



Kelly Picken, AOMC, AMP, Dipl. MA
Deputy Clerk

k.picken@northkawartha.ca

280 Burleigh Street, PO Box 550, Apsley, ON K0L 1A0

Tel: 705-656-5189- | 1-800-755-6931 ext. 239 | Fax: 705-656-4446

www.northkawartha.ca

May 1, 2026

To: **Financial Institution**

Re: Municipal Campaign Account

A candidate running the 2026 municipal election, is required under the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended, to open an account exclusively for their campaign (for example: "Campaign for John Do" or "Jane Do's Campaign") if they accept any contributions of money or incur any expenses.

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 or federal candidates.

Section 88.22 (1) (1) – (d) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended 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 purposes 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 the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Kelly Picken, AOMC, AMP, Dipl. M.A.
Returning Officer