



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration & Operations

Date: May 8, 2023

Department: Administration

Topic: 2022 Election Compliance Report – Financial Statements

Background: In accordance with Section 88.25 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, on or before 2pm of March 31, 2023 (last Friday in March following the election), each candidate shall file the financial statement and auditor report (if required) to the Clerk of the municipality. March 31 at 2pm is a firm deadline unless the candidate informs the Clerk in writing that a court-ordered extension has been granted. Candidates who did not file their financial statement/campaign expenses with the Clerk by the prescribed deadline would be issued a notice of default form and a letter from the Clerk. As of 2pm on March 31, no notices of default were required to be issued.

Under Section 88.23 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, in the case of a default with respect to the filing on election campaign expenses the Clerk shall notify the candidate in writing that the default has occurred and outline the penalties. In the case of default, if the candidate were elected to office, the candidate would be required to forfeit the office to which they were elected, and the office is then deemed to be vacant. If the candidate was not elected to office, in the case of default, until the next regular election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected.

However, in accordance with Section 88.23(9), the penalties set out do not take effect if, no later than 2pm on the day that is 30 days after the March 31 deadline, the candidate files the relevant document as required under Section 88.25 and pays the Clerk a later filing fee of \$500.

Compliance: All 2022 candidates submitted their form 4 financial statements before the March 31 2pm deadline. All candidates are eligible for future elections. The Clerk hereby confirms that under Section 88.34 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, that the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by the candidates have been reviewed. The Clerk can hereby confirm that based on the information provided within the candidates submitted financial statements in accordance with Section 88.23 and 88.25) that the candidates were within their allowed limits.

Financial: Due to all candidates submitting their financial statements before the March 31 deadline, the Township did not collect any late filing fees. The Township has processed the refund of the nomination filing fees for all candidates.

This report has been made available to the public on the Township's election webpage in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Williamson", written in black ink.

Clerk