

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BYLAW NUMBER 2026-0056 (COU-1)

BEING A BYLAW TO APPOINT A JOINT COMPLIANCE
AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE 2026-2030 TERM OF
COUNCIL

WHEREAS municipalities and school boards in Ontario are required pursuant to Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.32 Sched., as amended, (the "Act") to establish a compliance audit committee prior to October 1 in an election year;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee to consider compliance audit applications and reports from the Town Clerk relating to the campaign finances of candidates and registered third parties who participated in the 2026 Municipal Election or in any by-election that may occur during the 2026-2030 Term of Council;

AND WHEREAS all York Region municipalities have collaborated on the recruitment of a roster of individuals, to be known as the Joint Compliance Audit Committee Roster, from which the local municipalities will appoint Compliance Audit Committees as necessary;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Compliance Audit Committee required pursuant to Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.32, as amended, be and is hereby established in accordance with the Act for the 2026-2030 Term of Council, and shall be known as the Joint Compliance Audit Committee.

2. THAT the Joint Compliance Audit Committee shall consist of the following individuals, at least three (3) of whom, shall be selected to deal with each compliance audit request or report of the Clerk in accordance with the Act and Terms of Reference attached hereto as Schedule "A":

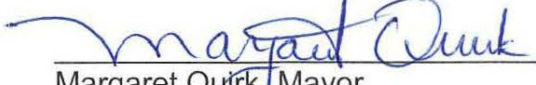
- Terrance James Alderson
- Kalli Chapman
- Ron Colucci
- Andrea Coyne
- Jodi Feldman
- Robert Freedman
- Mark Gannage
- Kelly Gravelle
- Jacqueline Masaba
- Katie Paulino
- Anxhela Peco
- Joel Stapley

3. THAT the business of the Joint Compliance Audit Committee be conducted in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto, which shall form part of this Bylaw.


4. THAT Bylaw Number 2022-0062 Being a Bylaw to Appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee be hereby repealed.

5. AND THAT this Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of passage.

READ AND ENACTED this 17th day of June, 2026.



Margaret Quirk, Mayor



Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk

“Schedule A”

Joint Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference (2026 to 2030)

Establishment

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee is established by the Cities of Markham, Richmond Hill, and Vaughan; the Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Newmarket, and Whitchurch-Stouffville; and the Township of King (collectively the "participating municipalities"), pursuant to the requirements of section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.32, as amended, ("the "Municipal Elections Act").

Mandate

The powers and functions of the Committee are set out in Sections 88.33 to 88.36 of the Municipal Elections Act. The powers and functions are generally described as:

1. Within 30 days of receipt of an application requesting a compliance audit, the Committee shall consider the compliance audit application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected;
2. If the application is granted, the Committee shall appoint an auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances;
3. The Committee shall consider the auditor's report within 30 days of receipt and, if the report indicates that there is an apparent contravention, shall decide whether legal proceedings should be commenced; and,
4. Within 30 days after receipt of a report from any participating municipality's Clerk of any apparent over-contributions to candidates or third-parties ("report of the Clerk"), the Committee shall consider the report of the Clerk and decide whether legal proceedings should be commenced.

Composition

Collectively a total roster of twelve (12) committee members shall be appointed by the participating municipalities.

When a participating municipality receives either a compliance audit request or a report of the Clerk, the Clerk of the applicable municipality shall, within 10 days, contact the roster of committee members and arrange for a minimum of three (3), and not more than seven (7), committee members to sit as the Compliance Audit Committee for the purpose of considering the compliance audit request or report of the Clerk. The selected Members sitting as a Compliance Audit Committee shall be required to participate in all meetings and any other proceedings pertaining to the request(s) or report of the Clerk.

Term

The term of the Committee is the same as the term of office of Council.

Chair

The committee members sitting as the Compliance Audit Committee for a particular compliance audit request or report of the Clerk shall select one of its Members to act as a Chair at the first meeting.

Proposed Meeting Schedule

The Committee shall meet only when required. The appropriate participating municipality's Clerk will schedule meetings in consultation with the selected members. Additional meetings may be scheduled as required to conduct training, to consider auditor's reports, to receive legal advice, or to provide direction to legal counsel and/or prosecutors.

Staffing and Funding

Staff from the applicable participating municipality shall provide administrative support to the Committee. The participating municipality requiring the services of the Committee shall be responsible for all associated expenses.

Records

The records of Committee meetings shall be retained and preserved by the participating municipality requesting the service of the Committee in accordance with that municipality's Records Retention rules.

Meetings

Meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedures that are established jointly by the Clerks of the participating municipalities. Meetings may be held in person, electronically, or by a combination of in person and electronic participation.

Remuneration

\$450 - Retainer fee (includes compensation for review of any background materials).

\$400 - Per Diem rate, plus mileage at current Canada Revenue Agency per kilometre rate (when in-person attendance is required).

\$400 (includes mileage) - attendance at a mandatory training session

Membership Selection

All Committee applicants will be required to complete an application form outlining their qualifications and experience.

The Clerk, or their designate, from each participating municipality will serve on the Selection Committee to review the qualifications and experience of the applicants. The Selection Committee shall prepare a roster for appointment according to the process approved by the Councils of the participating municipalities.

Membership Selection Criteria

The following skills and experience will be used by the Selection Committee to determine suitability for appointment to the Committee:

1. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of municipal election campaign financing rules;
2. Proven analytical and decision-making skills;

3. Experience working on committees, task forces or similar settings;
4. Demonstrated knowledge of quasi-judicial proceedings;
5. Availability and willingness to attend meetings; and
6. Excellent oral and written communication skills.

The following persons are not eligible for appointment or to serve on the Committee:

1. Employees of any of the participating municipalities;
2. Members of Council or Members of Local Boards of any of the participating municipalities;
3. Council candidates for the 2022 Municipal Election and any by-election(s) held during the 2022- 2026 Council term of office; or
4. Any persons who are Registered Third Parties in any of the participating municipalities.