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To: Financial Institution

Re: Municipal Election Campaign Account

Beginning May 1, 2026, candidates running for office on City Council or any of the School Boards may be visiting your financial institution to open an account.

Section 88.22 (1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Act) states that a candidate cannot accept any contributions or incur any expenses until they open one or more campaign accounts at a financial institution, exclusively for the purpose of their election campaign. The Act does not specify the type of account to be opened.

The candidate will provide you with proof they are running in the 2026 municipal election by showing you a copy of the Nomination Paper that has been accepted by the City Clerk's Office. The 'Certification by City Clerk or Designate' section is not required to be completed for a candidate to open an account.

Unlike in provincial or federal elections, a candidate for municipal elections can be the only signing authority on the campaign account. A Chief Financial Officer is not required.

Please contact my staff at 416-395-0025 for further inquiries.

Regards,

Colin MacLean
Manager