

2014 Municipal Elections

Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Mandate

Municipalities in York Region established a Joint Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) under Subsection 81.1 (2) of *the Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (Act). The Committee is charged with the following duties:

- 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;
- If the application is granted, the Committee shall appoint an auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances;
- The Committee will review the auditor's report within 10 days of receipt and shall decide whether legal proceedings should be commenced; and
- If the auditor's report indicates that there were no apparent contraventions and if there appears there were no reasonable grounds for the application, the Committee shall advise Council accordingly.

A minimum of three (3) members of the Committee shall be called upon to hear an application. The term of appointment for the Committee will expire on November 30th, 2018. For more information, please review the [Committee's Terms of Reference and by-law](#).

Please contact the Secretary of the applicable school board for information on the compliance audit application procedure for school board candidates in the October 27, 2014 Municipal Election.

Application Procedure and Form

Should an eligible voter who believes that there are reasonable grounds that a candidate for Municipal Council (Mayor, Regional Councillor, Ward Councillor) in the October 27, 2014 Municipal Election has contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances, may apply for a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances.

1. The application must be made within ninety (90) days after the latest of the filing deadlines:

- Regular campaign period filing deadline: **Friday, March 27, 2015**;
- Supplementary campaign period filing deadline: (if applicable);

- Another deadline as provided for in Subsection 79.1 of the Act (if applicable); or
 - The expiration of a filing extension pursuant to Subsection 80 (4), if any.
2. Within 10 days of receiving the application, the Clerk shall forward the application to the Committee.
 3. 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.
 4. If the application is granted, the Committee shall appoint an auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the candidate's election campaign finances.
 5. The Committee will review the auditor's report within 10 days of receipt and decide whether legal proceedings should be commenced.

The [application form](#) is available from the Clerk's Office, 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, Ontario during regular business hours. There is no application fee.

Completed, original signed copies of application forms shall be forwarded to: Municipal Clerk Town of Georgina, Administrative Services Department, Clerks Division, 26557 Civic Centre Road Keswick, ON L4P 3G1

Please note that faxed or emailed submissions will not be accepted.

APPEAL

Decisions of the Committee may be appealed to the Ontario Court of Justice within fifteen (15) days after the Committee's decision.

COST RECOVERY

If the auditor's report indicates that there were no apparent contraventions of the Act and if there appears there were no reasonable grounds for the application, Council is entitled to recover the auditor's costs from the applicant.

COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND MINUTES

The [Rules of Procedure](#) for meeting conduct may be view/download under the Additional Resources section of this web-page.

Committee meetings are open to the public, unless the Committee is considering a confidential matter as provided for in Subsection 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Public session minutes of the Committee will be posted on this web page. All minutes are draft until adopted by the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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