



CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGISTERED CANDIDATES

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.8 and 88.9)

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS [SECTION 88.8 (1) – (4)]

Contributions to candidates

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.

Only during election campaign

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.

Who may contribute

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.

Who cannot contribute

The following shall not make a contribution:

- A federal political party registered under the *Canada Elections Act* 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.

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

Who may accept contribution and contributors

A contribution may be accepted only by a candidate or an individual acting under the direction of the candidate. A contribution may be accepted only from a person or entity that is entitled to make a contribution.

Contributions exceeding \$25

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.

Exception re making information public

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)

Maximum contributions to candidates

A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of:

- \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election;
- 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;
- \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or local board;
- Except if the candidate is contributing to the candidates own election campaign, then the maximum contributions do not apply;
- Except if the contributor is the spouse of the candidate, then the maximum contributions do not apply.