

APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.33 and 88.35)

An elector who is entitled to vote in an election and believes on reasonable grounds that a candidate or registered third party has contravened any of the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 relating to campaign finances may apply for a compliance audit of the candidate or registered third party advertiser's campaign finances, even if the candidate or registered third party advertiser has not filed a financial statement.

An application for a compliance audit must be submitted to:

- For Regional Councillor (includes Regional Chair) candidates - the Regional Clerk
- For Mayor and City Councillor candidates and Registered Third Party Advertisers in St. Catharines - the Clerk of St. Catharines
- For School Board Trustee candidates - the applicable school board

Applications must be made within 90 days after the latest of the following dates:

- The filing date under section 88.30 of the *Municipal Elections Act* (March 31, 2023, for the election held on October 24, 2022).
- The date the candidate or registered third party filed a financial statement, if the statement was filed within 30 days after the applicable filing date under section 88.30 of the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- The candidate's or registered third party supplementary filing date, if any, under section 88.30 of the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- The date on which the candidate's extension, if any, under subsection 88.23(6) of the *Municipal Elections Act* expires, or the date on which the registered third party's extension, if any, under subsection 88.27(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act* expires.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name of Applicant:

First Name of Applicant:

Applicant's Full Qualifying Address within St. Catharines:

Mailing Address, if different than qualifying address:

Telephone:

Email:

CANDIDATE OR REGISTERED THIRD-PARTY ADVERTISER

Candidate or Registered Third Party Advertiser Name:

Name of Office for which the Candidate Sought Election (if applicable):

Filing Date of Candidate's or Registered Third Party Advertiser's Financial Statements:

REASONS FOR COMPLIANCE AUDIT

In the area below, provide the reason(s) that you believe the candidate or registered third party advertiser named above has contravened the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, relating to campaign finances. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please identify the section(s) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 relating to campaign finances you believe have been contravened (if known).

APPLICANT CONFIRMATION

I confirm that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am eligible to vote under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* in the City of St. Catharines.

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
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Received By:	Date:
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