

Municipality Of West Elgin

Contributions To Registered Third Parties

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Sections 88.12, 88.13, 88.14)

Contributions To Registered Third Parties [Section 88.12 (1) To (5)]

A contribution shall not be made in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in a municipality unless they are a registered third party.

A contribution to a registered third party, or to an individual acting under his, her or its direction, shall only be made during the campaign period.

Contributions shall only be made by the following:

- An individual who is normally resident in Ontario.
- A corporation that carries on business in Ontario.
- A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario.
- The registered third party and, in the case of an individual, his or her spouse, subject to if the spouse of a registered third party is not normally registered in Ontario, the spouse may make contributions only to the registered third party.

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*.
- The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board.

Acceptance Of Contributions [Section 88.12 (7) To (8)]

A contribution may be accepted only by a registered third party or an individual acting under the direction of the registered third party.

A contribution may be accepted only from a person or entity that is entitled to make a contribution.

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.

Maximum Contributions To Registered Third Parties (Section 88.13)

A contributor shall not make contributions in relation to third party advertisements exceeding a total of:

- \$750 to a registered third party that appear during an election in a municipality;
- \$5,000 to two or more third parties registered in the same municipality;

- Except if the third party is contributing to itself, then the maximum contributions do not apply;
- Except if the contributor is the spouse of an individual that is a registered third party, then the maximum contributions do not apply.

Fund-Raising For Registered Third Parties (Section 88.14 And 88.28)

Only registered third parties in the municipality may hold a fund-raising function relating to third party advertisements.

Fund-raising functions may only be held during the campaign period.

*NOTE: Please note the third party advertiser is solely responsible for complying with the legislation in the *Municipal Elections Act* relating to third party advertising.