



2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
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* (Canada) 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.

Non-resident candidate, spouse

If not normally resident in Ontario, a candidate and his or her spouse may make contributions only to the candidate's election campaign.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS SECTION 88.8 (6) – (10)

A contribution may be accepted only by a candidate or an individual acting under the candidate's direction.

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;
- A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or local board.
- This section does not apply to contributions made to a candidate's own election campaign or his or her spouse.