (provided the Clerk has delegated this function to the DRO's). This list is to be prepared by the date fixed by the Minister of Finance under the *Assessment Act*.

Check only one

- ☐ **add** applicant's name to list
- ☐ **correct** applicant's Information on list
- ☐ **delete** applicant's name from list ((☐ deceased ☐ moved ☐ other)

School Support

- ☐ Applicant is Roman Catholic (includes Greek & Ukrainian Catholics)
- ☐ Applicant has French Language Education Rights

Applicant wishes to be an elector for the following school board

- ☐ English-Public (anyone can support English-Public)
- ☐ English-Separate (must be Roman Catholic)
- ☐ French-Public (must have French Language Education Rights)
- ☐ French-Separate (must be Roman Catholic & have French Language Education Rights)

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Canadian citizen, that I have attained the age of eighteen (18) on or before Voting Day, and that on Voting Day, I am entitled to be an elector in accordance with the facts or Information submitted on this Form, and that I understand the effect thereof. I hereby apply to have my name included or amendments made on the Voters' List in accordance with such facts or Information.

Signature of Applicant

Date

This Information is collected under authority of s.17, s.24 and s.25 of the *Municipal Elections Act* and s.15 and s.16 of the *Assessment Act* and will be used to determine voter eligibility.

Certificate of Approval (to be completed by Clerk or designate)

☐ Approved

I hereby certify that the Voter's List for said voting subdivision in this municipality shall be amended in accordance with the statement of facts or Information contained herein.

Signature of clerk or delegate

Date

☐ Refused (state reason)

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE
Application to Amend Voters' List – Form EL15

Please check only ONE box to indicate the purpose of the Form:

ADD applicant's name to list,
CORRECT applicant's name on list, or
DELETE applicant's name from list (moved, other)

Ensure the Applicant Completes the Following Information:

- ✓ Full name (last, first, middle)
- ✓ Date of birth (year, month, day)
- ✓ Indicate if it is a commercial property (check box if yes)
- ✓ Qualifying address on voting day (**including apt # if applicable**)
 - this is the property address where the person wants to be added on the voters' list
- ✓ Previous qualifying address (if the person has moved in the past 4 years)
 - ensures their name was removed from their previous property
- ✓ Indicate if applicant is occupying **only a portion of a house** (i.e.: basement apartment, 2nd floor, rear apartment etc.)
 - these properties tend to have multiple units / households
- ✓ Current mailing address of applicant (if different from the qualifying address)
- ✓ Indicate whether the applicant is an owner, tenant, spouse of an owner / tenant, other (i.e.: child) or the name is unqualified (for removal of a name)
- ✓ Ward number
- ✓ School support & school board
- ✓ Sign & date the Form

School Support:

A person **must be** Roman Catholic to support the Separate School Board

- Includes Greek and Ukrainian Catholics

A person **must have** French Language Education Rights to support a French School Board

If a person does not indicate they are Roman Catholic or have French Language Education rights **the only school board they can support is English-Public.**

Important Reminders:

All addresses for apartments need the unit number or apartment location (i.e.: basement, upper, rear, 2nd floor etc.) or the name cannot be added to the property.

All Forms must be signed and dated by the applicant.

Items to be Completed by Municipal Staff:

Roll Number:

The roll number **must** be included on every EL15 Form submitted to MPAC.

A roll number is a unique identifier of a property / unit. It consists of 19 digits and should look like 1234-567-890-1234-0000.

- the first 4 digits are the municipality;
- the next 10 digits describe the location of the property and;
- the last 4 digits indicate the unit on the property (i.e. an apartment unit will be something other than '0000').

THE FINAL STEP PRIOR TO SUBMITTING FORM TO MPAC:

Please ensure all Forms are signed and dated by the applicant.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL (to be completed by Clerk or designate)

Please check APPROVED or REFUSED

Sign and date the Form.



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

(Prepare in triplicate)

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF DECEASED PERSONS NAME FROM VOTERS' LIST

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 25 (2), (3), (4)]

Municipality		
Surname of Applicant		Given Names
Full Address of Residence	Apt #	Postal Code

IN RESPECT OF

Name as Entered in Voters' List		
Full Address of Residence	Apt #	Postal Code

ENTERED ON LIST FOR

Ward No. (if any)	Voting Subdivision No. (if any)	Assessment Roll Number (to be completed by Clerk or designated election official)
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I, the undersigned, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the contents of this Form as completed by me are true.

Signature of Applicant

Date Signed

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE 2022 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

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGNING AND CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGNING AND CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING (SECTION 88.3)

Campaigning, including campaign advertising, are permitted no earlier than the filing of Nomination Papers by the Candidate unless otherwise stated in the local municipal by-law.

Candidate campaign advertising means an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting or supporting the election of a Candidate. Examples include, lawn signs, brochures, posters, print, radio and electronic ads, etc.)

All candidate campaign advertising shall identify the Candidate by name, as it appears on the Nomination Form.

All Candidates shall provide the following Information to a broadcaster or publisher in writing:

- the name of the Candidate.
- the name, business address and telephone number of the individual who deals with the broadcaster or publisher under the direction of the Candidate.

Information contained in/on all campaign material is the responsibility of the Candidate and any questions or concerns should be directed to the Candidate.

Municipal Employee Communication with Candidates

Municipal Staff shall adhere to the Employee Code of Conduct (May 2016) with respect to political activity. Municipal staff should be aware that assisting with or having any involvement in municipal election campaigns may be perceived by the public as a conflict of interest.

Municipal Staff, including full-time, part-time, and contract employees shall:

- a. Behave in a manner that is impartial, fair and unbiased towards all registered candidates and third parties;
- b. Consult with their direct Supervisor prior to agreeing to perform any task requested by a member of Council or its local boards, registered candidate, or third party that exceeds their normal duties or could be construed as contributing to an election campaign;
- c. Not rent any corporate facility/property for any municipal election related purpose to members of Council, candidates, or third parties during any day that voting is taking place anywhere on the property;
- d. Request and obtain a leave of absence without pay should they wish to run for federal, provincial or municipal office and abide by the respective legislation governing such elections.

Campaigning and Campaign Advertising Municipally Owned/Leased Facilities

Election campaigning or the distribution/posting of election campaign advertising at municipally-owned or leased facilities is not permitted.

The use of corporate resources is not permitted by Candidates for election purposes (e.g. staff, municipal logo, electronic devices, supplies, candidate photos taken in/on municipal property, etc.).

Candidates are prohibited from offering electronic equipment to electors to vote (e.g. cell phone, laptop).

Candidates are prohibited from verifying whether an elector appears on the Voters' List or not, to the elector or any other person. Questions should be directed to the Clerk.

See Use of Corporate Resources Policy for more Information.

The purpose of the Use of Corporate Resources Policy is to ensure that the Municipality's operations, events, and facilities are not used for political purposes and are not used for election campaign related purposes/ activities.

A copy of the Use of Corporate Resource Policy will be included in the Nomination Package.

Election Signs

Election signs must follow election sign regulations of the Municipality of Thames Centre and the County of Middlesex.

Thames Centre Sign Regulations

The Municipality of Thames Centre regulates the placement of election signs on municipal roads and intersections (excluding Middlesex County Roads).

Below excerpt from ***Municipality of Thames Centre Sign By-law No. 19-2018.***

20.1 Election Signs

- a. For this Section the following definitions apply:

Municipal Clerk means the Clerk of the Municipality of Thames Centre or a person delegated by them.

Voting Centre means a location provide by the Municipality of Thames Centre to assist electors with the voting process or general election inquiries and known as the "Voter Help Centre".

Writ of Election means the date as defined in the Canada Elections Act and the Elections Act (Ontario).

- b. No person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an Election Sign or permit an Election Sign to be affixed, erected or otherwise displayed:
- i. that is illuminated except an Election Sign promoting a Candidate on a Campaign Office or a Billboard;
 - ii. on municipal property; including but not limited to Municipal Office, Community Centres, Municipal Cemeteries, Fire Stations, and Ambulance Station;
 - iii. on road allowances immediately adjacent to the Municipal Office, Community Centres, Municipal Cemeteries, Fire Stations, Ambulance Station, and the Operations Centre;
 - iv. on any property designated parkland or road allowance abutting property designated parkland;
 - v. on a tree, or a fence, or a wall, or a gate, or a utility pole located on public property or a street;
 - vi. on any official sign or official sign structure;
 - vii. within a sight triangle;
 - viii. on private property or on the road allowance directly abutting the private property without the owner's consent;
 - ix. Less than 3 metres from a crosswalk;
 - x. within 10 metres of another Election Sign of the same Candidate; and
 - xi. at any location where the Election Sign:
 - obstructs the view of any pedestrian or driver of a motor vehicle, or obstructs the visibility of any traffic sign or device, or where it could interfere with vehicular traffic so that it could endanger any person;
 - impedes or obstructs the passage of pedestrians on a sidewalk;
 - impedes or obstructs the Municipality's maintenance operations;
 - impedes or obstructs any required fire escape, fire exit, door, window, etc., or so as to prevent or impede access of firefighters to any part of a building; and
 - constitutes a danger or hazard to the general public.
- c. No person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an Election Sign or permit an Election Sign to be erected, affixed, or otherwise displayed for a federal or provincial election or by-election than the day the Writ of Election or by-election is issued.
- d. No person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an Election Sign or permit an Election Sign to be erected, affixed, or otherwise displayed for a municipal election

until a Candidate has filed all required documents and paid the required fee in support of their candidacy for municipal office. This includes Election Signs to be affixed, erected or otherwise displayed on a Campaign Office.

- e. No person shall display on any Election Sign a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the Municipality.
- f. An Election Sign shall not exceed a maximum sign area of more than 1.5 square metres (16.1 square feet) with the exception of those promoting a Candidate on a campaign office or a billboard.
- g. No person shall display on any Election Sign a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the Municipality.
- h. No person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an Election Sign on the property whereupon a Voting Centre is situated.
- i. No person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an Election Sign in or on a vehicle that is parked on the property of any premise whereupon a Voting Centre is situated.
- j. An Election Sign which is a fascia sign may be affixed to the face of the building or building unit which is used as a Candidate's campaign headquarters provided such fascia sign complies with the provisions of the Sign By-law for a fascia sign.
- k. The Municipal Clerk and/or Enforcement Officer may remove an Election Sign erected in contravention of this by-law without notice.
- l. Any person that has been requested to remove an Election Sign by the Municipality, must remove the sign within twelve (12) hours. If the sign is not removed within the required timeframe, the Municipality reserves the right to remove the sign without any further notice to the person.
- m. All Election Signs shall be removed within seventy-two (72) hours immediately following 11:59 p.m. of the day of the election. If an Election Sign is not removed within the required timeframe, the Municipality reserves the right to remove the sign without any further notice to the Candidate.
- n. The Municipality reserves the right to dispose of any Election Sign that has been removed, as per k., l., and m. above, and not claimed and retrieved by the Candidate, persons, or Owner. The Election Sign will be disposed of within seven (7) days following the removal of the sign by the Municipality.

Middlesex County Sign Regulations

The County of Middlesex regulates the placement of election signs on municipal roads and intersections under their jurisdiction.

Excerpts from Middlesex County Sign By-law No. 6272:

ELECTION SIGNS:

- 3(a) A temporary sign (which includes election signs) shall be a sign or notice of temporary nature which shall not exceed 1.2 metres (3.9') by 2.4 metres (7.9') in size.
- 3(e) Election signs may be erected on the right-of-way or adjacent to a County Road, providing:
- (1) They are not placed closer to the travelled portion of the highway than the outer extremity of the shoulder and do not interfere with official signs, traffic signals, or other safety devices. Should the extremity of the shoulder be difficult to determine, it shall be up to the County Engineer to specify its location on any particular County Road.
 - (2) Election signs are not to be affixed to any permanent or official County sign or support, guide rail or other County structure or facility.
 - (3) Mobile Trailer type read-o-graph signs are prohibited on the right-of-way of a County road. Such read-o-graph signs may be utilized providing they are erected on private property and meet the requirements of the Local Municipality for Mobile Trailer type read-of-graph signing.
 - (4) Election signs shall be removed within 24 hours after the election date.

Posters or similar campaign advertising that will be installed or affixed to poles belonging to Hydro One Network, Bell Canada or other public utilities will require the permission of these respective approving authorities.

The investigation or prosecution for any acts of vandalism to campaign advertising of the candidates should be referred to the local police force by the complainant. The municipality or any of its municipal servants, employees or agents will not be responsible.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS (SECTION 88.7)

If a municipality is satisfied that there has been a contravention of section 88.3 (candidates' election campaign advertisements), 88.4 (third party advertisements) or 88.5 (mandatory Information in third party advertisements), the municipality may require a person who the municipality reasonably believes contravened the section or caused or permitted the contravention, or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred, to remove the advertisement or discontinue the advertising.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

BROADCASTER/PUBLISHER INFORMATION SHEET CANDIDATE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Sections 88.3)

88.3 (1) In this section,

“election campaign advertisement” means an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting or supporting the election of a candidate. 2016, c. 15, s. 47.

Mandatory Information in advertisement

(2) An election campaign advertisement purchased by or under the direction of a candidate shall identify the candidate. 2016, c. 15, s. 47.

Mandatory Information for broadcaster, etc.

(3) A candidate shall not cause an election campaign advertisement to appear unless he or she provides the following Information to the broadcaster or publisher in writing:

1. The name of the candidate.
2. The name, business address and telephone number of the individual who deals with the broadcaster or publisher under the direction of the candidate. 2016, c. 15, s. 47.

Prohibition, broadcaster or publisher

(4) No broadcaster or publisher shall cause an election campaign advertisement to appear if the Information set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection (3) has not been provided. 2016, c. 15, s. 47.

Records

(5) The broadcaster or publisher of an election campaign advertisement shall maintain records containing the following Information for a period of four years after the date the advertisement appears and shall permit the public to inspect the records during normal business hours:

1. The Information provided under subsection (3).
2. A copy of the advertisement, or the means of reproducing it for inspection.
3. A statement of the charge made for its appearance. 2016, c. 15, s. 47.

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES

CONTRIBUTIONS

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. Confusing go to ministry slides for this

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 candidate's 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.

The Clerk shall provide the "Contributions to Registered Candidates" **FORM TC10A** at the time of filing.

FUNDRAISING FOR CANDIDATES (SECTION 88.10)

A fund-raising function shall not be held for a person who is not a candidate.

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

WHAT CONSTITUTES A CONTRIBUTION (SECTION 88.15)

For the purposes of this Act, money, goods and services given to and accepted by a person for his or her election campaign, or given to and accepted by, another person who is acting under the person's direction, are contributions.

Contributions:

In addition to the statement above [88.15 (1)]:

- An amount charged for admission to a fund-raising function.
- If goods and services are sold for more than their market value at a fund-raising function, the difference between the amount paid and the market value. However, if **the amount received for the goods or services is \$25 or less, the amount is not a contribution.**
- If goods and services used in the person's election campaign or in relation to third party advertisements are purchased for less than their market value, the difference between the market value and the amount paid.
- Any unpaid but guaranteed balance in respect of a loan under section 88.17 (Campaign Account Loans).

Not Contributions:

In addition to the statement above [88.15 (1)]:

- The value of services provided by voluntary unpaid labour.
- The value of services provided voluntarily, under the direction of the person or the individual, corporation or trade union, by an employee whose compensation from all sources for providing the services does not exceed the compensation the employee would normally receive for the period the services are provided.
- An amount of \$25 or less that is donated at a fund-raising function.

- The amount received for goods and services sold at a fund-raising function, if the amount is \$25 or less.
- The amount of a loan under section 88.17 (Campaign Account Loans).
- For a person referred to in 88.15 (1), the value of political advertising provided without charge on a broadcasting undertaking as defined in section 2 of the *Broadcasting Act* (Canada), if,
 - it is provided in accordance with that Act and the regulations and guidelines made under it, and
 - it is provided equally to all candidates for office on the particular council or local board.

Value of Goods and Services

The value of goods and services provided as a contribution is,

- (a) if the contributor is in the business of supplying these goods and services, the lowest amount the contributor charges the general public in the same market area for similar goods and services provided at or about the same time;
- (b) if the contributor is not in the business of supplying these goods and services, the lowest amount a business providing similar goods or services charges the general public for them in the same market area at or about the same time.

RESTRICTION: USE OF OWN MONEY (SECTION 88.16)

A contributor shall not make a contribution of money that does not belong to the contributor.

However, this does not apply to the personal representative of a deceased person whose will directs that a contribution be made to a named candidate or a registered third party, as the case may be, out of the funds of the estate.

CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT LOANS (SECTION 88.17)

A candidate and his or her spouse may obtain a loan only from a bank or other recognized lending institution in Ontario, to be paid directly into the candidate's campaign account. Only the candidate and his or her spouse may guarantee a loan.

EXPENSES

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN EXPENSE (SECTION 88.19)

Costs incurred for goods or services by or under the direction of a person wholly or partly for use in his or her election campaign are expenses.

Without restricting the generality of 88.19 (1), the following amounts are expenses:

- The replacement value of goods retained by the person from any previous election in the municipality and used in the current election.
- The value of contributions of goods and services.
- Audit and accounting fees.
- Interest on loans under section 88.17 (Campaign Account Loans).
- The cost of holding fund-raising functions.
- The cost of holding parties and making other expressions of appreciation after the close of voting.
- For a candidate, expenses relating to a recount or a proceeding under section 83 (Controverted Elections).
- Expenses relating to a compliance audit.
- Expenses that are incurred by a candidate with a disability, are directly related to the disability, and would not have been incurred but for the election to which the expenses relate.
- The cost of election campaign advertisements (within the meaning of section 88.3).

For greater certainty, the cost of holding fund-raising functions does not include costs related to,

- events or activities that are organized for such purposes as promoting public awareness of a candidate and at which the soliciting of contributions is incidental; or
- promotional materials in which the soliciting of contributions is incidental.

In the following circumstances, a candidate's expenses for the 2022 regular election that are described in 88.19 (3) paragraphs 7 and 8 may include his or her expenses as a candidate in the 2018 regular election for an office on the same council or local board:

1. The circumstances described in paragraph 4 of subsection 88.24 (1) (deficit).
2. The circumstances described in paragraph 5 of subsection 88.24 (1) (expenses relating to a recount, etc.).

CANDIDATES' EXPENSES (88.20)

An expense shall not be incurred by or under the direction of a person unless he or she is a candidate.

Only during campaign period

An expense shall not be incurred by or under the direction of a candidate outside his or her election campaign period.

Exception, auditor's report

Despite 88.20 (2) (Only During Campaign Period), a candidate whose election campaign period ends as described in paragraph 2, 3 or 4 of subsection 88.24 (1) (Election Campaign Period for Candidates) may incur expenses related to the preparation of an auditor's report under section 88.25 (Candidates' Financial Statements, etc.) after the campaign period has ended.

For greater certainty, expenses, including audit and accounting fees, related to the preparation of an auditor's report after the campaign period has ended constitute campaign expenses.

Who may incur expense

An expense may only be incurred by a candidate or an individual acting under the candidate's direction.

Maximum amount

During the period that begins on the day a Candidate is nominated and ends on Voting Day, his or her expenses shall not exceed an amount calculated in accordance with the prescribed Formula.

A Candidate shall be provided with the maximum campaign expenses amount upon filing of his or her Nomination Papers (see Nominations section of this manual).

Maximum amount for parties, etc., after voting day

The expenses of a candidate that are for the holding of parties and making other expressions of appreciation after the close of voting shall not exceed an amount calculated in accordance with the prescribed Formula.

The Formula that is prescribed, must be written so that the amount calculated under it varies based on the maximum amount determined under 88.20 (6) (Maximum Amount) for the office for which the candidate is nominated.

DUTIES OF CANDIDATES (SECTION 88.22)

The Clerk shall provide the "Duties of Candidates" **FORM TC11A** at the time of filing.



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.

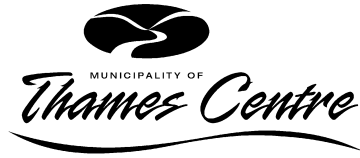
A contribution of money that exceeds \$25 shall not be contributed in the Form of cash and shall be contributed in a manner that associates the contributor's name and account with the payment or by money order signed by the contributor.

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
 - (v) 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 (a) above.

Contributions paid to clerk

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

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISER

A Third Party Advertiser means an individual who is normally resident in Ontario, a corporation that carries on business in Ontario or a trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario, and who's Notice of Registration for Third Party Advertiser has been certified by the Clerk.

Third party advertising does not include issues-based advertising so groups that do public outreach can continue their issued-based advocacy work throughout the municipal election period.

ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION [SECTION 88.6 (4), (5) AND (6)]

Registration shall be restricted to the following persons and entities:

- 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 following persons and entities are deemed ineligible to register:

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

A Candidate whose nomination has been filed shall not direct any third party advertisements.

FILING THE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION [SECTION 88.6 (2), (7) AND (13)]

"Notice for Registration" **PR FORM 7** shall be filed with the Clerk from the first business day of May in 2022 (first day for filing Nominations) to Friday, October 21, 2022 (the Friday before voting day) during regular office hours in the following manner:

- in person or by an agent
- no faxed or other electronically transmitted registration notices will be accepted – original signatures required
- with proof of identity as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*, as amended
- with the declaration of qualification, signed by the individual or by a representative of the corporation or trade union
- a resolution from the corporation or trade union that authorizes the person or agent to register on their behalf, if applicable

The Clerk shall administer the Declaration of Qualifications on the "Notice for Registration" **PR FORM 7** and the "Declaration of Qualifications – Third Party Advertiser" **Form TC06B** oaths to the individual or to the representative of the corporation or trade union. The date and time of filing are to be filled in by the Clerk and initialled by the individual or by a representative of the corporation or trade union. The Clerk will then sign the Notice for

Registration and Declaration of Qualifications.

For registrations for a By-Election, refer to Section 88.6 (8) to (12).

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM THIRD PARTY EXPENSES [SECTION 88.21 (15)]

The Clerk shall calculate the estimated maximum third party expenses for registered third parties on the “Estimated Maximum Third Party Expenses” **Form TC08A** and provide a copy to the individual filing the registration. The Clerk’s calculation is final.

NOTICE OF PENALTIES [Section 88.29 (7)]

The Clerk shall, at least 30 days before the filing date, provide a notice of the penalties on the “Notice of Penalties – Registered Third Parties” **Form TC12B** to every Registered Third Party that registered in the municipality.

FINAL CALCULATION OF THIRD PARTY EXPENSES [SECTION 88.21 (11) to (17)]

The Clerk shall, after determining from the number of eligible electors from the Voters’ List, calculate the maximum amount of third party expenses that each registered third party may incur and prepare a “Certificate of Maximum Third Party Expenses” **Form EL51A**. The certificate shall be given to each individual that filed a Notice of Registration for Third Party Advertising in the case of a regular election, on or before September 25, 2022; and in the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the Clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4) or subparagraph 3 ii of subsection 65 (5).

The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

- the number determined from the Voters’ List from the previous regular election, as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2018 election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- the number determined from the Voters’ List for the current election as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes under Section 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day. [Section 88.21 (11)]

The Clerk's calculation is final and shall be made in accordance with the prescribed Formula in *Ontario Regulation 101/97*.

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE OF REGISTRATION [SECTION 88.6 (13) and (14)]

The Clerk will do a review of each notice received to determine qualification and if the notice complies with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Once satisfied the third party is qualified, the Clerk will complete the “Certification by Clerk” section on the “Notice for Registration” **PR FORM 7**. If not satisfied the Clerk shall reject the notice. The Clerk’s decision is final.

ADVERTISEMENTS (SECTION 88.4, 88.5)

Restricted Period and Expenses

The Restricted Period for Third Party Advertisements begins on the earliest day that an

individual, corporation or trade union is permitted to file a notice of registration as a registered third party (first business day in May) and ends at the close of voting on Voting Day.

Third Parties must do the following during the Restricted Period:

- file notice of registration and have it certified by the Clerk;
- once registered, advertise; and
- once registered, incur expenses related to the advertisement.

The expenses for these advertisements cannot exceed the amount calculated under Section 88.21 (registered third parties' expenses).

Mandatory Information in Advertisements

All Third Party Advertisements shall contain the following Information:

- the name of the registered third party
- the municipality where the registered third party is registered;
- a telephone number, mailing address or email address at which the registered third party may be contacted regarding the advertisement.

Mandatory Information for Broadcaster, etc.

All Registered Third Parties shall provide the following Information to a broadcaster or publisher in writing:

- the name of the registered third party;
- the name, business address and telephone number of the individual who deals with the broadcaster or publisher under the direction of the registered third party;
- the municipality where the registered third party is registered.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS (SECTION 88.7)

If a municipality is satisfied that there has been a contravention of section 88.3 (candidates' election campaign advertisements), 88.4 (third party advertisements) or 88.5 (mandatory Information in third party advertisements), the municipality may require a person who the municipality reasonably believes contravened the section or caused or permitted the contravention, or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred, to remove the advertisement or discontinue the advertising.

LIST OF REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES [SECTION 88.12 (9) and (10)]

A list of registered third parties shall be posted using the "Official List of Registered Third Parties" **FORM TC14**, as a minimum, on the website and may also include the phone number and email address provided by the registered third party in the notice of registration filed and, if applicable, a hyperlink to the website of the registered third party.

DUTIES OF REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES (SECTION 88.26)

The Clerk shall provide the "Duties of Registered Third Parties" **FORM SWM61** at the time of filing.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

BROADCASTER/PUBLISHER INFORMATION SHEET THIRD PARTY ADVERTISER

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Sections 88.5)

Mandatory Information in third party advertisements

88.5 (1) No registered third party shall cause a third party advertisement to appear during the restricted period unless the advertisement contains the following Information:

1. The name of the registered third party.
2. The municipality where the registered third party is registered.
3. A telephone number, mailing address or email address at which the registered third party may be contacted regarding the advertisement. 2016, c. 15, s. 48.

Mandatory Information for broadcaster, etc.

(2) A registered third party shall not cause a third party advertisement to appear during the restricted period unless he, she or it provides the following Information to the broadcaster or publisher in writing:

1. The name of the registered third party.
2. The name, business address and telephone number of the individual who deals with the broadcaster or publisher under the direction of the registered third party.
3. The municipality where the registered third party is registered. 2016, c. 15, s. 48.

Prohibition, broadcaster or publisher

(3) No broadcaster or publisher shall cause a third party advertisement to appear during the restricted period if the Information set out in paragraphs 1 to 3 of subsection (2) has not been provided. 2016, c. 15, s. 48.

Records

(4) The broadcaster or publisher of a third party advertisement shall maintain records containing the following Information for a period of four years after the date the advertisement appears and shall permit the public to inspect the records during normal business hours:

1. The Information provided under subsection (2).
2. A copy of the advertisement, or the means of reproducing it for inspection.
3. A statement of the charge made for its appearance. 2016, c. 15, s. 48.

**MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS
THIRD PARTY ADVERTISER**

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 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 Thames Centre)

This _____ day of _____, 2022

(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 Thames Centre) until the next municipal election. Questions about this collection of personal Information should be directed to Clerk or designate.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM THIRD PARTY EXPENSES*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 88.21]*

TO:

/	
(Name of Third Party)	(Name of Representative)
(Address)	(Postal Code)

I hereby certify that the estimated maximum third party expenses that a registered third party is permitted to incur in the Municipal Election to be held October 24, 2022, is **\$XXXXX**

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

The Clerk shall give the individual filing a Notice of Registration for Third Party Advertising a Preliminary Calculation of the estimated maximum third party expenses at the time of filing, based upon the number of electors on the Voters' List as of Nomination Day for the 2018 election. [Section 88.21 (13)(a)]

On or before September 25, 2022; and in the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4) or subparagraph 3 ii of subsection 65 (5), the Clerk shall give a Final Calculation of the applicable maximum third party expenses to each individual that filed a Notice of Registration for Third Party Advertising. The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

- the number determined from the Voters' List from the previous regular election, as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2018 election, adjusted for changes made under Sections 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- the number determined from the Voters' List for the current election, as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes made under Sections 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day [Section 88.21(11)]

* *Formula for calculation provided in Ontario Regulation 101/97.*

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE NOTICE OF PENALTIES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [Section 88.29 (7)]

TO:

<div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">/</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 5px 0;"> (Name of Individual, Corporation or Trade Union) (Name of Individual Who Registered) </div>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div>(Address)</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div>(Postal Code)</div>

EFFECT OF DEFAULT BY REGISTERED THIRD PARTY [88.27 (1)]

TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGISTERED THIRD PARTY SHALL, subject to subsection 88.27 (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

OFFENCES [92 (4)]

TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGISTERED THIRD PARTY SHALL be 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.

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

The Clerk shall, at least 30 days before the filing date, give to each third party that registered in the municipality notice of the penalties under subsections 88.27 (1) and 92 (4) related to third party advertisements.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
MAXIMUM THIRD PARTY EXPENSES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 88.21]

TO:

<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>	/	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>
(Name of Third Party)		(Name of Representative)
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>		
(Address)		(Postal Code)

I hereby certify that the maximum third party expenses that a registered third party is permitted to incur in the Municipal Election to be held October 24, 2022, is

_____ *

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

On or before September 25, 2022; and in the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the Clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4) or subparagraph 3 ii of subsection 65 (5), the Clerk shall give a Final Calculation of the applicable maximum third party expenses to each individual that filed a Notice of Registration for Third Party Advertising. The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

- the number determined from the Voters' List from the previous regular election, as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2018 election, adjusted for changes made under Sections 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day;
- the number determined from the Voters' List for the current election, as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes made under Sections 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day [Section 88.21(11)]

* *Formula for calculation provided in Ontario Regulation 101/97.*

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

MAXIMUM THIRD PARTY EXPENSES FOR PARTIES ETC.*Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [s. 88.21(9)]*

TO:

_____ / _____ (Name of Third Party) (Name of Representative)	
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)

I hereby certify that the maximum amount of expenses for parties, etc. that a registered third party is permitted to incur in the Municipal Election to be held October 24, 2022, is

_____ *

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

In accordance with MEA, s.88.21(9), 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 Voter's List as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2018 municipal election.

On or before September 25, 2022, and in the case of a by-election, within 10 days after the Clerk makes the corrections under subparagraph 4 iii of subsection 65 (4) or subparagraph 3 ii of subsection 65 (5), the Clerk shall give a Final Calculation of the applicable maximum third party expenses to each individual that filed a Notice of Registration for Third Party Advertising. The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the following:

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- the number determined from the Voters' List for the current election, as it exists on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes made under Sections 24 and 25 that were approved as of that day [Section 88.21(11)]

* Formula for calculation provided in Ontario Regulation 101/97.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE DUTIES OF REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES

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 TO AND EXPENSES OF REGISTERED THIRD PARTY

CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES [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 restriction 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 (6) 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 PARTIES (SECTION 88.13)

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

- \$1,200 to a registered third party that appears 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.

The Clerk shall provide the “Contributions to Registered Third Parties **Form TC10B**” at the time of filing.

FUND-RAISING FOR REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES (SECTION 88.14)

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.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A CONTRIBUTION (SECTION 88.15)

Money, goods and services given to and accepted by an individual, corporation or trade union in relation to third party advertisements, or given to and accepted by another person who is acting under the direction of the individual, corporation or trade union, are contributions.

Contributions:

In addition to the statement above [88.15 (3)]:

- An amount charged for admission to a fund-raising function.
- If goods and services are sold for more than their market value at a fund-raising function, the difference between the amount paid and the market value. However, if the amount received for the goods or services is \$25 or less, the amount is not a contribution.
- If goods and services used in the person’s election campaign or in relation to third party advertisements are purchased for less than their market value, the difference between the market value and the amount paid.
- Any unpaid but guaranteed balance in respect of a loan under section 88.17 (Campaign Account Loans).

Not Contributions:

In addition to the statement above [88.15 (4)]:

- The value of services provided by voluntary unpaid labour.
- The value of services provided voluntarily, under the direction of the person or the individual, corporation or trade union, by an employee whose compensation from all sources for providing the services does not exceed the compensation the employee would normally receive for the period the services are provided.
- An amount of \$25 or less that is donated at a fund-raising function.
- The amount received for goods and services sold at a fund-raising function, if the amount is \$25 or less.
- The amount of a loan under section 88.17 (Campaign Account Loans).
- For a person referred to in 88.15 (1), the value of political advertising provided without charge on a broadcasting undertaking as defined in section 2 of the *Broadcasting Act* (Canada), if,
 - it is provided in accordance with that Act and the regulations and guidelines made under it, and
 - it is provided equally to all candidates for office on the particular council or local board.

Value of Goods and Services

The value of goods and services provided as a contribution is,

- (a) if the contributor is in the business of supplying these goods and services, the lowest amount the contributor charges the general public in the same market area for similar goods and services provided at or about the same time;
- (b) if the contributor is not in the business of supplying these goods and services, the lowest amount a business providing similar goods or services charges the general public for them in the same market area at or about the same time.

RESTRICTION: USE OF OWN MONEY (SECTION 88.16)

A contributor shall not make a contribution of money that does not belong to the contributor.

However, this does not apply to the personal representative of a deceased person whose will directs that a contribution be made to a named candidate or a registered third party, as the case may be, out of the funds of the estate.

CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT LOANS (SECTION 88.17)

A registered third party and, in the case of an individual, his or her spouse, may obtain a loan in relation to third party advertisements only from a bank or other recognized lending institution in Ontario, to be paid directly into the campaign account. Only the registered third party and, in the case of an individual, his or her spouse may guarantee a loan.

EXPENSES

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN EXPENSE (SECTION 88.19)

Costs incurred by or under the direction of an individual, corporation or trade union for goods or services for use wholly or partly in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in a municipality are expenses.

Without restricting the generality of 88.19 (3), the following amounts are expenses:

- The replacement value of goods retained by the individual, corporation or trade union from any previous election in the municipality and used in the current election.
- The value of contributions of goods and services.
- Audit and accounting fees.
- Interest on loans under section 88.17 (Campaign Account Loans).
- The cost of holding fund-raising functions.
- The cost of holding parties and making other expressions of appreciation after the close of voting.
- Expenses relating to a compliance audit.
- Expenses that are incurred by a registered third party who is an individual with a disability, are directly related to the disability, and would not have been incurred but for the election to which the expenses relate.
- The cost of third party advertisements (within the meaning of section 88.3).

For greater certainty, the cost of holding fund-raising functions does not include costs related to,

- events or activities that are organized for such purposes as promoting public awareness of a candidate and at which the soliciting of contributions is incidental; or
- promotional materials in which the soliciting of contributions is incidental.

REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES' EXPENSES (88.21)

An expense shall not be incurred by or under the direction of an individual, corporation or trade union in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in a municipality unless he, she or it is a registered third party in the municipality.

Only during campaign period

An expense shall not be incurred by or under the direction of a registered third party in relation to third party advertisements outside the campaign period for the registered third party in relation to the election in the municipality.

Exception, auditor's report

Despite subsection 88.21 (2) (Only During Campaign Period), a registered third party whose campaign period in relation to an election in a municipality ends as described in paragraph 2 or 3 of section 88.28 (Campaign Period for Registered Third Parties) may incur expenses related to the preparation of an auditor's report under section 88.29 (Financial Statements, etc., of Registered Third Parties) after the campaign period has ended.

For greater certainty, expenses, including audit and accounting fees, described above constitute third party expenses.

Who may incur expense

An expense may only be incurred by a registered third party or an individual acting under the direction of the registered third party.

Maximum amount

During the campaign period for third party advertisements, the expenses of a registered third party in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in a municipality shall not exceed an amount calculated in accordance with the prescribed Formula.

A Third Party shall be provided with the maximum third party expenses amount upon registering as a Third Party Advertiser (see Third Party Advertising section of this manual)

Maximum amount for parties, etc., after voting day

The expenses of a registered third party are for the holding of parties and making other expressions of appreciation after the close of voting shall not exceed an amount calculated in accordance with the prescribed Formula.

The Formula that is prescribed must be written so that the amount calculated under it varies based on the maximum amount determined under 88.21 (6) (Maximum Amount).

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Sections 88.12, 88.13, 88.14)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES [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:

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- 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 PARTIES (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.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE**OFFICIAL LIST OF REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES***Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [Section 88.12 (9) and (10)]*

NOTICE is hereby given that during the period commencing May 2nd, 2022 and ending on October 21st, 2022, the following third parties have filed all the necessary papers and declarations and as Clerk, I am satisfied that such third parties are qualified and that their Notice complies with the requirements of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. I have, therefore, certified the following third parties:

NAME OF THIRD PARTY	CONTACT PERSON	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022. (*May 2 to October 21, 2022*)

Municipal Clerk

SCRUTINEERS

SCRUTINEERS (SECTION 16 & 47)

Appointment - by candidate – qualification

A candidate may appoint scrutineers to represent him/her at the Voter Help Centre during the “0” count audit and receipt of voting results, including during a recount.

The appointment shall be made using the “Appointment of Scrutineer By Candidate” **Form EL12A**. The Forms to appoint scrutineers, must be signed by the candidate in person at the Municipal Office. The candidate shall be asked for proof of identity. The candidate shall provide the signed Form to their scrutineer.

Number - per candidate - in Voter Help Centre - one only

Only one certified candidate or his/her appointed scrutineer may be in attendance at a Voter Help Centre or receipt of voting results.

The scrutineer/candidate must take an “Oral Oath of Secrecy” **Form EL12B** at the Voter Help Centre or receipt of voting results.

Appointment - by elector - recount [Section 61 (1)]

In the case of a recount ordered under Section 58, the elector may appoint one scrutineer for the receipt of voting results.

The “Appointment of Scrutineer by Elector” **Form EL12C** must be signed by the Applicant. Forms are available at the Municipal Office. The scrutineer/candidate must take an “Oral Oath of Secrecy” **Form EL12B** at the receipt of voting results.

Appointment - Proof of

A person appointed as a scrutineer, before being admitted to the Voter Help Centre or receipt of votes shall show proof of his/her applicable appointment to the Election Official for the Help Centre or receipt of votes and shall provide proof of identity and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*.

Scrutineers Rights and Prohibitions

Each scrutineer shall be responsible for his/her conduct, rights and prohibitions as set out on the applicable appointment Form.

**MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE**

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

TAKE NOTICE that I, _____
(Name of Candidate)

a candidate for the office of _____
(office to which election is being sought)

hereby appoint _____ to represent me and attend:

the Voter Help Centre (Voting Place) at the Municipal Office in Thames Centre to represent me in such Voting Place during the Voting Period beginning on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and ending on Monday, October 24, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

for the following **Ward No.(s)** _____ in the Municipality of Thames Centre in respect of the

Municipal Election to be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Date

Signature of Candidate

CONDUCT OF SCRUTINEERS

- 1) ANYONE who is creating a disturbance at the Help Centre or receipt of voting results will be removed as directed by the Clerk.
- 2) Before being admitted to the Help Centre or receipt of voting results, a person appointed as scrutineer shall produce and show his/her **Form EL12C** to the Clerk for the Help Centre or receipt of voting results and take the "Oral Oath of Secrecy" **Form EL12B** from the Clerk before being permitted to remain in the Help Centre or receipt of voting results. The Clerk shall require proof of identity and residence of the scrutineer, as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*.
- 3) **Cell phones SHALL be turned off** upon entering the Help Centre or receipt of voting results and their use is prohibited while in the Help Centre or receipt of voting results.
- 4) The Clerk is responsible for conduct in the Help Centre or receipt of voting results and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Clerk in the discharge of his/her duties.
- 5) Scrutineers are prohibited from sitting at the table which is provided exclusively for the Election Officials.

- 6) Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the receipt of the voting results **MUST** be at the Help Centre prior to 8:00 p.m. No one will be admitted to the Help Centre after 8:00 p.m. Once admitted to the Help Centre, no one shall be permitted to leave until the voting results have been received and the Vote Count Summary Report (supplied by the provider) has been signed by all in attendance.
- 7) The candidate or scrutineer shall not communicate the results to anyone until the Clerk has released the unofficial results to the general public.
- 8) The total of votes cast for each candidate as tabulated by the system is final. At this point, the Clerk is not required to do a recount/second count.

Rights of Scrutineers (includes Candidates, except Candidates elected by acclamation)

- to be present to verify and ensure that all totals of votes cast are at "0" and shall be required to sign the "Activation of Intelivote System" **Form TC21** that attests to this fact.
- to observe the receipt of the voting results at the Help Centre, but shall not interfere with the process
- to sign the Vote Count Summary Report (supplied by the provider)
- in the event of a recount, Section 61 of the *Act* prescribes the number of scrutineers entitled to be present and their rights

Scrutineers and Candidates are prohibited from the following:

- from attempting, directly or indirectly, to influence or interfere with how an elector votes
- attempting to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate
- displaying a candidate's election campaign material or literature in the Help Centre or on Municipal Property
- compromising the secrecy of the voting
- interfering or attempting to interfere with an elector who voting
- obtaining or attempting to obtain, any Information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted
- communicating any Information obtained about how an elector intends to vote or has voted

Any person failing to abide by the above rights and prohibitions shall be directed to leave the Help Centre or receipt of the voting results.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY ELECTOR
Municipal Elections Act, 1996

TAKE NOTICE that I, _____
 (Name of Elector)

An elector in the _____
 (Municipality of Thames Centre)

hereby appoint _____ to represent me and attend at the recount for
 the following:

Voting Subdivision No.(s) (polling station) _____ **Ward No.(s)** _____

in the Municipality of _____ in respect of the Municipal Elections
 held on Monday, October 24, 2022 under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

 Date

 Signature of Elector

CONDUCT OF SCRUTINEERS

- 1) ANYONE who is creating a disturbance at the Recount will be removed as directed by the Clerk.
- 2) Before being admitted to the Recount, a person appointed as scrutineer shall produce and show his/her **Form EL12C** to the Clerk for the Recount and take the "Oral Oath of Secrecy" **Form EL12B** from the Clerk before being permitted to remain at the Recount. The Clerk shall require proof of identity and residence of the scrutineer, as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*.
- 3) **Cell phones SHALL be turned off** upon entering the Recount and their use is prohibited during the Recount.
- 4) The Clerk is responsible for the conduct of the Recount and no elector or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Clerk in the discharge of his/her duties.
- 5) Electors or Scrutineers are prohibited from sitting at the table which is provided exclusively for the Election Officials.
- 6) Scrutineers/electors wishing to observe the recount MUST be at the Recount prior to the time designated by the Clerk. No one will be admitted to the Recount after the time designated. Once admitted to the Recount, no one shall be permitted to leave until the Recount has been completed and signed off by the Clerk.
- 7) The elector or scrutineer shall not communicate the results to anyone until the Clerk has released the unofficial results to the general public.
- 8) The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the Clerk and Election Official is final. They are not required to do an additional recount.

Rights of Scrutineers (includes Electors)

- to attend the Recount 15 minutes before the designated time
- to sign the statement of the results prepared by the Clerk

Scrutineers and Electors are prohibited from the following:

- displaying a candidate's election campaign material or literature at the Recount
- obtaining or attempting to obtain, any Information about how an elector has voted
- communicating any Information obtained about how an elector has voted

Any person failing to abide by the above rights and prohibitions shall be directed to leave the Recount.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

ORAL OATH OF SECRECY

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm):
(State Name)

- I will maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting; and
- I will not interfere or attempt to interfere with an elector who is marking the ballot or voting;
- I will not obtain or attempt to obtain, at a Help Centre or counting location, Information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted; or
- I will not communicate any Information obtained at a Help Centre or counting location about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.

TO BE DECLARED BY ANY SCRUTINEER, CANDIDATE, OR ELECTOR (IN THE CASE OF A RECOUNT) WISHING TO REMAIN AT THE VOTING PLACE OR HELP CENTRE OR COUNTING LOCATION OR BALLOT COUNTING CENTRE

NAME OF SCRUTINEER	SIGNATURE	NAME OF CANDIDATE	WARD

PERSONNEL

CLERK [SECTION 12 (1)]

A Clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that,

- a) is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation; and
- b) in the Clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election.

DRO's AND OTHER ELECTION OFFICIALS (SECTION 15)

When it is necessary to conduct an election, the Clerk shall appoint a Deputy Returning Officer for the Voter Help Centre and may appoint any other election officials for the election and for any recount that the Clerk considers are required.

The Clerk may delegate to a Deputy Returning Officer or other election official any of the Clerk's power or duties in relation to the election as he or she considers necessary. The Clerk may continue to exercise the delegated powers and duties despite the delegation. The delegation shall be in writing, "Delegation of Powers and Duties of Clerk" **Form TC04**.

There shall be a substitute qualified person appointed to attend to the election details in the event the Clerk is unable to be present to conduct procedures on Voting Day.

The Returning Officer is required to complete and sign the "Oath of Returning Officer" **Form TC02** prior to May 1 of an election year.

All other election staff are required to complete and sign the "Appointment and Preliminary Oath or Affirmation for Election Officials" **Form TC03**.

An application Form, detailed job descriptions and appointment letters for election personnel are below.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Position: Deputy Returning Officer and/or Assistant Returning Officer
Reports To: Clerk

Delegation of Power and Duties:

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* authorizes the Clerk to “appoint any other election officials for the election and for any recount that the Clerk considers are required”.

“Deputy Returning Officer” (DRO) shall be defined as an election official appointed by the Clerk to assist the Clerk in the perFormance of his or her duties in relation to the conduct of the 2022 Municipal Election.

Goals and Objectives:

To maintain the integrity of the election process and to assist in carrying out the election.

Responsibilities:

All the duties/responsibilities of the Deputy Returning Officer shall be carried out in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and the procedure set out and/or approved by the Returning Officer.

Pre Voting Day

- attend the training session/sign “Appointment and Preliminary Oath or Affirmation For Election Officials” Form TC03
- familiarize themselves with the election electronic ballots, policies, procedures, voting system, Voters’ List management system, Forms, oaths, Voters’ List, and Voter Help Centre
- familiarize themselves with the *Municipal Elections Act* and the procedures for conducting a Voter Help Center
- attend a public Information session
- respond to questions from electors
- determine the eligibility of voters
- assist the Returning Officer, as required

Voting Day

A. Before the Opening of the Voter Help Center

Responsibilities include:

- arrive at the Voter Help Center one-half hour prior to opening
- open and set up the Voter Help Center
- remove all campaign material from the Voter Help Center
- assist the Returning Officer, as required

B. During Voting Hours

Responsibilities include:

- ensure the conduct and integrity of the voting process
- determine the eligibility of voters
- ensure that all eligible voters who request a PIN receive a Voter Information Letter
- ensure that the Voter Help Center is free of campaign material and is private
- administer any oaths as may be required
- close the Voter Help Center at 8:00 p.m. or as otherwise directed (i.e., institutions)
- contact the Clerk in the event of an emergency
- assist the Returning Officer, as required

C. After the Close of the Voter Help Center

Responsibilities include:

- complete the prescribed election Forms including final Oath
- contact the Clerk in the event of difficulties
- assist the Returning Officer, as required

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTION ASSISTANT

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Position: Election Assistant
Reports To: Clerk

Delegation of Powers and Duties:

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* authorizes the Clerk to "appoint any other election officials for the election and for any recount that the Clerk considers are required".

"**Election Assistant**" shall be defined as an election official appointed by the Clerk to assist the Clerk in the performance of his or her duties in relation to the conduct of the 2022 Municipal Election.

Goals and Objectives:

To maintain the integrity of the election process and to carry out the election process.

Responsibilities:

All duties/responsibilities of the Election Assistant will be assigned by the Clerk.

Pre Voting Day

- attend the training session/sign Appointment and Preliminary Oath or Affirmation For Election Officials Form TC03
- familiarize themselves with the *Municipal Elections Act* through the materials provided by the Clerk
- complete any other duties as assigned by the Clerk

Voting Day

Before the Opening of the Voter Help Center

Responsibilities as assigned by the Clerk

During Voting Hours

Responsibilities as assigned by the Clerk

After the Close of the Voter Help Center

- responsibilities as assigned by the Clerk
- take required oaths

**MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER (DRO) APPOINTMENT – CONFIRMATION
LETTER**

Date:

Re: 2022 Municipal Election

DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER

Name

ELECTION ASSISTANTS

Identify Names of Election Assistants

VOTER HELP CENTRE

4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON

This will confirm your appointment as Deputy Returning Officer at the above Voter Help Centre in the municipality for the Municipal Election during the voting period between October 17, 2022 to October 24, 2022, at the Clerk's direction.

The Election Assistant(s) noted above has been notified of his/her/their appointment(s).

You are required to take your oath of office.

Clerk

**MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
ELECTION ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT – CONFIRMATION LETTER**

Date:

Re: 2022 Municipal Election

ELECTION ASSISTANT

Name

DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER

Identify Name of DRO

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4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON

This will confirm your appointment as Election Assistant at the above Voter Help Centre in the municipality for the Municipal Election during the voting period between October 17, 2022 to October 24, 2022, at the Clerk's direction.

The Deputy Returning Officer noted above has been notified of his/her/their appointment(s).

You are required to take your oath of office.

Clerk



OATH OF RETURNING OFFICER

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

I, the undersigned, appointed in the capacity of Returning Officer, for the municipality swear or solemnly affirm:

That I will act faithfully in the capacity set out in my appointment and perform all the duties required by law without partiality, fear, favour or affection; and

That I will maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting; and

That I will not attempt to:

- interfere with an elector when he/she is marking his/her ballot,
- obtain or communicate any information as to how an elector is about to vote or has voted, or
- directly or indirectly induce an elector to show his/her marked ballot to any person, or
- directly or indirectly influence how an elector votes.

SWORN or affirmed before me at the

_____ of _____

in the County of Middlesex

this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Commissioner of Oaths, etc.

Signature of Returning Officer



APPOINTMENT AND PRELIMINARY OATH OR AFFIRMATION FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS

Check Applicable Box Below

- ☐ **DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER**
☐ **ELECTION ASSISTANT**

Ward No.
Municipality:
Name of Person Appointed:

I, the undersigned, appointed in the capacity of _____ do hereby swear or solemnly affirm:

That I will act faithfully in the capacity set out in my appointment and perform all the duties required by law without partiality, fear, favour or affection; and

That I will maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting; and

That I will not attempt to:

- interfere with an elector when he/she is marking his/her ballot,
- obtain or communicate any information as to how an elector is about to vote or has voted, or
- directly or indirectly induce an elector to show his/her marked ballot to any person.
- directly or indirectly influence how an elector votes.

SWORN or affirmed before me at the

_____ of _____

in the County of Middlesex

this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Name, Clerk

Signature of person appointed



DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES OF CLERK

Municipal Elections Act [Section 15 (2), (3) and (4)]

I, **Tena Michiels**, Clerk, of the above-noted municipality, in the exercise of the authority under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, hereby delegate the powers and duties as set out below to the following persons below:

DELEGATED POWER OR DUTY	STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR POWER OR DUTY	NAME OF PERSON DELEGATED AUTHORITY
Accept Nomination and Third Party Applications	Section 33, 88.6	
Data Cleansing (Municipal Voterview)		
Require a person, to provide proof that is satisfactory to the election official, of the person's identity or qualifications or of any other matter	Section 12(3)	
To accept appointments of scrutineers	16	
Use Forms and oaths as supplied by the Clerk	Section 12(2)	
Authority to approve changes to the Voters' List	Section 24, 25	
Authority to issue PIN Numbers and Replacement PIN Numbers, if required		
To provide assistance to candidates/scrutineers, voters with disabilities, if requested		
To receive election results as they are reported on Election Day		
Conduct of election in accordance with election policies and procedures	<i>Municipal Elections Act</i>	

To maintain peace and order, may remove any person from the Voter Help Centre Station that is causing a disturbance	Section 11 (2) (c)	
Authority to provide assistance to voters and voters with disabilities, if requested, at Senior Centre		
Authority to administer Oral Oath to vote with assistance, of support person, of interpreter at Senior Centre	Section 12(2)	

Where deemed appropriate in the conduct of this election, I may, in accordance with subsection 15 (3) of the *Act*, continue to exercise the delegated power and duties despite the delegation of responsibility hereby made.

April ____, 2022

Signature of Clerk

PROXY VOTING

PROXY VOTING (SECTION 44)

The municipality has chosen to use an alternative voting method and proxy voting will not be utilized.

VOTING PROCEDURE INTERNET TELEPHONE

AUTHORITY (SECTION 42)

A by-law authorizing internet/telephone voting must be passed on or before May 1 in the year prior to the election.

On August 9, 2021, By-law No. 68-2021 was passed authorizing internet/telephone voting.

SERVICE PROVIDER

The service provider for internet/telephone voting, determined by the Clerk, is Intelivote Systems Inc. A copy of the contract with Intelivote Systems Inc. is available from the Clerk upon request.

SYSTEM INTEGRITY

The integrity of the voting process shall be the responsibility of the Clerk and shall be preserved by:

- a) ensuring that every eligible elector on the Voters' List, as amended, is sent a sealed Voter Information Letter containing the voter's unique PIN, by first class mail;
- b) ensuring that no one except the Clerk, or designate, can access PINs maintained by Intelivote System Inc that match each voter's name and address; and
- c) providing an opportunity for eligible electors to be added to the Voters' List or to make amendments to the list, up to and including Election Day, October 24th, at 8:00 p.m.

AUDITOR

The Auditor, appointed by the Clerk, shall test the voting system on several occasions. The test(s) shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a) checking the wording of the script;
- b) checking the Voter Help Centre telephones and internet access;
- c) checking Script and input timing;
- d) attempting to use a PIN more than once;
- e) balancing a predetermined number of votes with those cast;
- f) matching PINs to names and addresses;
- g) checking the system which is used for activating PINs through the revision process; and deliberately entering the wrong Information.

SECRECY

Ensure that all Election Officials have taken the oath and been appointed as per the "Appointment and Preliminary Oath or Affirmation for Election Officials" **Form TC03**.

All complaints regarding any and/or all breaches of secrecy shall be documented by the Election Official as well as questions and answers of the complainant and, if deemed appropriate, the Clerk shall submit same to the Police for further investigation and possible prosecution.

PREPARATION OF VOTER INFORMATION LETTERS

The Voters' List, being the compilation of the Preliminary List of Electors and Interim List of Changes, shall be provided to Intelivote by September 15, 2022 in electronic Format in order that Intelivote may provide this Information to Doculink to print the "Voter Information Letter".

Voter Information Letters shall be delivered by Intelivote to Canada Post and distributed by first class mail to all eligible voters no later than October 14, 2022 to enable them to use the Telephone/Internet Voting service.

The Voter Information Letter will contain but not be limited to the following:

- a) the elector's PIN and the telephone number to call to cast their vote and the designated internet address (URL) to access to cast his or her vote using the Internet;
- b) instructions on how to vote;
- c) dates and hours of voting;
- d) the location and telephone number of the Revision and Help Centres;
- e) voter eligibility criteria;
- f) office and candidate Information; and
- g) Information on illegal and corrupt practices.

A person cannot give their Voter Information Letter to another eligible elector for the purpose of voting. Acceptance of another person's Voter Information Letter including the actual voting thereof will be considered an illegal and corrupt practice and therefore subject to the penalty provisions under the *Municipal Elections Act*, specifically Sections 89 and 90.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

The Clerk may coordinate a public Information session, notices and advertisements with other municipal clerks of local municipalities who have adopted a similar alternative voting method.

These Information sessions may be included at sponsored municipal events, fall fairs, sporting events, etc.

VOTING PLACES (SECTION 45)

For the purposes of elections conducted with alternative voting methods, a voting place is not required. Alternatively, the Thames Centre Municipal Office has been identified as a Voter Help Center to assist electors with the voting process , make additions, deletions and corrections to the Voters' List and to provide assistance and clarification on the election process.

VOTER HELP CENTRE

The Voters' List shall be available to Election Officials at the Help Centre in electronic Format to accommodate the voting process.

The Voter Help Centre shall be established at 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON N0L 1G3.

The Voter Help Centre shall be responsible for the following:

- a) Eligible voters who attend at the Help Centre and are not on the Voters' List will be added to the list by filling out an "Application to Amend Voters' List" **Form EL15** and providing proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13. Their names will be added to the Voters' List and they will be assigned and delivered a Voter Information Letter containing a PIN; however, for additions to the List made after September 15, 2022, the Voter Information Letter containing a PIN will be provided to the individual.
- b) Eligible voters who attend at the Help Centre will be able to request a replacement Voter Information Letter and PIN under certain circumstances:
 - i) where a person on the Voters' List has lost/not received his or her Voter Information Letter and the PIN has not been used, he or she can attend the Help Centre and prove to the satisfaction of the authorized Election Official that they require a new PIN. The authorized Election Official will disable the elector's assigned PIN and electronically mark it in the system as having been lost/not received. Upon providing proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13 to an Election Official, an oath on "Application for Re-Issue of a Voter Information Letter (Lost and Unused)" **Form EL53** shall be taken by the elector and a new Voter Information Letter containing a new PIN shall be issued.
 - ii) where a person on the Voters' List has attempted to vote and their PIN has already been used, he or she can attend the Voter Help Centre and prove to the satisfaction of the authorized Election Official that they did not vote the PIN and require a new PIN.

Prior to issuing a new PIN, the Election Official shall advise the elector that once the new PIN has been assigned, the elector must vote immediately at the Voter Help Centre. Upon providing proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13 to an Election Official, an "Application for Re-Issue of a Voter Information Letter (Used by an Impersonator)" **Form EL53A** shall be taken by the elector and a new Voter Information Letter containing a new PIN shall be issued. The elector will be directed immediately to the Voter Help Centre where telephone/internet access is available to eliminate any further misuse of the PIN.
- c) Answering election questions and referring detailed questions to the Returning Officer or authorized Election Official.

CANDIDATES MODULE

The candidates shall receive login ID(s) and password(s) allowing them to access the Candidates Module as of September 29, 2022, to view the List of Electors.

When using this authorization, candidates can connect into the voting system and review

elector list Information to discern which electors have participated in the election. This capability **does not** provide the candidate Information on how an elector has voted, it only provides Information on whether or not they have participated in the election.

Candidates may view this Information at any time after the start of the voting period using the Candidates Module.

VOTING

Voting will commence on October 17, 2022 at 9:00 am through to October 24, 2022 at 8:00 pm.

During the Voting Period, the Help Centre will be open as follows:

- October 17, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- October 18 – 21, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- October 22, 2022 – 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

and on Voting Day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. the doors of the Help Centre shall be locked and those in the Help Centre will be permitted to cast their ballot. Touch-tone telephones and internet access is provided. Any telephone provided at the Help Centre shall delete any display options on the telephone.

Prior to the activation of the system by Intelivote, on October 17, 2021 (8:30 a.m.), Intelivote shall allow access by the Auditor to the voting system at the Thames Centre Municipal Office between 8:20 a.m. and 8:29 a.m. by secure ID and password, for the purposes of ensuring that all candidates' names are listed and that no votes have been cast. The system will not be activated until confirmation that all the counts associated with each of the candidate(s) names indicate a "0" total.

Candidates or their scrutineer may be present to verify and ensure that all totals of votes cast are at "0" and shall be required to sign the "Activation of Intelivote System" **Form TC21** that attests to this fact.

Eligible electors may telephone a designated 1-800 number to cast their vote by using a cellular or land line, touch-tone telephone but **not a rotary dial telephone**. "Diga-pulse" telephones will be able to access the system providing the over-ride button on the telephone is set to a "touch-tone" mode. Should the elector be unable to access the system, the interactive response system will provide an error message requesting that the eligible elector obtain assistance from an Election Official.

Alternatively, eligible electors will be able to access a designated internet address and cast their vote(s).

A voter must complete the races and questions in the order that they are presented by the system. The voter cannot skip a race or question.

If a voter chooses, they may use one method to vote some of the races or questions and use the other method to vote the remaining races or questions. However, once a voter has voted on a particular race or question, that race is closed and will not be available for voting again,

regardless of the method.

Once a voter has made a selection for a race or question, the voting system shall indicate the voter's choice and shall allow the voter to either confirm their selection and cast their vote or return to the race or question to change their selection. If the selection of a particular race or question is not confirmed and the vote is not cast, the voter is able to reenter the system and make their selection casting their vote for that particular race or question, or any other race or question that has not been previously voted.

Once the Voter PIN has been used to complete **all** races and/or any questions, associated with the election, it cannot be used again and further access shall not be granted to the telephone/internet voting service using that PIN.

Intelivote shall record the PIN and corresponding name of all electors who have voted. This **does not** provide Information on who an elector has voted for.

The names of electors who have voted during the voting period will be provided to the Clerk electronically through the Intelivote system using the Clerk's assigned password. This report titled "Voter Participation Status" report will be created in an electronic file Format suitable for electronic distribution and will only be done under the control and direction of the Clerk.

If requested in writing by a candidate(s) on the "Declaration of Proper Use of the Voters' List" [Form EL14](#), the Clerk will provide a copy of the daily "Voter Participation Status" where is this from report. This Information shall be made available to candidates through the Clerk's Office.

ELECTORS REQUIRING ASSISTANCE (SECTION 52 (1) 4)

The Election Official may permit an elector who needs assistance in voting to have such assistance as the Election Official considers necessary.

Oral Oath to Vote With Assistance

A voter who requires such assistance to vote may ask the Election Official for assistance. The Election Official shall require the voter making the request to take the Oral Oath to Vote With Assistance on the "Oral Oaths At Help Centre" [Form EL27](#) and then assist and/or vote as directed by the voter. Any other person present must remove themselves until the voter finishes instructing the Election Official.

Oral Oath of Friend/Support Person of Elector

In lieu of the Election Official assisting a voter, the voter may request that a friend accompany them to vote. Any friend or support person who is permitted to vote shall be required to take the Oral Oath of Friend/Support Person of Elector on the "Oral Oaths At Help Centre" [Form EL27](#). A person shall only be allowed to act as a friend for one voter at a Help Centre.

Oral Oath of Interpreter

Where the Election Official does not understand the language of a voter, an interpreter, provided by the voter, shall take the Oral Oath of Interpreter on the "Oral Oath At Help Centre" [Form EL27](#), and shall translate the oaths as well as any lawful questions put to the voter.

DUPLICATE VOTER INFORMATION LETTERS

Duplication of names on the Preliminary List of Electors shall be investigated by the Clerk and/or Election Official(s) and all obvious duplicate names of individuals shall be deleted prior to the final preparation of the Voters' List as certified by the Clerk. However, should an eligible voter receive more than one Voter Information Letter, the eligible voter may only vote **once** and must return the other Voter Information Letter(s) to the municipal Help Centre and complete an "Application to Amend Voters' List" **Form EL15** to remove the duplicate name(s). All electors who vote more than once or who improperly use the Voter Information Letter shall be reported to the Police for further investigation as to possible corrupt practices under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Voter Information Letters returned to the Help Centre shall have the PIN immediately disabled in the system so that the PIN cannot be used in the voting process. The opened Voter Information Letters will then be retained in a secure fashion and destroyed in the same manner as all other municipal election material as provided for under Section 88 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

The Clerk and the Election Official(s) shall ensure a complete audit trail is maintained of all Voter Information Letters:

- a) that were sent to eligible voters;
- b) that were returned from the Post Office;
 - that were returned by an elector or other individual(s) either opened, or;
 - unopened but unused for voting purposes;
- c) that were set to a status that prevented them from being used to vote;
- d) that were re-issued to an eligible elector; and
- e) that were assigned by Election Officials to eligible electors that have completed "Application to Amend Voters' List" **Form EL15**.

PIN PROCEDURES

Problems Accessing the System

Where an eligible voter has tried his/her PIN and has been unsuccessful in accessing the voting system, the Election Official will determine its status, and once verified:

- shall advise the voter that the PIN is valid and has not been used. The Election Official may suggest the voter try the PIN again using an alternate method (telephone vs. internet) or attend at the Help Centre to obtain assistance in voting.
- and they have determined that it has already been used, the voter can present themselves at the Help Centre with proof of identity and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13* and have an Election Official confirm that the elector's PIN has been used. If this is the case, follow the procedure outlined in the section titled, Revision/Help Centre, b) (ii). Where is this?

Incorrect Information on Voter Information Letter

Where an eligible voter has received an incorrect voter PIN in terms of ward, if applicable, and/or school support, the voter can contact the Help Centre and have the proper category

applied to the existing PIN.

If the voter has used the PIN to vote, and the voter determines that the ward, if applicable, and/or school support is incorrect, and they have not voted those races, the voter can contact the Help Centre and have the proper category applied to the existing PIN. The voter can then re-access the system and vote all races not yet completed.

The elector will be required to provide appropriate confirmation of eligibility and to complete "Application to Amend Voters' List" **Form EL15**.

New PIN(s)

New PIN(s) shall not be given out over the telephone or by mail. The voter must attend the Help Centre with proof of identify and residence as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13* and complete the appropriate Form.

RETIREMENT HOME OR INSTITUTION (SECTION 45(7))

A Help Centre will be provided to the following institutions and retirement homes on the specified date(s) and hours:

NAME OF RETIREMENT HOME OR INSTITUTION	DATE	HOURS FOR ASSISTANCE
Dorchester Terrace	October 18, 2022	10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Nissouri Manor	October 19, 2022	10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE**APPLICATION FOR RE-ISSUE OF A VOTER INFORMATION LETTER
(LOST AND UNUSED)**

Surname:	Given Name(s):	
Qualifying Address (Street No & Name):	City:	Postal Code:
Mailing Address (if different):		
Tel Number:	Roll Number:	

I, _____, being the above named individual and having provided proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13, to the Election Official, do hereby make the following declaration:

1. That I am an eligible elector for the municipality and that I am on the Voter's List or have made an application to be included on the Voter's List;
2. ☐ That I have not received by mail a Voter Information Letter from the municipality,

OR (check appropriate)

☐ That I have lost or misplaced the Voter Information Letter provided by the municipality and I am unable to locate the said Voter Information Letter for the purpose of voting by telephone/internet.
3. That I understand that should the Voter Information Letter be received by mail or found, the Letter shall be immediately returned to an Election Official of the municipality and that I shall not attempt to use or to give to someone else for voting purposes.

I, _____, solemnly declare that all the statements contained in this application are true 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* dated this _____ of _____, 2022. I further understand that making a false statement is an offence under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and that I will be subject to prosecution.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Election Official

**FOR USE BY ELECTION OFFICIAL ONLY
PROCEDURAL POLICY FOR RE-ISSUANCE**

Verification of **de-activation** of Voter Personal Identification Number _____
(signature of Election Official)

Activation of **new** Voter Personal Identification Number (PIN) _____
(signature of Election Official)

SIGNATURE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the above named individual, hereby acknowledge receipt of a NEW Voter Information Letter provided by the Election Official.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I, the above named Election Official, do hereby acknowledge that I have provided a NEW Voter Information Letter to the applicant and have followed the procedures identified above.

Signature of Election Official

Date

**MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
APPLICATION FOR RE-ISSUE OF A VOTER'S INFORMATION LETTER
(USED BY AN IMPERSONATOR)**

VOTER INFORMATION		
Surname:	Given Name (s):	
Qualifying Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Mailing Address (if different):		
Phone Number:	Roll Number:	

DECLARATION
<p>I, _____, being the above named individual and having provided proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13 to the Election Official, do hereby make the following declaration AND provide the required Information to the Election Official:</p> <p>1. That I am an eligible elector for the municipality and that I am on the Voters' List or have made an application to be included on the Voter's List, and;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> That I have not received by mail a Voter Instruction Letter from the municipality and an imposter has voted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR (check applicable box)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> That I have lost or misplaced the Voter Instruction Letter provided by the municipality and unable to locate the said Voter Instruction Letter for the purpose of voting by internet/telephone and that an imposter has voted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR (check applicable box)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> That I have received the Voter Instruction Letter provided by the municipality and that an imposter has voted.</p> <p>2. That I have not voted or have not personally used the Voter Instruction Letter to vote, nor have I provided and given my Voter Instruction Letter to another person for the purpose of voting.</p>

DECLARATION

3. ☐ That I have no knowledge, direct or indirect, as to who has used my Voter Instruction Letter to vote in my name.

OR (check applicable box)

- ☐ I have personal knowledge of who has used my Voter Instruction Letter to vote and I have provided such Information to the Election Official for the purpose of providing the same to the Police for further investigation and prosecution.
4. That I have answered all questions of the Election Official truthfully and to the best of my knowledge and further understand that the Police may be communicating with me for the purpose of furthering this investigation and prosecution of the imposter(s) of corrupt election practices or mail tampering or fraud.
5. That should a new Voter Instruction Letter be issued by an Election Official that, as a condition to re-issuance, that I will be required to vote only at the Voter Help Centre in the municipality.
6. That I further agree that should I obtain additional Information as to who has voted on my behalf that I will communicate such Information with the Election Official and the Police.

I, _____, solemnly declare that all the statements contained in this application are true 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* dated this _____ day of _____, 2018 and do hereby accept the terms and conditions of this application. I further acknowledge that any false statement made is an offence either under the *Municipal Elections Act* and/or an infraction under the Criminal Code of Canada and subject to penalties and/or a term of imprisonment.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Election Official
(Witness as to Signature of Applicant)

PROCEDURES OF ELECTION OFFICIAL

1. Verification that the Voter Personal Identification Number (PIN) has been used.
2. Issuance of Voter Instruction Letter and NEW Personal Identification Number (PIN).
3. Activation of Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Signature of Election Official

SIGNATURE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY APPLICANT

I, the above named individual, hereby acknowledge receipt of a NEW Voter Instruction Letter provided by the Election Official and agree that I will vote immediately at the Voter Help Centre and further understand that should I leave the Voter Help Centre WITHOUT VOTING that the Voter Instruction Letter received will be deactivated and that I will not be further entitled to vote.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I, the above named Election Official, do hereby acknowledge that I have provided a NEW Voter Instruction Letter to the applicant and have followed the procedures identified above.

Signature of Election Official

Date

FOR USE BY THE ELECTION OFFICIAL - VOTER LEAVES THE VOTER HELP CENTRE

1. Voter has left the Voter Help Centre after voting:

Verify if Personal Identification Number (PIN) has been used to confirm that the elector has voted. If the PIN has not been used, the following must be completed:

Deactivate Voter Personal Identification Number immediately

SIGNATURE OF ELECTION OFFICIAL CONFIRMING THAT VOTER HAS LEFT THE VOTER HELP CENTRE WITHOUT VOTING.

Signature

Date

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

ACTIVATION OF INTELIVOTE SYSTEM

DIRECTIONS:

To be administered by an Election Official to any of the persons authorized to be in attendance at the Help Centre or any other location as determined by the Clerk. Candidates and appointed scrutineers in attendance are required to take this oath.

I, one of the undersigned, swear or solemnly affirm:

THAT at 8:45 a.m., October 17, 2022, I verified that all totals of votes cast for all candidates were at "0" prior to the voting system being activated.

SWORN or affirmed before me at the

_____ of _____

in the County of Middlesex

this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Name and capacity in which such person is attending. (if scrutineer, name candidate)	Signature of person taking above oath	Signature of person administering above oath

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

ORAL OATHS AT HELP CENTRE

ORAL OATH TO VOTE WITH ASSISTANCE

I, _____ being an elector entitled to vote in the Municipality of Thames Centre swear or solemnly affirm I require assistance to vote by telephone/internet.

ORAL OATH OF SUPPORT PERSON/FRIEND OF ELECTOR

I, _____ a friend of _____ an elector

who requires assistance to vote and who is entitled to vote in in the Municipality of Thames Centre swear and

solemnly affirm:

That I will vote by telephone/internet as directed by the elector, and

that I will keep secret the manner in which this elector voted.

ORAL OATH OF INTERPRETER

I, _____ acting as interpreter for _____,

an elector entitled to vote in in the Municipality of Thames Centre swear or solemnly affirm:

That I will faithfully translate the necessary oaths as well as any lawful questions necessarily put to the elector and his/her answers at this Help Centre.

COUNT PROCEDURES

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The Clerk, at 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day, shall arrange for the close and deactivation of the Telephone/Internet Voting service at the Help Centre.

Notwithstanding the above, the Clerk shall keep the Help Centre access open until the Clerk of the municipality confirms that all eligible voters in the Help Centre at 8:00 p.m. have completed voting.

The Auditor will then conduct a test to confirm that no votes can be cast.

The Clerk shall then request the tabulation of the results for each candidate to be sent by email to the following Receiving Location in the Help Centre: E-mail

tmichiels@thamescentre.on.ca and shenshaw@thamescentre.on.ca

The Clerk, Auditor and any others present (Candidates, or their scrutineer) shall sign the Vote Count Summary Report indicating the results and votes cast.

- i) Only the Clerk, Deputy Returning Officers, appointed Election Officials, certified Candidates (an acclaimed candidate or their scrutineer is NOT permitted) and authorized Scrutineers will be permitted to remain in the Help Centre.
- ii) Before being admitted to the Help Centre, upon request by the Clerk or DRO, Candidates, Scrutineers and Election Officials shall be required to show proof of identity as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*.
- iii) Before being admitted to the Help Centre, a person appointed as a scrutineer shall also produce and show his/her **Form EL12A** to the Clerk for the receiving of the voting results at the Help Centre and take the "Oral Oath of Secrecy" **Form EL12B** from the Clerk before being permitted to remain at the Help Centre.
- iv) Entrance to the Help Centre will not be permitted after 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day and only Election Officials will be allowed to enter thereafter. As the Voter Help Centre location may still be in effect, candidates and scrutineers shall only be permitted into the office after 8:25 p.m. Once admitted to the Help Centre after 8:25 p.m., no one shall be permitted to leave until the results are received and the Vote Count Summary Report has been signed by Election Officials.
- v) The candidate or scrutineer shall not communicate the results to anyone until the Clerk has released the unofficial results to the general public.
- vi) ANYONE who is creating a disturbance at the Help Centre will be removed as directed by the Clerk.
- vii) **Cell phones and other equipment SHALL be turned off** upon entering the Help Centre and their use is prohibited while at the Help Centre, except by Election Officials.
- viii) No campaign material will be allowed within the Help Centre.

NOTICE OF RESULTS

NOTICE OF RESULTS [SECTION 55 (3)]

The unofficial results of each candidate by category of wards and polling subdivisions, as applicable, shall be made available by the Clerk as soon as practical after 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022, Voting Day, at the Municipal Office located at 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester and the Clerk shall post the same **Unofficial Results** on the municipality's website.

The Clerk shall send each school board's election results to the respective Clerk handling the school board election as soon as possible after the close of voting on Voting Day.

DECLARATION [SECTION 55 (4)]

As soon as possible after Voting Day, the Clerk shall declare the **Official Results** using the "Declaration of Election Results" **Form EL09** and post the results at the Municipal Office and on the municipal website.

Separately, the Clerk responsible for school board elections shall provide the respective school board results to each Clerk using the "Declaration of Election Results" **Form EL09**.

Note – only include the school board results and not your municipality's municipal election results.

INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE [SECTION 55 (4.1)]

As soon as possible after Voting Day, the clerk shall make the following Information available at no charge for viewing by the public on a website or in another electronic Format:

1. The number of votes for each candidate.
2. The number of declined and rejected ballots.
3. The number of votes for the affirmative or negative on a by-law or question.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 55(4(a))

I, _____, Clerk of the Corporation of
(Tena Michiels)

The Municipality of Thames Centre in the County of Middlesex declare the following candidate or candidates elected as a result of the Municipal Election held October 24th, 2022.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>ELECTED CANDIDATE</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____

Date

Clerk's Signature

CLERK OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

RECOUNT

RECOUNT (SECTIONS 56-64)

Manner in Which a Recount is Conducted

A recount shall be conducted in the same manner as the original count, whether manually or by vote counting equipment [Section 60 (1)], unless ordered otherwise by a judge as per Section 60 (3).

This shall be done by requesting from Intelivote a re-tabulation of the votes cast to be conducted in the same manner as the original vote tabulation.

Intelivote shall send the results of the recount by fax and/or by e-mail, along with any documentation, if required, to support the integrity, security and accuracy of the electronic voting system, and these results will be compared to the results tabulated by the Auditor assigned to the election.

A recount is required when {Section 56 (1)}:

- there is a tie vote where both or all candidates cannot be declared elected (Automatic)
- the votes for the affirmative and negative on a by-law are equal (Automatic)
- the votes for two or more answers to a question are equal (Automatic)

Within 30 days after the declaration of the results {Section 57 (1)}:

- by resolution of Council (for Council offices or questions, or by-laws submitted by Council)
- by resolution of local board (for offices on a local board or questions or by-laws submitted by a local board)
- by order of the Minister (for questions submitted by the Minister)
- by order of the Superior Court of Justice

Recount in accordance with Policies

The Clerk shall hold a recount in accordance with any policy adopted with respect to the circumstances in which the municipality or local board requires the Clerk to hold a recount of the votes cast in an election if the by-law or resolution is passed on or before May 1 in the year of an election.

Time for Recount

The recount shall be held within 15 days after the Clerk's declaration of the results of the election or resolution or order to hold a recount is passed or made.

WHO CONDUCTS RECOUNT (SECTION 56, 63)

The Clerk shall conduct all recounts for elections for which he or she is responsible except recounts conducted by the Superior Court of Justice upon appeal.

VOTES FOR CANDIDATES TO BE INCLUDED IN A RECOUNT (SECTION 56, 57, 58)

All votes for all candidates in the contested race, or answers to a question or by-law will be counted.

PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE PRESENT AT RECOUNT (SECTION 61)

- the Clerk and any other election official appointed to assist with the recount;
- every certified candidate for the office involved;
- the applicant, if any, who applied for the recount;
- legal counsel for any of the above;
- one scrutineer for each recount station established by the Clerk for every certified candidate for the office involved and the applicant, who applied for the recount;
- where the recount applies to a by-law or question, the scrutineers as appointed by Council, a local/school board or the Minister;
- where scrutineers are appointed under Sections 61 (3) or (4), an equal number must be appointed to represent supporters and opponents of the by-law and for each possible answer to the question;
- any other person may be present with the Clerk's permission.

NOTIFICATION OF RECOUNT DATE, TIME, PLACE (SECTIONS 56, 57, 58 and O. Reg. 101/97)

The Clerk shall give notice of the recount date, time and place on "Notice of Recount" **Form TC26** to the following:

- all certified candidates for the office which is the subject of the recount;
- where a resolution is involved, the Council or local/school board which passed the resolution;
- the Minister when an order has been made;
- the applicant in the case of a court order;
- in the case of a recount concerning an office, by-law or question in respect of which electors of another municipality are entitled to vote, the Clerk who was responsible for the conduct of the vote in the other municipality;
- notice of recount will be given by registered mail or personal service.

PROCESS AT RECOUNT (SECTIONS 61, 62 and O. Reg. 101/97)

At the time set for the recount to commence, the Clerk should outline the procedures as follows:

- the ballot boxes will be distributed to the counting stations as they are required throughout the count;
- the rules prescribed by the Minister or established by the Clerk are to be followed and should be explained to everyone present for the recount;
- disputed ballots will be shown to the Clerk who, after any representation by a candidate, their legal counsel or scrutineer, will determine if the ballot and the votes are to be counted.

Upon completion of the recount, the Clerk shall announce the results of the recount.

Persons authorized to be in attendance at the recount may also be at the announcement of the results of the recount.

CONTINUING TIE VOTE – AFTER RECOUNT PROCEDURES [SECTION 62 (3) AND 63 (10)]

Pursuant to Section 62 (3) in a case of a tied vote following the recount the Clerk shall determine the result by conducting a lot as follows:

The Clerk shall write the name of each candidate on equal-sized pieces of paper. They are then put in a “box”. The Clerk shall announce, prior to the draw, that “the candidate to be elected shall be the candidate whose name is written on the first piece of paper I draw out of the hat.” The paper is pulled from the hat and the candidate elected is announced.

- a. The clerk shall determine the texture and quality of the paper used for this process and each candidate or the candidates’ lawyer and/or scrutineer will have an opportunity to examine the paper to be used to inscribe the names of the candidates;
- b. The clerk shall inscribe the name of each candidate on a similar size paper and the candidates, the candidates’ lawyer and/or scrutineer, without touching the paper, examine the same. In addition, all persons present will have an opportunity to examine the box which will be used for conducting the lot;
- c. Upon acceptance by the all candidates, the candidates’ lawyer and/or scrutineer, that the processes outlined in paragraphs a) and b) have been adhered to, the clerk shall fold the papers bearing each candidate’s name twice in two (2) equal parts and shall deposit these papers, in full view of all persons present and authorized to attend, in an open-end box that will be acceptable to all persons present. In the event of a conflict or difference of opinion as to the selection of the box, the clerk shall determine the box to be used for this process.

DECLARATION BY CLERK [SECTION 62 (4)]

Unless an application has been made for a judicial recount, the Clerk, on the 16th day after the recount is completed, shall declare the successful candidate or candidates elected or will declare the result of the vote with respect to a by-law or a question.

The results of the recount shall be posted, at a minimum, in the Municipal Office and on the municipal website by noon, the day following the recount being completed using the “Declaration of Recount Results” **Form TC27**. The Clerk will notify everyone notified of the recount, of the results of the recount in writing.

Such Declaration shall be **sent** to everyone previously given notice of the recount.

COSTS OF RECOUNT [SECTION 7 (3), (4)]

The costs incurred by the Clerk to conduct a recount are to be paid by the municipality, local board, upper-tier municipality or the Minister as soon as possible after the Clerk has signed a

certificate verifying the amount. The municipality is to be reimbursed for its reasonable costs in the following situations:

- a regular election when the recount is for:
 - an office on a local board or an upper tier municipality
 - a by-law or question submitted by an upper-tier municipality; or
 - a question submitted by a local board or by the Minister
- a by-election for a local board or for an upper tier municipality; or for the Minister, or a recount in such a by-election

Any expenses incurred by a candidate will be the responsibility of the candidate (e.g. legal counsel in attendance on behalf of the candidate).

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

NOTICE OF RECOUNT

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Sections 56-58) and O. Reg. 101/97

I, _____, Clerk of the Corporation of
(Tena Michiels)

_____ in the County of Middlesex hereby declare that a
recount of the votes cast in the Municipal Election held October 24th, 2022 for

(state office or by-law/question)

shall be held commencing at _____ on _____
(time) (date)

at _____.
(location)

THE RECOUNT IS BEING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION _____ OF
THE *MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, 1996*.

Date

Clerk's Signature

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

DECLARATION OF RECOUNT RESULTS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [Section 62 (4)]

I, _____, Clerk (or designated official) of the Corporation of
_____ in the County of Middlesex declare that:

(1) On the _____ day of _____, 2022, I conducted a recount of the
ballots cast in the Municipal Election held October 24th, 2022 for:

☐ the office(s) of: _____

☐ the following question or by-law: _____

(2) No application has been made for a judicial recount under Section 63.

(3) The successful candidate(s) elected is/are: _____

(4) The result of the vote upon the question or by-law is: _____

(Tena Michiels)

CLERK OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
MIDDLESEX IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

CANDIDATES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CANDIDATES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [SECTION 88.25 (1) and (9)]

All Candidates shall file with the Clerk, the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” **PR FORM 4** on or before 2:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023, reflecting the Candidate’s election campaign finances as of December 31 in the year of the election. The earliest the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” **PR FORM 4** can be filed is the first day the Municipal Office is open in January 2023.

At least 30 days before the filing date, but no later than **March 1, 2023**, the Clerk shall give every candidate whose nomination was filed, **by registered mail**, notice of:

- all the filing requirements of this section; and
- the candidate’s entitlement to receive a refund of the nomination filing fee if her or she meets the requirements of section 34 (Refund);
- the penalties set out in subsections 88.23 (2) and 92 (1).

The notice shall be given on “Notice to Candidate of Filing Requirements” **Form EL42A**.

CANDIDATE FILING DEFAULT {Section 88.23}

A candidate is in default of the filing requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, if:

- a. he or she fails to file any document as required under Sections 88.25 or 88.32 by the relevant date;
- b. a document filed under Sections 88.25 shows on its face a surplus 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. 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. 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.

In the case of these defaults:

- 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 the Act applies.

NOTICE OF DEFAULT [SECTION 88.23 (1) - (3), 88.25]

A “Notice of Default” **Form EL43A** shall be given to the candidate by registered mail, and if the candidate was elected, to the relevant council or local board, in the event that a candidate has not submitted the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” **PR FORM 4** on or before 2:00 pm on March 31, 2023.

The Clerk shall make available to the public the name of the candidate and a description of the nature of the default.

As soon as possible after April 30th in the year following a regular election, and 90 days after Voting Day in a by-election, the Clerk shall make available to the public on a website or in another electronic Format a report setting out all candidates in an election and indicating whether each candidate complied with section 88.25 (Candidates' Financial Statements, etc.).

For questions regarding campaign finances, the Clerk should direct the candidate to Sections 88.22 – 88.25, 88.30 – 88.32.

EXTENSION OF CAMPAIGN PERIOD [SECTION 88.23 (6) to (8)]

For further Information, refer to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

REFUND OF NOMINATION FILING FEE (SECTION 34)

A candidate is entitled to receive a refund of the nomination filing fee if he or she,

- files the Financial Statement and Auditor's Report, each in the prescribed Form, on or before 2:00 p.m. as of March 31, 2023.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

NOTICE TO CANDIDATE OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.25)

TO:

_____ / _____	_____
(Name of Candidate)	(Office)
_____	_____
(Address)	(Postal Code)

FROM:

The Clerk or designated election official of

(Municipality of Thames Centre)

TAKE NOTICE EVERY CANDIDATE SHALL FILE the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” [PR FORM 4](#) on or before 2:00 pm on **March 31, 2023**, with the Clerk with whom their nomination was filed a financial statement and auditor's report in accordance with section 88.25 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* reflecting the Candidate’s election campaign finances as of December 31 in the year of the election.

- (1) *On or before 2 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; and*
- (b) *in the case of a by-election, as of the 45th day after voting day.*

Note: The earliest the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” [PR FORM 4](#) can be filed is the first day the Municipal Office is open in January 2023.

- (2) *If a candidate’s election campaign period 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 reporting period, the candidate shall, before 2 p.m. 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 reporting period, the candidate shall, before 2 p.m. 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. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.*
- (12) *If the documents required to be filed under this section are not filed by 2 p.m. on the day that is 30 days after the applicable day for filing the documents, the clerk shall accept the documents only for the purpose of making the documents available under subsection 88 (9.1).*

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

Note: At least 30 days before the filing date, the Clerk shall give every candidate whose nomination was filed with him or her, notice of the filing requirements of section 88.25.

Also Note: If the Clerk has provided for electronic filing, candidates must also be advised of this option and conditions or limitations associated with it, if any.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE NOTICE OF DEFAULT

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [Section 88.23, 88.25, 88.31, 92 (1)]

TO:

_____ / _____ (Name of Candidate) (Office)	
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)

FROM:

The Clerk, or designated election official of _____ (Municipality of Thames Centre)

TAKE NOTICE that you are in default of the requirements of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, because: (circle all that apply)

- | | |
|----|--|
| A. | You failed to file a document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) with the Municipal Clerk as required by Section 88.25 (Candidates' Financial Statements, etc.) or 88.32 (Return of Surplus for Subsequent Expenses) of the <i>Municipal Elections Act 1996</i> on or before the relevant date, or |
| B. | You failed to pay the amount of the surplus shown in a document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) which were filed with the Municipal Clerk by the relevant date as required by Section 88.31 (Treatment of Surplus and Deficit) of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i> , or |
| C. | A document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) filed under Section 88.25 of the <i>Municipal Elections Act 1996</i> shows on its face that you have incurred expenses exceeding the amount permitted under Section 88.20 (Candidates' Expenses) of that Act. |
| D. | You failed to pay the amount of the surplus shown in a document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) filed with the Municipal Clerk by the relevant date as required by Section 88.32 (Return of Surplus for Subsequent Expenses) of the <i>Municipal Elections Act 1996</i> . |

PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS ONLY

If this notice indicates that you have failed to file a document required by Section 88.25 or 88.32 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* the following provisions and penalties apply:

TO A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

- (i) you forfeit any office to which you were elected and the office shall be deemed to be vacant

- (ii) until the next regular election has taken place, you are ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* applies.

OR

TO AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

- (i) until the next regular election has taken place, you are ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* applies.

NOTICE OF PENALTIES

Corrupt practice and ineligibility for office

91. (1) *If a person is convicted of a corrupt practice under this Act, 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, then, in addition to any other penalty provided for in this Act,*

- (a) any office to which the person was elected is forfeited and becomes vacant; and*
- (b) the person is ineligible to be nominated for, or elected or appointed to, any office until the next two regular elections have taken place after the election to which the offence relates.*

Exception

- (2) However, if the presiding judge finds that the person committed the corrupt practice or offence under the Criminal Code (Canada) without any intent of causing or contributing to a false outcome of the election, clause (1) (b) does not apply.*

Offences re campaign finances

Offences by candidate

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.*

Exception, action in good faith

- (2) However, if the presiding judge finds that the candidate, acting in good faith, committed the offence inadvertently or because of an error in judgment, the penalties described in subsection 88.23 (2) do not apply.*

Additional penalty, candidates

- (3) If the expenses incurred by or under the direction of a candidate exceed the amount determined for the office under section 88.20, the candidate is liable to a fine equal to the excess, in addition to any other penalty provided for in the Act.*

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

THIRD PARTY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THIRD PARTY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS [SECTION 88.29 (1) and (7)]

All Registered Third Parties shall file with the Clerk, the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” **PR FORM 8** on or before 2:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023, reflecting the Registered Third Party’s campaign finances in relation to third party advertisements as of December 31 in the year of the election. The earliest the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” **PR FORM 8** can be filed is the first day the Municipal Office is open in January 2023.

At least 30 days before the filing date, but no later than March 1, 2023, the Clerk shall give every registered third party that registered in the municipality, **by registered mail**, notice of:

- all the filing requirements of this section; and
- the penalties set out in subsections 88.27 (1) and 92 (4).

The notice shall be given on “Notice to Registered Third Party of Filing Requirements” **Form EL42B**

THIRD PARTY FILING DEFAULT {Section 88.27}

A Third Party is in default of the filing requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, if:

- a. the registered third party fails to file a document as required under Section 88.29 or 88.32 by the relevant date;
- b. 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. 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. 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.

NOTICE OF DEFAULT [SECTION 88.27 (1) and (2), 88.29]

A “Notice of Default – Registered Third Party” **Form EL43B** shall be given to the registered third party by registered mail, has not submitted the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” **PR FORM 8** on or before 2:00 pm on March 31, 2023.

The Clerk shall make available to the public the name of the registered third party and a description of the nature of the default.

As soon as possible after April 30th in the year following a regular election, or 75 days after Voting Day in a by-election, the Clerk shall make available to the public on a website or in another electronic Format, a list of all registered third parties for the election, along with an

indication of whether each has filed a financial statement and auditor's report under section 88.29 (1) (Financial Statements, etc. of Registered Third Parties).

For questions regarding third party finances, the Clerk should direct the registered third party to Sections 88.26 – 88.29, 88.30 – 88.32.

EXTENSION OF CAMPAIGN PERIOD [SECTION 88.27 (3) to (5)]

For further Information, refer to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE NOTICE TO REGISTERED THIRD PARTY OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.29)

TO:

_____ / _____ (Name of Individual, Corporation or Trade Union) (Name of Individual Who Filed Registration)	
_____ (Address)	_____ (Postal Code)

FROM:

The Clerk or designated election official of _____ (Municipality of Thames Centre)
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TAKE NOTICE EVERY REGISTERED THIRD PARTY SHALL FILE the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” [PR FORM 4](#) on or before 2:00 pm on **March 31, 2023**, with the Clerk, a financial statement and auditor’s report in accordance with section 88.29 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* reflecting the Registered Third Party’s campaign finances in relation to third party advertisements as of December 31 in the year of the election.

- (1) *On or before 2 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; and*
- (b) *in the case of a by-election, as of the 45th day after voting day.*

Note: The earliest the “Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report” [PR FORM 4](#) can be filed is the first day the Municipal Office is open in January 2023.

- (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 p.m. 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.*
- (10) *If the documents required to be filed under this section are not filed by 2 p.m. on the day that is 30 days after the applicable day for filing the documents, the clerk shall accept the documents only for the purpose of making the documents available under subsection 88 (9.1).*

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

Note: At least 30 days before the filing date, the Clerk shall give every registered third party that registered in the municipality, notice of the filing requirements of section 88.29.

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

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE NOTICE OF DEFAULT – REGISTERED THIRD PARTY

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [Section 88.27 (1) & (2), 88.29, 92 (4)]

TO:

<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> (Name of Individual, Corporation or Trade Union)	/	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> (Name of Individual Who Registered)
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> (Address)		<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> (Postal Code)

FROM:

<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> The Clerk, or designated election official of
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> (Municipality of Thames Centre)

TAKE NOTICE that you are in default of the requirements of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, because: (circle all that apply)

- | |
|---|
| A. You failed to file a document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) with the Municipal Clerk as required by Section 88.29 (Financial Statements, etc. of Registered Third Parties) or 88.32 (Return of Surplus for Subsequent Expenses) of the <i>Municipal Elections Act 1996</i> on or before the relevant date, or |
| B. You failed to pay the amount of the surplus shown in a document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) which were filed with the Municipal Clerk by the relevant date as required by Section 88.31 (4) (Treatment of Surplus and Deficit) of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i> , or |
| C. A document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) filed under Section 88.29 of the <i>Municipal Elections Act 1996</i> shows on its face that you have incurred expenses exceeding the amount permitted under Section 88.21 (Registered Third Parties' Expenses) of that Act. |
| D. You failed to pay the amount of the surplus shown in a document (a financial statement and if applicable, an auditor's report) filed with the Municipal Clerk by the relevant date as required by Section 88.32 (Return of Surplus for Subsequent Expenses) of the <i>Municipal Elections Act 1996</i> . |

PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS ONLY

If this notice indicates that you have failed to file a document required by Section 88.29 or 88.32 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* the following provisions and penalties apply:

- i. until the next regular election has taken place, you are ineligible to be a registered third party in the municipality to which the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* applies.

NOTICE OF PENALTIES

Offences by registered third party

- (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.*

Exception, action in good faith

- (5) *However, if the presiding judge finds that the registered third party, acting in good faith, committed the offence inadvertently or because of an error in judgment, the penalty described in subsection 88.27 (1) does not apply.*

Additional penalty, registered third parties

- (6) *If the expenses incurred by or under the direction of a registered third party exceed the amount determined under section 88.21, the registered third party is liable to a fine equal to the excess, in addition to any other penalty provided for in the Act.*

Date

Municipal Clerk or designate

COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE (SECTION 88.37)

Establish Compliance Audit Committee

A council shall before October 1 of an election year establish a committee for the purposes of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

In Middlesex County a joint compliance audit committee will be established.

Develop a “Terms of Reference” **Form TC28** to be adopted by by-law by all participating municipalities.

Council shall approve the appointment of members by resolution or by-law.

REVIEW OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES [SECTION 88.34 (1) to (4)]

The Clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under section 88.9 (Maximum Contributions to Candidates).

Report, Contributions to Candidates for Council

As soon as possible after May 1st, 2023, the Clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9 and,

- (a) if the contributor’s total contributions to a candidate for office on a council appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the candidate; and
- (b) if the contributor’s total contributions to two or more candidates for office on the same council appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all candidates for office on the same council.

The Clerk shall prepare a separate report in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9.

The Clerk shall forward each report prepared to the Compliance Audit Committee.

See Section 88.30 (2) for supplementary filing date provisions.

DECISION OF COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REGARDING CANDIDATES [SECTION 88.34 (8)]

Within 30 days after receiving a report regarding Contributions to Candidates, the Compliance Audit Committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention.

REVIEW OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES [SECTION 88.36 (1) to (4)]

The Clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a Registered Third Party to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under section 88.13 (Maximum Contributions to Registered Third Parties).

Report, Contributions to Registered Third Parties

As soon as possible after May 1st, 2023, the Clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a Registered Third Party who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.13 and,

- (a) if the contributor's total contributions to a Registered Third Party that is registered in the municipality appear to exceed the limit under section 88.13, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the Registered Third Party in relation to third party advertisements; and
- (b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more Registered Third Parties that are registered in the municipality appear to exceed the limit under section 88.13, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all Registered Third Parties in the municipality in relation to third party advertisements.

The Clerk shall prepare a separate report in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.13.

The Clerk shall forward each report prepared to the Compliance Audit Committee.

See Section 88.30 (2) for supplementary filing date provisions.

DECISION OF COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REGARDING REGISTERED THIRD PARTIES [SECTION 88.36 (5)]

Within 30 days after receiving a report regarding Contributions to Registered Third Parties in the municipality, the Compliance Audit Committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention.

COMPLIANCE AUDIT APPLICATION [88.33 (1) AND 88.35 (1)]

An elector who is entitled to vote in an election and believes on reasonable grounds that a candidate or a Registered Third Party who is registered in relation to the election in the municipality has contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances may apply for a compliance audit of the Candidate's or Registered Third Party's election campaign finances, even if the Candidate or Registered Third Party has not filed a financial statement using "Compliance Audit Application" **Form TC29**.

COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE [88.33 (4), (14)]

Within 10 days after receiving the Compliance Audit Application, the Clerk shall forward the application to the Compliance Audit Committee.

Within 10 days after receiving the Auditor's Report, if applicable, the Clerk shall forward the application to the Compliance Audit Committee.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

Joint Middlesex County 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee

	Terms of Reference
1	<p><u>Name</u></p> <p>The name of the Committee is the “Joint Middlesex County 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee” consisting of the following municipalities:</p> <p>Adelaide Metcalfe Lucan Biddulph Middlesex Centre North Middlesex Thames Centre Strathroy-Caradoc Thames Centre</p>
2	<p><u>Duration</u></p> <p>The term of office is from November 15, 2022, to November 14, 2026, to deal with applications from the 2022 election and any by-elections during Council’s term.</p>
3	<p><u>Mandate</u></p> <p>The powers and functions of the Committee are set out in Sections 88.33 and 88.34 of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i> (Appendix “A”). The Committee will perform the functions relating to the compliance audit application process as outlined in the Act. These functions include:</p> <p>Candidate Contravention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. within 30 days receipt of a compliance audit application by an elector, consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected; b. give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee to grant or reject the application, and brief written reasons for the decision; c. if the application is granted, appoint a licensed auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the Candidate’s election campaign finances; d. receive the auditor’s report from the Clerk; e. within 30 days receipt of the auditor’s report, consider the report; f. if the report concludes that the candidate appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the candidate for the apparent contravention;

- g. after reviewing the report, give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Candidate Contributor Contravention

- a. within 30 days receipt of a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits, consider the report and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the contributor for an apparent contravention.
- b. after reviewing the report, give to the Contributor and the Clerk the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Registered Third Party Contravention

- a. within 30 days receipt of a compliance audit application by an elector, consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected;
- b. give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee to grant or reject the application, and brief written reasons for the decision;
- c. if the application is granted, appoint a licensed auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the Registered Third Party's campaign finances;
- d. receive the auditor's report from the Clerk;
- e. within 30 days receipt of the auditor's report, consider the report;
- f. if the report concludes that the Registered Third Party appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the Registered Third Party for the apparent contravention;
- g. after reviewing the report, give to the Registered Third Party, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Registered Third Party Contributor Contravention

- a. within 30 days receipt of the report, consider the report;
- b. if the report concludes that the Contributor appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the Contributor for the apparent contravention;
- c. after reviewing the report, give to the Contributor and the Clerk the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Auditor Selection

If the committee decides to grant the application, it shall appoint an auditor licensed under the *Public Accounting Act, 2004* to conduct a compliance audit of the Candidate's election campaign finances.

The selection process will be coordinated through the Clerk of the respective municipality.

4	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>The Committee shall be composed of three (3) voting members.</p> <p>Membership will be drawn from the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. accounting and audit - accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates and registered third parties; b. legal; c. professionals who in the course of their duties are required to adhere to codes or standards of their profession which may be enforced by disciplinary tribunals; and/or d. other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>. <p>Municipal employees or officers of the municipality, members of Council or local board; any Candidates or any persons who are Registered Third Parties in the 2023 municipal election or in any by-election during the term of Council for any member municipality are ineligible to be appointed as a member of the Committee pursuant to subsection 88.37 (2) of the of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>.</p>
5	<p><u>Membership Selection</u></p> <p>The terms of reference and application Form will be posted, as a minimum, on the municipal websites of the member municipalities. Staff will also contact and solicit those individuals as set out under section 4 of the Terms of Reference. In addition, advertisements will be placed in a local paper.</p> <p>All applicants will be required to complete an application Form outlining their qualifications and experience. Staff may interview applicants who meet the selection criteria and prepare a short list of three voting members and three alternate members. Recommended candidates will be submitted to the Council of each member municipality for consideration.</p> <p>Members will be selected on the basis of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. demonstrated knowledge and understanding of municipal election financing rules; b. proven analytical and decision-making skills; c. experience working on a committee, task force or similar setting; d. availability and willingness to attend meetings; and e. excellent oral and written communication skills. <p>Any members appointed must also agree in writing they will not be a candidate or an individual who is a Registered Third Party in the current municipal election or in any by-election during the term of Council for any member municipality. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the individual being removed from the Committee.</p>

6	<p><u>Conflict of Interest</u></p> <p>The principles of the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i>, apply to this Committee. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the individual being removed from the Committee.</p> <p>To avoid a conflict, any person appointed to the Committee must agree in writing not to prepare or audit the election financial statements of any candidate or registered third party for any of the member municipalities in the current municipal election. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the individual being removed from the Committee.</p>
7	<p><u>Chair</u></p> <p>The Committee will select a Chair from amongst its members at its first meeting when a compliance audit application is received.</p> <p>The Chair is the liaison between the members and the Secretary of the Committee on matters of policy and process.</p> <p>The Chair shall enforce the observance of order and decorum among the Committee members and the public at all meetings.</p> <p>When the Chair is absent, the Committee may appoint another member as Acting Chair. While presiding, the Acting Chair shall have all the powers of the Chair.</p>
8	<p><u>Staffing and Funding</u></p> <p>The Clerk from the applicable member municipality shall act as Secretary to the Committee.</p> <p>The member municipality requiring the services of the Committee shall be responsible for all associated expenses, including the auditor's costs.</p> <p>Committee Member Remuneration - \$200 per diem per meeting, plus mileage.</p>
9	<p><u>Meetings</u></p> <p>Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The deliberations of the committee may be in private.</p> <p><i>Timing of Meetings</i></p> <p>Meetings shall be called by the Clerk of the member municipality when required. The date and time of the meeting will be determined by the Clerk and communicated directly to the Committee members. Subsequent meetings will be held at the call of the Chair in consultation with the Clerk.</p> <p>Committee activity shall be determined primarily by the number and complexity of applications for compliance audits that may be received. The frequency and duration</p>

of meetings will be determined by the Committee in consultation with the Clerk.

Meeting Location

The Committee shall meet at the location determined by the member municipality.

Meeting Notices, Agendas & Minutes

The agenda shall constitute notice. The Clerk of the member municipality requiring the services of the Committee shall cause notice of the meetings to be provided:

- to members of the Committee, Candidate, and the Public for a meeting regarding an application by an elector;
- to members of the Committee, Contributor, Candidate and the Public for a meeting regarding a Candidate Contributor Contravention report;
- to members of the Committee, Contributor, Registered Third Party and the public for a meeting regarding a Registered Third Party Contributor Contravention.

A minimum of two (2) business days prior to the date of each meeting, not including weekends or holidays. The agendas and minutes of meetings shall be posted on the member municipality's website.

Minutes of each meeting shall outline the general deliberations and specific actions and recommendations that result.

Agenda Format

1. Call to Order
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
3. Consideration of Compliance Audit Application, Clerk's Report or Auditor's Report
4. Adjournment

Quorum

Quorum for meetings shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee.

If no quorum is present thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for a meeting, the Clerk shall record the names of the members present and the meeting shall stand adjourned until the date of the next meeting.

Meeting Attendance

Any member of the Committee, who misses three (3) consecutive meetings, without being excused by the Committee, may be removed from the Committee. The Committee must make recommendations, by a report to Council for the removal of any member.

Motions & Voting

A motion shall only need to be Formally moved before the Chair can put the question or a motion can be recorded in the minutes.

A motion shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by the Chair and Secretary.

	<p>Every Member present shall be deemed to vote against the motion if they decline or abstain from voting, unless disqualified from voting by reason of a declared pecuniary interest.</p> <p>In the case of a tie vote, the motion shall be considered to have been lost.</p> <p>The manner of determining the vote on a motion shall be by show of hands.</p> <p>The Chair shall announce the result of every vote.</p>
10	<p><u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u></p> <p>The Terms of Reference constitute the Administrative Practices and Procedures of the Committee. Any responsibilities not clearly identified within these Terms of Reference shall be in accordance with Section 88.33 to 88.37 of the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>.</p> <p>The Clerk at any time has the right to develop additional administrative practices and procedures.</p>

APPENDIX “A”

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 S.O. 1996, c. 32 (for reference only)

Compliance Audits and Reviews of Contributions

Compliance audit of candidates' campaign finances Application by elector

88.33 (1) An elector who is entitled to vote in an election and believes on reasonable grounds that a candidate has contravened a provision of this Act relating to election campaign finances may apply for a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances, even if the candidate has not filed a financial statement under section 88.25. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Requirements

(2) An application for a compliance audit shall be made to the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board for which the candidate was nominated for office, and it shall be in writing and shall set out the reasons for the elector's belief. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Deadline for applications

(3) The application must be made within 90 days after the latest of the following dates:

1. The filing date under section 88.30.
2. The date the candidate filed a financial statement, if the statement was filed within 30 days after the applicable filing date under section 88.30.
3. The candidate's supplementary filing date, if any, under section 88.30.
4. The date on which the candidate's extension, if any, under subsection 88.23 (6) expires. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Compliance audit committee

(4) Within 10 days after receiving the application, the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board, as the case may be, shall forward the application to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Procedural matters

(5) The meetings of the committee under this section shall be open to the public and reasonable notice shall be given to the candidate, the applicant and the public. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Same

(6) Subsection (5) applies despite sections 207 and 208.1 of the *Education Act*. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Decision of committee

(7) Within 30 days after the committee has received the application, the committee shall consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Same

(8) The decision of the committee to grant or reject the application, and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the candidate, the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination, the secretary of the local board, if applicable, and the applicant. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Appeal

(9) The decision of the committee under subsection (7) may be appealed to the Superior Court of Justice within 15 days after the decision is made, and the court may make any decision the committee could have made. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Appointment of auditor

(10) If the committee decides under subsection (7) to grant the application, it shall appoint an auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Same

(11) Only auditors licensed under the *Public Accounting Act, 2004* or prescribed persons are eligible to be appointed under subsection (10). 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Duty of auditor

(12) The auditor shall promptly conduct an audit of the candidate's election campaign finances to determine whether he or she has complied with the provisions of this Act relating to election campaign finances and shall prepare a report outlining any apparent contravention by the candidate. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Who receives report

(13) The auditor shall submit the report to the candidate, the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination, the secretary of the local board, if applicable, and the applicant. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Report to be forwarded to committee

(14) Within 10 days after receiving the report, the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board shall forward the report to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Powers of auditor

(15) For the purpose of the audit, the auditor,
(a) is entitled to have access, at all reasonable hours, to all relevant books, papers, documents or things of the candidate and of the municipality or local board; and
(b) has the powers set out in section 33 of the *Public Inquiries Act, 2009* and section 33 applies to the audit. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Costs

(16) The municipality or local board shall pay the auditor's costs of performing the audit. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Decision

(17) The committee shall consider the report within 30 days after receiving it and, if the report concludes that the candidate appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances, the committee shall decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the candidate for the apparent contravention. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Notice of decision, reasons

(18) The decision of the committee under subsection (17), and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the candidate, the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination, the secretary of the local board, if applicable, and the applicant. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Immunity

(19) No action or other proceeding for damages shall be instituted against an auditor appointed under subsection (10) for any act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of the audit or for any alleged neglect or default in its execution in good faith. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

Saving provision

(20) This section does not prevent a person from laying a charge or taking any other legal action, at any time, with respect to an alleged contravention of a provision of this Act relating to election campaign finances. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

88.34 (1) The clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate under section 88.25 to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under section 88.9. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Report, contributions to candidates for council

(2) As soon as possible following the day that is 30 days after the filing date or supplementary filing date, as the case may be, under section 88.30, the clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9 and,

(a) if the contributor's total contributions to a candidate for office on a council appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the candidate; and

(b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more candidates for office on the same council appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all candidates for office on the same council. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(3) The clerk shall prepare a separate report under subsection (2) in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(4) The clerk shall forward each report prepared under subsection (2) to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Report, contributions to candidates for a local board

(5) As soon as possible following the day that is 30 days after the filing date or supplementary filing date, as the case may be, under section 88.30, the clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a local board who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9 and,

(a) if the contributor's total contributions to a candidate for office on a local board appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the candidate; and

(b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more candidates for office on the same local board appear to exceed the limit under section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all candidates for office on the same local board. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(6) The clerk shall prepare a separate report under subsection (5) in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(7) The clerk shall forward each report prepared under subsection (5) to the secretary of the local board for which the candidate was nominated for office and, within 10 days after receiving the report, the secretary of the local board shall forward it to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Decision of compliance audit committee

(8) Within 30 days after receiving a report under subsection (4) or (7), the compliance audit committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Procedural matters

(9) The meetings of the committee under subsection (8) shall be open to the public, and reasonable notice shall be given to the contributor, the applicable candidate and the public. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Same

(10) Subsection (9) applies despite sections 207 and 208.1 of the *Education Act*. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Notice of decision, reasons

(11) The decision of the committee under subsection (8), and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the contributor and to the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board, as the case may be. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Saving provision

(12) This section does not prevent a person from laying a charge or taking any other legal action, at any time, with respect to an alleged contravention of a provision of this Act relating to contribution limits. 2016, c. 15, s. 64.

Compliance audit of registered third parties

Application by elector

88.35 (1) An elector who is entitled to vote in an election in a municipality and believes on reasonable grounds that a registered third party who is registered in relation to the election in the municipality has contravened a provision of this Act relating to campaign finances may apply for a compliance audit of the campaign finances of the registered third party in relation to third party advertisements, even if the registered third party has not filed a financial statement under section 88.29. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Requirements

(2) An application for a compliance audit shall be made to the clerk of the municipality in which the registered third party was registered, and it shall be made in writing and shall set out the reasons for the elector's belief. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Deadline

(3) The application must be made within 90 days after the latest of the following dates:

1. The filing date under section 88.30.
 2. The date the registered third party filed a financial statement, if the statement was filed within 30 days after the applicable filing date under section 88.30.
 3. The supplementary filing date, if any, for the registered third party under section 88.30.
 4. The date on which the registered third party's extension, if any, under subsection 88.27 (3) expires.
- 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Application of s. 88.33 (4) to (20)

(4) Subsections 88.33 (4) to (20) apply to a compliance audit under this section, with the following modifications:

1. A reference to a candidate shall be read as a reference to the registered third party.
2. A reference to the clerk with whom the candidate filed his or her nomination shall be read as a reference to the clerk of the municipality in which the registered third party is registered.
3. A reference to election campaign finances shall be read as a reference to the campaign finances of the registered third party in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in the municipality. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Review of contributions to registered third parties

88.36 (1) The clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a registered third party under section 88.29 to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under section 88.13. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Report by the clerk

(2) As soon as possible following the day that is 30 days after the filing date or supplementary filing date, as the case may be, under section 88.30 for a registered third party, the clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to the registered third party who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.13 and,

- (a) if the contributor's total contributions to a registered third party that is registered in the municipality appear to exceed the limit under section 88.13, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the registered third party in relation to third party advertisements; and
- (b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more registered third parties that are registered in the municipality appear to exceed the limit under section 88.13, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all registered third parties in the municipality in relation to third party advertisements. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Same

(3) The clerk shall prepare a separate report under subsection (2) in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.13. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Same

(4) The clerk shall forward each report prepared under subsection (2) to the compliance audit committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Decision of compliance audit committee

(5) Within 30 days after receiving a report under subsection (4), the compliance audit committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Procedural matters

(6) The meetings of the committee under subsection (5) shall be open to the public, and reasonable notice shall be given to the contributor, the registered third party and the public. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Notice of decision, reasons

(7) The decision of the committee under subsection (5), and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the contributor and to the clerk of the municipality. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Saving provision

(8) This section does not prevent a person from laying a charge or taking any other legal action, at any time, with respect to an alleged contravention of a provision of this Act relating to contribution limits. 2016, c. 15, s. 65.

Compliance audit committee

88.37 (1) A council or local board shall establish a compliance audit committee before October 1 of an election year for the purposes of this Act. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Composition

(2) The committee shall be composed of not fewer than three and not more than seven members and shall not include,

- (a) employees or officers of the municipality or local board;
- (b) members of the council or local board;
- (c) any persons who are candidates in the election for which the committee is established; or
- (d) any persons who are registered third parties in the municipality in the election for which the committee is established. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Eligibility for appointment

(3) A person who has such qualifications and satisfies such eligibility requirements as may be prescribed is eligible for appointment to the committee. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Same

(4) In appointing persons to the committee, the council or local board shall have regard to the prescribed eligibility criteria. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Term of office

(5) The term of office of the committee is the same as the term of office of the council or local board that takes office following the next regular election, and the term of office of the members of the committee is the same as the term of the committee to which they have been appointed. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Role of clerk or secretary

(6) The clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the local board, as the case may be, shall establish administrative practices and procedures for the committee and shall carry out any other duties required under this Act to implement the committee's decisions. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

Costs

(7) The council or local board, as the case may be, shall pay all costs in relation to the committee's operation and activities. 2016, c. 15, s. 66.

MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.33 and 88.34)

An elector who is entitled to vote in an election and believes on reasonable grounds that a Candidate or Registered Third Party has contravened a provision of the Municipal Elections Act relating to campaign finances may apply for a Compliance Audit of the Candidate's or Registered Third Party's campaign finances, even if the Candidate or Registered Third Party has not filed a financial statement.

An application for a compliance audit must be received by the Clerk of the municipality within 90 days after the latest of the following dates:

- the filing date, which is the last Friday in March following the election;
- the date the Candidate or Registered Third Party filed a financial statement, if the statement was filed within 30 days after the filing date, which is the last Friday in March following the election;
- the Candidate's or Registered Third Party's supplementary filing date, if any, which is the last Friday in September in the year following the election;
- the date on which the Candidate's or Registered Third Party's extension approved by the court, if any, expires.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name of Applicant:

First Name:

Applicant's Full Qualifying Address within Municipality:

Mailing Address, if different than qualifying address:

Telephone:

Email:

CANDIDATE OR REGISTERED THIRD PARTY

Candidate or Registered Third Party Name:

Name of Office for which the Candidate Sought Election (if applicable):

Filing Date of Candidate's or Registered Third Party's Financial Statements:

REASONS FOR COMPLIANCE AUDIT

In the area below, provide the reason(s) that you believe the Candidate or Registered Third Party named above has contravened the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* relating to campaign finances. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

APPLICANT CONFIRMATION

I confirm that the Information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am presently, legally entitled to vote in a municipal election in the municipality.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Received By:

Date:

The personal Information on this Form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The Information will be used by the Joint Middlesex County 2022 Election Compliance Audit Committee to process a Compliance Audit review. Pursuant to s. 88 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, this document is a public record, despite anything in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and, until its destruction, may be inspected by any person at the Clerk's Office of any member municipality at a time when the office is open. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Clerk of any of the member municipalities.

ELECTION RECORDS

PUBLIC RECORDS [SECTION 88 (5), (10), (11)]

Despite anything in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*, 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.

Restrictions

No person shall use Information obtained from public records described above, except for election purposes.

Access to the Voters' List

The Voters' List shall not be posted in a public place and can be used only for election purposes.

Due to MFIPPA, details about another person, other than the person an Election Official is speaking with, should not be provided, including whether or not the individual is on the Voters' List.

CANDIDATE'S ELECTION RECORDS

Use of online, electronic and paper versions of the Voters' List, Interim List of Changes to the Voters' List, Voter Participation Status reports 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 2022 Municipal Election. All Voter Information obtained by the Candidate during the 2022 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 the candidate's 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.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RECORDS (SECTION 88)

Destruction of Records

After 120 days from declaring the results of the election under Section 55, the Clerk shall destroy the ballots in the presence of **two witnesses**. The Clerk may also destroy any other documents and materials related to the election except those listed below under the Retention of Records section of the manual.

A Statement as to Destruction of Electronic Ballot Information shall be completed and signed by two witnesses.

Retention of Records

The ballots and any other documents or materials shall not be destroyed if:

- a court orders that they be retained; or
- a recount has been commenced and not finally disposed of.

In addition, documents filed under Sections 88.25 (candidates' financial statements, etc.),

88.29 (financial statements, etc. of registered third parties) and 88.32 (return of surplus for subsequent expenses) shall not be destroyed until the members of the council or local board elected at the next regular election have taken office.

ACCESSIBILITY

ACCESSIBILITY

Electors and Candidates with Disabilities [Section 12.1 (1)]

The Clerk shall have regard to the needs of electors and candidates with disabilities.

Plan re Barriers [Section 12.1 (2)]

The Clerk shall prepare a plan regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the plan available to the public before Voting Day in a regular election.

Location – Accessibility [Section 45 (2)]

In establishing the location of Voter Help Centre, the Clerk shall ensure that each Voter Help Centre is accessible to electors with disabilities.

Attendance on Electors with Disabilities [Section 45 (9)]

To allow an elector with a disability to vote, an Election Official shall attend on the elector anywhere within the area designated for voting.

Electors Needing Assistance [Section 52 (1) 4]

The Election Official may permit an elector who needs assistance in voting to have such assistance as the Election Official considers necessary.

Report [Section 12.1 (3)]

Within 90 days after Voting Day in a regular election but no later than January 23, 2023, the Clerk shall submit a report to council about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that effect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the report available to the public.

Other Resources

AMCTO Municipal Election Manual 2022, page 144

Ontario Candidate's Guide to Accessible Elections

Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation, Ontario Regulation 191/11

Municipally approved Accessibility Policies and Procedures

Thames Centre Voting Period Daily Accessibility Checklist

The purpose of this checklist is to allow you, the election staff, to quickly assess whether or not the Voter Help Centre has barriers for people with disabilities during the Voting Period. If you identify barriers, you should Inform the municipal clerk and/or their designate so the barrier can be addressed as soon as possible. Many barriers can be easily addressed each day voting takes place.

Parking

Voter Help Centre location parking area:

- ☐ The accessible space is clearly marked with the standard accessible parking sign.
- ☐ The accessible space which is large enough to accommodate a van is located nearest to the accessible entrance.
- ☐ There is an accessible way to get from the parking lot to the door
- ☐ The parking area is paved

Accessible parking must be kept clear of snow, piles of leaves or other obstacles to persons with disabilities in order to be accessible.

Pathways to the Building

The path to the accessible entrance is clearly marked with large print signs if it is different from the primary route to the building.

This checklist does not identify all barriers that a person may face at the voting place. Answering positively to the checklist does not mean a voting place is in compliance with such laws as the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

- ☐ The path of travel is free of breaks and edges and is clear of debris such as snow, ice and leaves, and low-hanging objects such as tree branches.

- ☐ The path of travel has the necessary curb cuts and ramps so that a person using a mobility device could access the building with ease.
- ☐ All ramps have handrails (and edge protection), if necessary.
- ☐ The path of travel is well-lit when necessary.

Entrance to the Building

- ☐ The entrance to the building is free of steps or has a ramp.
- ☐ The accessible entrance to the building is unlocked.
- ☐ The accessible entrance to the building has an automatic door opener or there is someone stationed at the door to open it.

Travel within the Building

- ☐ The accessible route to the voting area is clearly marked with large print signs if it is different from the main route and/or if it is not immediately inside the accessible entrance.
- ☐ Interior doors of the designated room for voting are propped open or have automatic doors.
- ☐ Hallways are well-lit and free of low-hanging objects and items protruding from the wall or sitting on the floor.
- ☐ All rugs and mats along the accessible route have low pile and are securely fastened (or removed).

Voting Area

- ☐ Instructions for voting are printed in Large Print (18-point font or larger) and displayed in a convenient and obvious location.
- ☐ The path of travel in the voting area is wide enough for an individual using a mobility device to navigate and turn around with ease (minimum of 5X5 feet).
- ☐ There is a table, counter or voting booth that is extra wide at the bottom (at least 36 inches) and at a good height (between 28 and 34 inches) to

allow someone who uses a mobility device to use it comfortably and reach all parts of the voting equipment.

- ☐ Election workers are trained in using and explaining the accessible voting equipment to voters.
- ☐ Electronic accessible voting equipment is turned on, tested and in proper working order for electors to use when the polls open on Election Day.
- ☐ There is a feasible plan in place to identify when a voter wants to vote curbside, and election workers are aware of the curbside voting policy.
- ☐ Election workers are aware of the special needs of voters with disabilities and are willing to provide reasonable accommodations when requested.
- ☐ The Voter Help Centre has the following:
 - Communication cards or pen/paper to communicate with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing.
 - Magnifying glass to be used by someone with a sight impairment.
 - Extra seating and a policy to allow voters who have trouble standing or walking to wait to vote and maintain their place in line.

The municipal clerk will have more detailed Information about accessibility rules and laws.

Completed By (Print & Sign)

Date Completed

EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCIES (SECTION 53)

The Clerk may declare an emergency if he/she is of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the election being conducted in accordance with this *Act*.

On declaring an emergency, the Clerk shall make such arrangements as he/she considers advisable for the conduct of the election.

The arrangements made by the Clerk, if they are consistent with the principles of this *Act*, prevail over anything in this *Act* and the regulations made under it.

The emergency continues until the Clerk declares that it has ended.

If made in good faith, the Clerk's declaration of emergency and arrangements shall not be reviewed or set aside on account of unreasonableness or supposed unreasonableness.

It shall be the policy that in the event of an emergency, as determined by the Clerk, that the Clerk shall to the best of their ability provide notice of such emergency. All Information pertaining to the emergency shall be communicated on social media and posted to the website, if possible.

If required, the Clerk may consider alternate options for the following:

- reporting results
- notification of electors
- Election Officials
- voting period [e.g.. delay of Voting Day, extension of voting hours or day(s)]
- Alternate Help Centre or alternate facility

If any part of the voting for an office is not completed, do not release the results until the voting for that office is complete.

In the event of an emergency, Intelivote will take direction from the Clerk as to what actions will be taken, shall stop the Intelivote system from accepting calls via a telephone and connections from the Internet, thus preventing the election from continuing, or starting, as the case may be.

CORRUPT PRACTICES

CORRUPT PRACTICES [Sections 90 – 94.1]

No person shall, directly or indirectly:

- offer, give, lend, or promise or agree to give or lend any valuable consideration, in connection with the exercise or the non-exercise of an electors vote;
- advance, pay or caused to be paid money intending that it be used to commit an offence referred to in the bullet above, or knowing that it will be used to repay money used in that way;
- give, procure or promise or agree to procure an office or employment in connection with the exercise or non-exercise of an elector's vote;
- apply for, accept or agree to accept any valuable consideration or office or employment in connection with the exercise or non-exercise of elector's vote;
- give, procure or promise or agree to procure an office or employment to induce a person to become a candidate, refrain from becoming a candidate or withdraw his or her candidacy;
- offer, give, lend, or promise or agree to give or lend any valuable consideration in order to induce a person to become a candidate, refrain from becoming a candidate or withdraw his or her candidacy.

REPORTING CORRUPT PRACTICES

All valid complaints or knowledge of an offence shall be reported immediately to the Police for investigation of corrupt practices.

In addition, although many provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act* also deal with voting places, ballots and ballot boxes, etc. the same must be used interchangeably with the alternative Forms of voting since the principles of the *Act* must be maintained and is therefore enforceable and subject to penalties.

As such, the Clerk has agreed to the following:

- that all complaints about actions which may contravene the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act*, either verbally or written, will be reviewed by the Clerk and, if viewed by the Clerk to be valid and not frivolous, will be reported to the Police.
- the most senior officer of the Police will be advised that all such valid complaints will be turned over to his/her office for further investigation.

OFFENCES (SECTION 89, 90)

A person is guilty of an offence if he or she:

- votes without being entitled to do so;
- votes more times than this *Act* allows;
- votes in a Voting Place in which he or she is not entitled to vote;
- induces or procures a person to vote when that person is not entitled to do so;
- before or during an election, publishes a false statement of a candidate's withdrawal;
- furnishes false or misleading Information to a person whom this *Act* authorizes to obtain Information;

- without authority, supplies a PIN/ballot to anyone;
- deals with a PIN, without having authority to do so;
- no person(s) shall solicit a Voter Information Letter containing a PIN, from an eligible elector;
- a person who contravenes any provision of the *Act* or a regulation under the *Act* or a by-law passed by a municipality under the *Act*;
- attempts to do something described above.

The following are guilty of an offence that constitutes a corrupt practice:

- A Deputy Returning Officer or other Election Official who knowingly miscounts the votes or knowingly prepares a false statement of the votes;
- A Deputy Returning Officer who knowingly places in a ballot box a paper that purports to be, is not, a ballot capable of being used as such at an election;
- A Clerk or other Election Official who willfully fails to perform a duty imposed by the *Act*.

PENALTIES

Elector [Section 90 (2)]

An offence described above under Corrupt Practices [Section 90 (3)] constitutes a corrupt practice and a person who commits it is, on conviction, disqualified from voting at an election until the next regular election has taken place after the election to which the offence relates, in addition to being liable to any other penalty provided for in the *Act*.

Candidate [Section 91 (1)]

If a person is convicted of a corrupt practice under the *Act*, or of an offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) in connection with an act or omission that relates to an election to which the *Act* applies, then, in addition to any other penalty provided for in the *Act*:

- a) any office to which the person was elected is forfeited and becomes vacant; and
- b) the person is ineligible to be nominated for or elected or appointed to, any office until the next two regular elections have taken place after the election to which the offence relates.

However, if the presiding judge finds that the person committed the corrupt practice or offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) without any intent of causing or contributing to a false outcome of the election, clause b) does not apply.

Individual [Section 94 (1)]

An individual who is convicted of an offence is liable to the following penalties in addition to any other penalty provided for:

- for any offence, a fine not more than \$25,000;
- for any offence other than a corrupt practice, the penalties described in Subsection 88.23 (2) – Effect of Default by Candidate and 88.27 (1) – Effect of Default by Registered Third Party.
- for an offence under Section 90 (Corrupt Practices: Certain Offences Committed Knowingly), imprisonment for a term of not more than 6 (six) months;

- for any offence that the presiding judge finds that the individual committed knowingly, imprisonment for a term of not more than 6 (six) months.

Trade Unions [Section 94 (2)]

A corporation or trade union that is convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of not more than \$50,000 in addition to any other penalty provided for.

MAIL TAMPERING - CRIMINAL OFFENCE AND PROSECUTION

Notification of the voting process and how electors can vote will be provided in the Voter Information Letter, Voter Kit, Voter Notification Card to electors by first class mail.

The *Criminal Code of Canada* states that tampering with the mail of an individual is a criminal offence and a person(s) found guilty is liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten (10) years.

As such and in order to ensure the integrity and confidence of the voting process for all electors and the candidates, the Clerk has agreed that all complaints about actions which may contravene the provisions of the *Criminal Code of Canada* with respect to mail tampering, either verbally or written will be reported to the Police.

DISCRETIONARY POWERS OF THE CLERK

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996
Implied And Direct Discretionary Authority of the Clerk

SECTION	SHORT DESCRIPTION
	Summary of Broad Discretionary Authority
7; 8(7); 45	The Clerk has authority and control over the costs incurred for an election.
7(3)1	The Clerk shall bill a local board or upper tier municipality for the costs for a recount in a regular election for a local board or municipality, a by-law or question submitted by an upper tier or local board or the Minister.
7(3)4	The Clerk shall bill for costs when the Clerk counts the votes or conducts a recount of a ranked ballot election for an upper-tier municipality, if the member of council of the upper-tier municipality is not also elected to the council of the lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality.
7(12)	The Clerk of a municipality can incur expenses in respect to a question which are required or authorized by this Act to be incurred.
8(6)	The Clerk is responsible for giving notice to the public for any question on the ballot, regardless of whether it was initiated by a municipality, an upper tier or a Minister.
11(1)	The Clerk is responsible for conducting municipal elections. Unless otherwise provided, the Clerk has broad discretionary authority to determine the Form and method of communication for notices, Forms and other Information provided under the Act.
12(1)	The Clerk may provide for any matter or procedure that is not specifically provided for in the Act or Regulations.
12(2)	The Clerk may establish Forms such as oaths, statutory declarations and has the power to require their use.
12(3)	The Clerk may require a person to furnish proof of identity, qualification or any other matter.
12(4)	The power given to the Clerk does not include the power to require a person for the purposes s 52(1) (Voting Procedure) to furnish proof of identity in addition to what is prescribed.
12.1	The Clerk shall have regard to the needs of electors and candidates with disabilities
12.1(2)	The Clerk shall prepare a plan regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the plan available to the public before Voting Day in a regular election.
12.1(3)	Within 90 days after Voting Day in a regular election, the Clerk shall prepare a report about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.
13(1)	The Clerk shall determine the Form, manner and timing of any notice or other Information required by the Act.
22(2)	For the purposes of subsection (1) – correction of errors in the preliminary list, the Clerk may use any Information that is in the local municipality's

	custody or control
53(1)	The Clerk has discretion in determining what constitutes an emergency or circumstances that will undermine the integrity of the election.
53(2)	The Clerk has discretion in a declared emergency to make any arrangements deemed necessary for the conduct of the election.
53(4)	The Clerk determines when the emergency has passed.
55(4.1)	The Clerk shall, as soon as possible after Voting Day, make Information available on the number of votes for each Candidate, the number of declined and rejected ballots and the number of votes (yes or no) on a by-law or question and determine website or electronic Format.
	Cost of Elections
7(2), (4); 8(7)	The Clerk has authority and control over the finances of an election.
	Notice of By-laws and Questions
8(6)	The Clerk shall determine the Form and method of notice to the electors of by-laws and questions to be placed on the ballot.
	Certification of Vote Results
8(9)	The Clerk shall determine the Form of certification when giving the result of the vote on a question or by-law.
	Information to Electors
45(8)	The Clerk may issue instructions to Deputy Returning Officers (DRO) regarding attending on an elector in an institution or retirement home.
13(2)	The Clerk may determine what Information is necessary to Inform electors how to exercise their rights under the Act.
12.1(1)	The Clerk shall identify strategies to provide for the needs of electors and candidates with disabilities.
12.1(2)	The Clerk shall prepare a plan regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities before Voting Day in a regular election.
12.1(30)	Within 90 days after Voting Day in a regular election, the Clerk shall submit a report about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.
	Appointment of Election Officials
15(1)	The Clerk shall appoint a Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) for each Voting Place.
15(1)	The Clerk may appoint other election officials in addition to DROs. The Clerk determines what instruction and training is provided to election officials.
	Delegation of Authority
15(2), (3), (4)	The Clerk may delegate to election officials in writing, any of the Clerk's powers and duties, however the Clerk may continue to exercise the delegated powers and duties, despite delegation.
	Creation of Voting Subdivisions
18(1)	The Clerk may divide the municipality into voting subdivisions.
18(2)	If the Clerk creates voting subdivisions, he or she shall Inform MPAC.

	Correction of Preliminary List Of Electors
19(1)(1.1)	The Clerk and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, may agree on a date for the delivery of the Preliminary List of Electors (which must be a date earlier than September 1).
22(1)	The Clerk may correct any obvious errors on the Preliminary List of Electors, and shall notify MPAC of the corrections.
22(2)	For the purposes of subsection (1), the Clerk may use any Information that is in the local municipality's custody or control.
25(4)	The Clerk shall determine the Format and manner of the written application to remove a deceased person's name.
	Reproduction of Voters' List
23(2)(a)(b)	The Clerk shall have the Voters' List reproduced on or before September 1 st and determine where and at what time applications for revisions to the Voters' List may be made.
	Revision of Voters' List
24(1)(2)	From September 1 st to the close of Voting on Voting Date, a person may make an application to be added or removed from the Voters' List or have the Information on the Voters' List relating to that person amended.
24(3)	The Clerk may approve or deny applications for revision to the Voters' List.
27(1)(a)(b)	During the period beginning September 15 and ending September 25, the Clerk shall prepare an interim list of changes to the Voters' List approved on or before September 15, and give a copy to each certified candidate and to each person who received a copy of the Voters' List under s. 23.
27(2)(a)(b)	The Clerk shall within 30 days after Voting Day prepare a final list of the changes to the Voters' List and give a copy to MPAC.
	Certification of Voters' Lists, As Revised
28(1)	The Clerk shall prepare and certify the Voters' List for use in each Voting Place.
	Nominations
32	The Clerk shall give notice of the offices for which persons may be nominated and the nomination procedures under the Act.
33(1.3)	The Clerk is entitled to reply upon the Information filed by the candidates (endorsements).
35(2), (3)	The Clerk shall certify the nomination of qualified persons, and reject the nomination if not satisfied the person is qualified.
35(4)	The Clerk can determine the Form and method of giving notice when a nomination is rejected and shall give notice to the person who sought to be nominated and to all candidates for the office, as soon as possible.
35(5)	The Clerk's decision to certify or reject a nomination is final.
	Acclamations
37(1), (2)	The Clerk can determine the method of declaring acclamations.
	Notice of Election
40(a), (b), (c), (d)	The Clerk shall give notice to the electors and determine the Form and method of giving such notice about the location of voting places, dates and times open, and the manner in which electors may use voting proxies if

	applicable and if alternative voting methods, the manner in which electors may use the alternative voting methods.
	Ballot Form
41(1)	The Clerk shall provide ballots in the prescribed Form.
41(2)3	The Clerk can agree to permit another name that a candidate uses to appear on the ballot.
41(2)5	If the surnames of two or more Candidates for an office are identical or in the Clerk opinion so similar as to cause possible confusion, the Clerk shall differentiate the Candidates on the ballots as the Clerk considers appropriate.
41(3)	The Clerk shall change some or all of the ballots to facilitate voting by the visually impaired without assistance.
41(4)	The Clerk can decide to use separate or composite ballots.
	Voting or Vote Counting Equipment or Alternate Voting Method
42(3)(a) (i), (ii)	Where there is a by-law providing for voting or vote counting equipment or an alternative voting method, the Clerk has discretion in establishing Forms and procedures for carrying out the intent of the by-law.
42(3)(b)	The Clerk can determine the method for providing a copy of the procedures and Forms to Candidates and shall provide a copy of the procedures and Forms to each Candidate when his or her nomination is filed.
	Advance Vote
42(2)	The Clerk shall establish the date or dates, number, location and hours of Advance Voting.
43(5)(b) (ii)	The Clerk determines how to keep safe any Advance Vote ballot boxes and all other material and documents relating to the Advance Vote.
43(7)	The Clerk determines the method of updating Voters' Lists to reflect Advance Voting and ensures that the Voters' Lists for all Voting Places are updated to reflect voting that took place at an advance vote.
	Proxies
44(7)	The Clerk may determine what is required to verify that persons are qualified to appoint and be appointed as a voting proxy and if satisfied that the person who appointed the voting proxy is entitled to do so, and that the person appointed is entitled to act as the voting proxy, shall apply a certificate in the prescribed Form to the appointing document.
	Voting Places and Procedures
45(1), (3), (5)	The Clerk has discretion in identifying the number and location of voting places and designating the area.
45(2)	In establishing the locations of Voting Places, the Clerk shall identify strategies that ensure that each voting place is accessible to electors with disabilities.
45(7)1, 2, 3	A voting place shall be located in an institution for the reception, treatment or vocational training of members or Former members of the Canadian Forces; an institution on September 1 st where 20 beds or more are occupied by persons who are disabled, chronically ill or infirm; and in a retirement home in which 50 beds or more are occupied on September 1 st .

45(8)	The Clerk may issue instructions to DROs regarding attending on an elector in an institution or retirement home.
45(9)	The Clerk shall issue instructions to DROs regarding attending on electors with a disability, including mobility impaired, anywhere within the defined voting place.
46(2)	The Clerk may establish specific Voting places to open on Voting Day before 10:00 a.m.
46(3)	The Clerk may establish reduced voting hours for a Voting Place that is only for the use of residents of the institution or retirement home.
47(1)(a)	The Clerk has discretion to go to or remain in voting places during voting or when votes are being counted.
	Emergency
53(1)	The Clerk has discretion in determining what constitutes an emergency or circumstances that will undermine the integrity of the election.
53(2)	The Clerk has discretion in a declared emergency to make any arrangements deemed necessary for the conduct of the election.
53(4)	The Clerk determines when the emergency has passed.
	Opening Ballot Box
55(3)	The Clerk shall determine the results of the election by compiling the statements of results received from the DRO.
55(4)	The Clerk shall, as soon as possible after voting day, declare the elected candidate(s) and the result of the vote on any by-law or question.
55(4.1)	As soon as possible after Voting Day, the Clerk shall make Information available on number of votes for each Candidate, number of declined and rejected ballots, number of votes (yes or no) on a by-law or question.
55(5)	The Clerk, in the presence of the DRO, can decide to open a ballot box to assist with interpreting the statement of results.
	Recounts
56(1), (1.1), (2)	The Clerk shall hold a recount in accordance with policy within 15 days after the declaration of results.
59	The Clerk may decide to include other candidates for an office in a recount.
61(1)1	The Clerk may be present at a recount in the case of a tie vote, or any policy passed, when the Council, Board or Minister requires a recount and when the Ontario Superior Court of Justice orders a recount. Sections 56, 57, or 58 or 63.
61(2)1	The Clerk may be present at a recount for a by-law or question.
61(6)	The Clerk determines disputes concerning the validity of a ballot or the counting of votes in a ballot.
61(7)	The Clerk may permit others to be present at a recount.
62(3); 63(10)	If the recount leaves two candidates tied, the Clerk shall choose the successful candidate by lot.
	By-Elections
65(4)1	The Clerk sets the date of Nomination Day, in the case of a by-election.

65(5)1	The Clerk sets the date of voting if the by-election relates to a question or by-law.
	Financial Reporting
33.0.1(1)	The Clerk determines the Form of the preliminary certificate of maximum campaign expenses (upon the filing of a person's nomination) and shall give the person, or their agent filing the nomination for the person, a certificate of the applicable maximum amount as of the filing date.
33.1	The Clerk shall, before Voting Day, give notice of the penalties under s.88.23(2) and s.92(1) related to election campaign finances to each person nominated for an office.
88.20(13)(a)(b)	The Clerk determines the Form and method of delivery of the certificate of maximum campaign expenses. The Clerk shall calculate the maximum amounts permitted by subsections 6 (Candidate Expenses) and subsection 9 (Registered Third Party Expenses) for each office for which nominations have been filed and shall give a certificate of the applicable amounts to each candidate on or before September 25 in a regular election, and within 10 days after the Clerk makes the required corrections in the case of a by-election.
88.22(3)	The Clerk determines the Form and process of the notice of default.
88.23(9)	The Clerk determines the Form and method of delivery of notice to Candidates of the campaign expense filing requirements and shall give notice at least 30 days before the filing date.
	Election Records
88(2)(a)(b)	When the 120-day period has elapsed, the Clerk shall destroy the ballots and may destroy other documents and materials related to the election.
88(4)	Financial statements must be retained until the next election.
88(9.1)	The Clerk shall make the documents filed under sections 88.25, 88.29 and 88.32 available at no charge for viewing by the public on a website or in another electronic Format as soon as possible after the documents are filed

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Additional Forms may be prepared for the 2018 Municipal Elections and will be utilized when necessary or desirable for conducting the election under the direction of the Clerk, as per Section 12(1) and 12(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.