



**City of Belleville
2022 Municipal Elections**

CANDIDATE'S LETTER TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

May 2, 2022

To: Financial Institutions

A candidate, running in the 2022 municipal election, is required under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* to open an account in the name of the campaign (for example: Campaign for John Doe or John Doe's Campaign).

The Act does not contain any prohibition against a municipal candidate being a signing officer on the campaign account, nor does it require the candidate to have a chief financial officer, as is the case with provincial and federal candidates.

Section 88.22(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* states:

"A candidate shall ensure that:

- (a) no contributions of money are accepted or expenses are incurred unless one or more campaign accounts are first opened at a financial institution exclusively for the purpose of the election campaign;
- (b) all contributions of money are deposited into the campaign accounts;
- (c) all funds in the campaign accounts are used exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;
- (d) all payments for expenses are made from the campaign accounts.

Should you have any further questions on this matter please contact me at 613-967-3256.

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