



DECISION June 17, 2019

Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee

IN THE MATTER OF the City of Burlington Clerk's report dated June 4 2019, Contributions to Candidates for Council;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 88.34(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, (the Act), the clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate under Section 88.25 of the Act to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9; and

WHEREAS, Section 88.9(4) of the Act, states that a contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or local board; and

WHEREAS, Section 88.34(2) requires the clerk to prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's report identified **Jeff Paikin** as a contributor that appeared to have exceeded the total contribution limit of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for the office on the same council or local board in the 2018 Burlington municipal election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 88.34(8) of the Act states that within 30 days after receiving a report under subsection (4) or (7) the compliance audit committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence legal proceedings against a contributor for an apparent contravention; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the Compliance Audit Committee was held on June 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the City of Burlington City Hall to review the Clerk's report.

THEREFORE the decision of the Compliance Audit Committee is as follows:

THE Compliance Audit Committee has decided to commence a legal proceeding against contributor **Jeff Paikin** for the apparent contravention of Section 88.9 of the Act.

The reasons of the Compliance Audit Committee are as follows:

1. The Committee finds that Jeff Paikin contributed \$5,300 to two or more candidates for the office on the same council and therefore exceeded the contribution limit of subsection 88.9(4) of the Act;
2. The Committee finds that notwithstanding Jeff Paikin was given notice of the meeting of the Compliance Audit Committee he did not appear and has provided no sufficient or

satisfactory explanation to the Committee and the Committee was unable to ask questions of the contributor;

3. The contributor provided a written statement indicating that some of the contributions had been intended to come from his spouse. However, the receipts from the candidates were given in the name of the contributor and there was an opportunity to correct this information prior to the submission of expense reports from the candidates;
4. The Committee further finds that in accordance with subsection 88.22(1)(r) of the Act, candidates are required to advise contributors that their limits for contribution are \$1,200 to any one candidate and \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council and in these circumstances the contributor donated to five candidates. We find that the contributor would have been advised of the contribution limits under the Act.



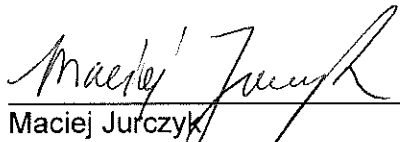
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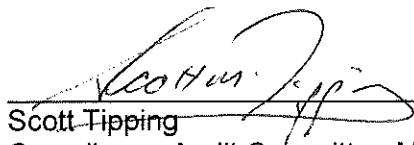
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