

From now until Election Day (October 24), staff may receive election related questions from a candidate. For the benefit of all candidates, we will provide the question and answer to all candidates via email.

May 11, 2022

Question #1 - Can a non-Canadian citizen donate to a campaign?

Who can make a contribution?

You can accept contributions only from individuals who are residents of Ontario. Corporations and trade unions are not permitted to make contributions to candidates.

If your spouse is not a resident of Ontario, they can still make contributions to your campaign. They may not make contributions to any other candidate. Groups such as clubs, associations or ratepayer's groups are not eligible to make contributions.

The members of these groups may make individual contributions from their personal funds (as long as they are residents of Ontario).

Who cannot make a contribution?

The following individuals and organizations are not permitted to make contributions to municipal council and school board campaigns:

- a corporation
- a trade union
- an individual who is not normally a resident in Ontario
- a federal political party, constituency association, or a registered candidate in a federal election
- a provincial political party, constituency association, or a registered candidate or leadership contestant
- a federal or provincial government, a municipality or a school board

Question #2 – Can you include your nomination filing fee as an election expense?

Campaign expenses are the costs that you incur (or that a person such as your campaign manager incurs under your direction) during your campaign. Reminder: the nomination fee is a personal expense rather than a campaign expense. It should not be reported on your campaign financial statement.

Question #3 – Is the nomination filing fee tax deductible?

You are entitled to have your nomination fee refunded if you file your campaign financial statement by the filing deadline. We suggest contacting your personal accountant regarding the eligibility of this fee being tax deductible.

August 19, 2022

Question #4 – What information is available regarding the recent discussions about traffic calming and speeding in the Township?

Council has received two reports regarding these topics. They can be found attached to this document.

Question #5 – Can a business make a donation to my campaign?

You can accept contributions only from individuals who are residents of Ontario. Corporations and trade unions are not permitted to make contributions to candidates. Any Third party advertisers who want to spend money on advertisements during the election

must register with the municipal clerk and must file a financial statement.

Question #6 – Can I pay cash for campaign related expenses?

As long receipts are obtained for each expense and they are included within your campaign financial statement (form 4).

Question #7 – Can I hold a ‘Meet your Candidate’ event on my property?

It is up to you to provide voters with information about you as a candidate and about your campaign. Make sure you are in compliance with all Township by-laws and public health regulations if food and beverages are to be served.

August 25, 2022

Question #8 – Can I put Election Signs on Private Property prior to September 12th?

The Township’s election sign by-law states: *No person shall place an Election Sign, or cause an Election Sign to be placed on any premises until after the issuance of writs for provincial or federal elections, or within six weeks immediately preceding a municipal election.* This includes private property.

Question #9 – Can an elector receive a voter kit and vote on Election Day?

Yes, staff will be available on Election Day at the municipal office from 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Electors may need to sign a declaration indicating that they have not already voted or fill out a form to amend the voter’s list.

August 31, 2022

Question #10 – Do candidates include taxes when recording expenses on form 4?

Any taxes such as HST paid on purchases should be included in the amount of the expense.

September 13, 2022

Question #11 – Can Election Signs be placed across the street from a “voting location”.

As per the Township’s Election Sign By-law, no person may place or cause to be placed an Election Sign that is located within 300m of a voting place.

Question #12 – How can someone add their name to the Voter’s List now that Voter Lookup is inactive?

Electors could use the online voter lookup tool through MPAC from May until just recently (August 31st) but there needed to be a cut-off date because MPAC needed to send that data to our voter list/voter kit service provider, Datafix. Now voter’s need to visit us to fill out a form so we can obtain their consent and make that addition/change directly to our Voter’s List. If someone has accessibility with getting to and from the office or a voter kit return station, we can certainly try our best to come directly to them with a form.

Here is a list of our voter kit return stations: <https://www.get.on.ca/election/when-to-vote>

September 20, 2022

Question #12 – What voting method is Erin and East Garafraxa using and what are

their deadlines?

The Town of Erin is usually Vote by Mail and their voter kits should be mailed out on September 26th. The Township of East Garafraxa is using Internet Voting and their voter kit instruction cards are being mailed out on September 26th or 27th with the voting period beginning on October 14th.