



## **Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee**

*([Municipal Elections Act](#), 1996 c.32, Schedule, s. 88.33 & 88.35)*

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is a Compliance Audit?**

A compliance audit is an audit of a Candidate's or Third Party Advertiser's campaign finances and his/her compliance with the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as they relate to election campaign finances.

#### **How do I view a candidate's municipal election campaign finances?**

Copies of the required Form 4 Financial Statement for each candidate are available in the Clerk's department. You may also request electronic copies of these forms as well.

#### **What must I do if I have a concern about a candidate's election campaign finances?**

If you believe that a candidate's or Third Party Advertiser's campaign finances contravene the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, you may submit an Application for a Municipal Election Compliance Audit to the Township Clerk.

#### **Can anybody request a Municipal Election Compliance Audit?**

In order to request a Municipal Election Compliance Audit you must be an elector who is entitled to vote i.e. you must reside in the Township of Brock or be the owner or tenant of land therein or the spouse of such owner or tenant. You must also be a Canadian citizen, at least eighteen (18) years of age and not be prohibited from voting under subsection 17(3) of the [Municipal Elections Act, 1996](#).

#### **When can I file a 2026 Application for a Municipal Election Compliance Audit?**

The application must be made on or before Monday June 28, 2027, being ninety (90) days after the last date for the candidates' and Third Party Advertisers' filing of Financial Statements for the 2026 election or, in the case of an extension of the campaign period, within ninety (90) of the supplementary filing date.

## **Is there a cost to the filing of an Application for a Municipal Election Compliance Audit?**

No.

## **How do I prepare a 2026 Application for a Municipal Election Compliance Audit?**

The Application for a Municipal Election Compliance Audit form is available from the Township of Brock website or may be picked up at the Clerk's Department at the Municipal Office, 1 Cameron Street East, Cannington.

Your application must include:

- Notice that you are an eligible voter
- Your name and contact information
- Name of the candidate or Third Party Advertiser whose campaign finances you are requesting an audit for as well as the office (if candidate) for which they were running in the 2026 election
- The reasons that you believe the candidate or Third Party Advertiser has contravened the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as they relate to campaign finances
- Any other relevant information
- The date that you submitted the application to the Township Clerk
- Your signature

## **Where do I send my application?**

For a concern with a candidate from the Township of Brock Municipal Election, the application should be sent to the Deputy CAO/Municipal Clerk at [clerks@brock.ca](mailto:clerks@brock.ca)

For a concern with a candidate from the Township of Scugog Municipal Election, the application should be sent to the Municipal Clerk at [blabelle@scugog.ca](mailto:blabelle@scugog.ca)

For a concern with a candidate from the Township of Uxbridge Municipal Election, the application should be sent to the Deputy Clerk at [eelliott@uxbridge.ca](mailto:eelliott@uxbridge.ca)

An application for a Compliance Audit of a school board candidate or the office of Regional Chair should be sent to the Secretary of the appropriate School Board or the Regional Clerk for the office of Regional Chair.

## **How long will it take for my application to be heard?**

Within ten (10) days of receiving your application, the Clerk will forward it to the Compliance Committee. Within thirty (30) days of receiving your application, the Compliance Audit Committee will consider the application and decide whether to grant or reject it.

**Will I be notified of the date?**

Yes. The applicant, candidate or Third Party Advertiser will receive notification of the date when the Committee will consider the application.

**What happens if the Committee grants the application?**

If the Committee grants the application, it will appoint an auditor to promptly start the audit of the candidate's or Third Party Advertiser's campaign finances to determine whether they complied with the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

**What if I don't agree with the decision of the Committee?**

The decision of the Committee may be appealed to the Superior Court of Justice within fifteen (15) days after the decision is made. The Court may make any decision that the Committee could have made.

**What happens once the auditor completes the audit?**

Once the auditor has completed the audit, he/she will provide a report to the Township Clerk, the candidate or Third Party Advertiser and the applicant. The Committee will consider the report within thirty (30) days of receiving it and determine whether legal proceedings against the candidate or Third Party Advertiser should be commenced.

**Who pays for the auditor?**

The Township pays for the auditor's cost. However, if the report indicates there were no apparent contraventions and the Committee finds there were no reasonable grounds for the application, the Township of Brock is entitled to recover the auditor's fees from the applicant.