

Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses (Final)

Candidates

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 [ss.88.9.1(4)]

Office	Number of Eligible Voters¹	Maximum Campaign Expenses²	Maximum Amount for Parties, etc., after Voting Day³	Maximum Contribution to Own Campaign⁴
Mayor	160,339	\$143,788.15	\$14,378.82	\$25,000.00
Regional and Local Councillor	160,339	\$141,288.15	\$14,128.82	\$25,000.00
Councillor Ward 1	31,673	\$31,922.05	\$3,192.21	\$11,334.6
Councillor Ward 2	20,366	\$22,311.10	\$2,231.11	\$9,073.2
Councillor Ward 3	25,236	\$26,450.60	\$2,645.06	\$10,047.2
Councillor Ward 4	27,504	\$28,378.40	\$2,837.84	\$10,500.8
Councillor Ward 5	24,639	\$25,943.15	\$2,594.32	\$9,927.8
Councillor Ward 6	30,921	\$31,282.85	\$3,128.29	\$11,184.2
Trustee – YRDSB Wards 1, 2, & 4	69,824	\$64,350.40	\$6,435.04	N/A
Trustee – YRDSB Wards 3, 5, & 6	72,606	\$66,715.10	\$6,671.51	N/A
Trustee – YCDSB	16,061	\$18,651.85	\$1,865.19	N/A

Important Information and Notes

In accordance with subsection 88.9.1(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, (the “Act”), the Number of Eligible Voters is determined from the Voters’ List for the current election, as it exists on September 20 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes made under sections 24 and 25 that are approved as of that day.

1. The Maximum Campaign Expenses are calculated in accordance with Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 101/97, made under the Act, as follows:

- Head of Council: \$7,500 + (Number of Eligible Voters x \$0.85)
- All other offices: \$5,000 + (Number of Eligible Voters x \$0.85)

2. The Maximum Amount for Parties, etc. after Voting Day, are calculated in accordance with Section 6 of Ontario Regulation 101/97, as follows:
 - 10% of Maximum Campaign Expenses
3. Maximum Contributions to one's own campaign: a candidate for an office on a council and his or her spouse shall not make contributions to the candidate's own election campaign that, combined, exceed an amount equal to the lesser of:
 - (a) the amount calculated by adding,
 - (i) head of council of a municipality, \$7,500 plus 20 cents for each elector entitled to vote for the office, or
 - (ii) in the case of a candidate for an office on a council of a municipality other than the office of head of council, \$5,000 plus 20 cents for each elector entitled to vote for the office; and
 - (b) \$25,000. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 4, s. 8 (10). (s. 88.9.1(1))
4. In accordance with subsection 88.20(14) of the Act, the Clerks calculations are final.
5. A Copy of the Penalty Notice provided to candidates when they filed a Nomination paper is attached as Attachment "A".

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City Clerk/Returning Officer

Date: September 21, 2026

Attachment “A”

Penalty Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, 1996

Excerpts from *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, S.O. 1996, c.32

Act available at http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_96m32_e.htm

Effect of default by candidate

88.23 (1) A candidate is subject to the penalties listed in subsection (2), in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act,

- (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.

Penalties

- (2) Subject to subsection (7), in the case of a default described in subsection (1),
- (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.

Notice of default

- (3) In the case of a default described in subsection (1), the clerk shall,
- (a) notify the candidate in writing that the default has occurred;
 - (b) if the candidate was elected, notify the council or board to which he or she was elected in writing that the default has occurred; and
 - (c) make available to the public the name of the candidate and a description of the nature of the default. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Clerk's report re filing requirements

- (4) The clerk shall make available to the public a report setting out all candidates in an election and indicating whether each candidate complied with section 88.25. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Same

- (5) The report mentioned in subsection (4) shall be made available on a website or in another electronic format as soon as possible after,
- (a) April 30 in the year following a regular election; and
 - (b) 90 days after voting day in a by-election. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Application to court

- (6) The candidate may, before the last day for filing a document under section 88.25 or 88.32, apply to the Superior Court of Justice to extend the time for filing the document under that section and, if the court is satisfied there are mitigating circumstances justifying a later date for filing the document, the court may grant an extension for the minimum period of time necessary to enable the candidate to file the document but the court shall not grant an extension of more than 90 days. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Notice to clerk

(7) If a candidate makes an application under subsection (6), the candidate shall notify the clerk in writing before 2 p.m. on the last day for filing a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that the application has been made. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Effect of extension

(8) If the court grants an extension under subsection (6), the penalties set out in subsection (2) apply only if the candidate has not filed the document before the end of the extension. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Cessation of penalty

(9) The penalties set out in subsection (2) for a default described in clause (1) (a) do not take effect if, no later than 2 p.m. on the day that is 30 days after the applicable day for filing the document, the candidate files the relevant document as required under section 88.25 or 88.32 and pays the clerk a late filing fee of \$500. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Late filing fee

(10) The late filing fee is the property of the municipality. 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

Same, before supplementary filing date

(11) At least 30 days before the supplementary filing date, the clerk shall give notice of the filing requirements of this section and the penalties set out in subsections 88.23 (2) and 92 (1) to the following candidates:

1. A candidate who notified the clerk under paragraph 4 of subsection 88.24 (1).
2. A candidate who notified the clerk under paragraph 5 of subsection 88.24 (1). 2016, c. 15, s. 60.

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

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

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

General penalty, individual

94.1 (1) An individual who is convicted of an offence under this Act is liable to the following penalties in addition to any other penalty provided for in this Act:

1. For any offence, a fine of not more than \$25,000.
2. For any offence other than a corrupt practice, the penalties described in subsection 88.23 (2) and 88.27 (1).
3. For an offence under section 90, imprisonment for a term of not more than six months.
4. For any offence that the presiding judge finds that the individual committed knowingly, imprisonment for a term of not more than six months. 2009, c. 33, Sched. 21, s. 8 (68); 2016, c. 15, s. 70.

Same, corporation or trade union

(2) A corporation or trade union that is convicted of an offence under this Act is liable to a fine of not more than \$50,000 in addition to any other penalty provided for in this Act. 2009, c. 33, Sched. 21, s. 8 (68).

Note: Candidates are responsible for understanding and complying with all aspects of the legislation. The City Clerk cannot interpret the legislation for you. Seek legal counsel as necessary.