

February 24, 2024

Re: Janet Swim – A contributor in the 2022 Municipal Election who appears to have contravened Contribution Limits under Section 88.9 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996:

I am writing to submit a written statement on the Compliance Committee Agenda and to advise that I will be attending in person on February 28, 2024.

During the 2022 Municipal Election year and prior to August 30, 2022, I was visited by Amber Morley at my home during her election campaign. Subsequent to our discussion, I expressed to her that I desired to contribute funds towards her campaign. Ms. Morley advised me that the maximum contribution was \$1,200.00. I was directed by her to visit her official Campaign website to make a donation. Within that site, I entered the amount of \$1,200.00. There was also a button to click on to pay for the Processing Fee. I clicked on that button and by doing so, unintentionally and without malice, caused my contribution to exceed the limit of \$1,200.00 in the amount of \$36.15 and thereby contravened Section 88.9 of the Municipal Elections Act.

I did not become aware of the fact that I had violated Section 88.9 until an envelope from the City Clerk's Office was hand delivered to me at my home address on February 15, 2022. Therefore I could not make efforts to mitigate prior to that date. For the record, it may also be important to add that my email address on file with the city is [REDACTED] and has been replaced by the following:

[REDACTED]:

It has never been my habit to become involved with politics. With respect to my contribution of funds towards Counsellor Morley's campaign, it was not my intent or desire by doing so to receive in return - favours, special considerations or personal gain. I have not met with or spoken to Counsellor Morley at any time following her appointment as Counsellor for my Ward.

Along with the harm done by contravening the aforementioned Elections Act, I find that I have caused harm to myself as well. I feel shame, guilt and remorse. I also realize that I have shamed myself in a public manner. As a result, I am determined to be more mindful, diligent, lawful and act preventatively to avoid such matters in the future. Overall, I have been a law-abiding citizen who is sincere, honest and moral. I vow to do everything in my power to prevent harm in the future.

[REDACTED]

I would ask that the Committee take my above statement into consideration.

Thank you,

Janet Swim