



Notice of Penalties Related to Campaign Expenses

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* requires anyone who has filed a nomination form, to file a financial statement with the Clerk by **2:00 p.m. on Friday March 31, 2023**. Failure to comply means that you are subject to the penalties outlined below, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the *Municipal Elections Act*.

Effect of default by candidate

88.23 (1)

A candidate is subject to the penalties listed in subsection (2), in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this *Act*,

- a) if the candidate fails to file a document as required under section 88.25 or 88.32 by the relevant date;
- b) if a document filed under section 88.25 shows on its face a surplus, as described in section 88.31, and the candidate fails to pay the amount required by subsection 88.31(4) to the clerk by the relevant date;
- c) if a document filed under section 88.25 shows on its face that the candidate has incurred expenses exceeding what is permitted under section 88.20; or
- d) if a document filed under section 88.32 shows on its face a surplus and the candidate fails to pay the amount required by that section by the relevant date.

Penalties

88.23 (2)

Subject to subsection (7), in the case of a default described in subsection (1),

- a) the candidate forfeits any office to which he or she was elected and the office is deemed to be vacant; and
- b) until the next regular election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which this *Act* applies.

Offences by candidate

92 (1)

A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this *Act*, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23(2)

- a) if the candidate incurs expenses that exceed the amount determined for the office under section 88.20; or
- b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section.

The information above is provided to all candidates; however it is the responsibility of the candidate to refer directly to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for specific provisions and additional details.