

A candidate's campaign commences at the time a nomination is submitted to the Clerk, and ends on Dec. 31, 2014. Candidates must not receive or spend funds for their campaign until their nomination has been filed.

Contributions

Campaign contributions are limited to a maximum of \$750 from an individual contributor to any one candidate. This does not apply to contributions from the candidate made to him/herself or by his/her spouse.

A contributor may not donate in excess of \$5,000 to the candidates in his/her jurisdiction. Each municipal council and school board is a separate jurisdiction. Monetary contributions that exceed \$25 may not be made in cash.

Only the following may contribute to a candidate's campaign:

- An individual who is normally a resident in Ontario, including the candidate and his/her spouse
- A corporation carrying on business in Ontario
- A trade union with bargaining rights for employees in Ontario

The following groups may not make contributions:

- A registered federal or provincial political party
- The Crown in Right of Canada or Ontario
- A municipality or local board

Maximum Expenses

The maximum amount that a candidate may spend on a campaign is determined as follows:

- Mayoral candidates: \$7,500 plus 85 cents for every elector entitled to vote for the office
- Council/school board candidates: \$5,000 plus 85 cents for every elector entitled to vote for the office

On or before Sept. 22, 2014, the Clerk will determine the maximum amount for each office and deliver each candidate a certificate specifying the permitted campaign expense. The [Municipal Elections Act](#) provides that the Clerk must give each candidate an estimated spending limit upon filing of nomination papers. If the final limit is lower than the estimate, the higher amount becomes the candidate's official spending limit.

Contact

For any inquiries about municipal elections, please contact the following:

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