

Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Report to Council

Report Title: 2022 Municipal and School Board Election Financial Reporting Compliance

Prepared By: Dalton Stone, Municipal Services Coordinator, and Fiona Hamilton, Director of

Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

Department: Clerk's

Date: April 11, 2023

Report Number: CLK2023-05 File Number: C11CL, C07

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2023-05 - 2022 Municipal and School Board Election Financial Reporting Compliance, prepared by Dalton Stone, Municipal Services Coordinator, and Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

The results for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election were declared on October 24, 2022. The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched.*, as amended (the "Act"), stipulates that each candidate must file a Financial Statement (in the form set by the legislation) no later than 2:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023 with the Clerk of the municipality where the nomination form was filed (even if acclaimed).

Furthermore, s. 88.23(4) of the Act requires the Clerk to write a report setting out all the candidates in the election and indicating whether those candidates complied with the requirement to file a Financial Statement prior to May 2, 2023.

Analysis:

In the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election, there were fifteen (15) candidates who filed nomination forms in the Municipality of Brockton. Two of the candidates were acclaimed (Mayor and Deputy Mayor) and two candidates withdrew their nominations. The maximum amount the candidates were permitted to spend as of September 15, 2022 was as follows:

- Councillors \$11,743.90;
- Trustee English Separate School Support \$6,412.70;
- Trustee English Public School Support \$12,353.35.

The Municipality of Brockton received the required Financial Statements that complied with the requirements of s. 88.25 of the Act from all of the candidates. All of the candidates spent well under the expense limits provided above on their campaigns. The contributions reported by each candidate also did not exceed the amount permitted.

The Act also stipulates that any candidate who files a Financial Statement prior to the deadline will receive a refund of the nomination fee in the amount of \$200.00 for the position of Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other positions.

The nomination fee has been refunded to all candidates who filed the nomination form with the Clerk of the Municipality of Brockton.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

•	Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision	N/A
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community	N/A
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life	N/A
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment	N/A
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development	N/A
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance	N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Reviewed By:

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Respectfully Submitted by:

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