

Municipal Election

Contributor Eligibility

Candidates are encouraged to share this information with contributors.

What is a Campaign Contribution?

Campaign contributions are **money, goods or services** given to support a municipal election candidate.

Under the **Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA)**:

- Contributions can only be used for campaign purposes
- Candidates must issue a receipt for all contributions
- Contributions are not eligible for income tax deductions
- Contributions over \$100 are published with contributor's **name, address and amount on the Town's website** as part of the candidate's financial statements.

Who Can Contribute?

✓ You can contribute if you are:

- an **individual living in Ontario**
- giving **your own money** (no pooling of funds)

⊘ You cannot contribute if you are:

- a business or corporation
- a trade union
- a political organization (Federal or Provincial)
- live outside Ontario

Contribution Limits

The Municipal Elections Act sets out how much you can give:

- Up to **\$1,200** per candidate
- Up to **\$5,000 total** across candidates running for the same council or school board

How can you give:

- Cash: maximum \$25
- Other contributions can include in-kind contributions like goods and services

Combined Contribution Example

You may contribute to more than one candidate, like in this breakdown:

- \$1,200 to Candidate A
- \$1,000 to Candidate B
- \$800 to Candidate C

✓ Total = \$3,000 (within the \$5,000 limit)