



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

BY-LAW NUMBER 0067-2017

A by-law to authorize the implementation of a City of Mississauga  
Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program for the  
2018 Municipal Election

**WHEREAS** subsection 88.11(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing the payment of rebates to individuals who make contributions to candidates for office on the municipal council;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 88.11(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act 1996*, provides that the by-law enacted according to 88.11(1) shall establish the conditions under which an individual is entitled to a rebate;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 22, 2017 Council for the Corporation of the City of Mississauga approved General Committee recommendation GC-0051-2017 which recommends the implementation of a Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program for the 2018 Mississauga Municipal Election;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga hereby ENACTS as follows:

**DEFINITIONS**

1. For the purposes of this By-law, "Election" shall mean the regular election according to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as amended that takes place in 2018 in the City of Mississauga.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR A REBATE**

2. Notwithstanding Section 88.15 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, for the purposes of this By-law, only a contribution of money will be eligible for rebate.
3. In order to qualify for a rebate, an individual who makes a contribution must:
  - (a) reside in the City of Mississauga;
  - (b) be a Canadian citizen;
  - (c) be at least 18 years old;
  - (d) not be prohibited from voting according to subsection 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*; and
  - (e) contribute between the time the candidate files his or her nomination and the day the candidate's campaign period ends.
4. Notwithstanding Section 3 of this By-law, the following are ineligible for a rebate:
  - (a) a candidate in the Election;
  - (b) any person who contributes to a candidate in the Election where the person contributing is the spouse or child of the candidate; and/or
  - (c) corporations.

## APPLICATIONS TO THE CITY CLERK

5. An individual who makes a contribution to a candidate during the Election may apply to the City Clerk for a rebate.
6. Candidates must register for the Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program by completing the registration form and agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program in order for individuals who contribute to the candidate's campaign to be eligible for a rebate.
7. The City Clerk shall establish forms and procedures for the administration of this Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program which shall include but not be limited to the timelines for when candidates and contributors shall register with the City Clerk to be eligible for participation in the Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program.

## ISSUANCE OF A REBATE

8. The City Clerk shall issue a rebate to an individual in accordance with Schedule "A" of this By-law if the following conditions are met:
  - (a) the individual has not been found to be in contravention of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*;
  - (b) the candidate to whom the contribution was made has enrolled in the Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program with the City Clerk;
  - (c) the candidate to whom the contribution was made has filed all documents and paid any amounts as required under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* by the prescribed dates;
  - (d) the City Clerk is satisfied that the receipt for the contribution in question filed by the candidate to whom the contribution was made is bona fide; and
  - (e) the City Clerk is satisfied that the candidate to whom the contribution was made has not contravened the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
9. In addition to section 8 of this By-law, the City Clerk shall issue a rebate:
  - (a) if the candidate to whom the contribution was made files his or her financial statement(s) in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and if no compliance audit request is received for the candidate to whom the contribution was paid:
    - (i) after the compliance audit request deadline has passed following the primary financial filing deadline; or
    - (ii) if the candidate to whom the contribution was made extends his or her campaign period, after the compliance audit request deadline has passed following the supplementary financial filing deadline.

OR

  - (b) if a compliance audit request is received and:
    - (i) the Election Campaign Finances Committee finds that the candidate was not in contravention of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and no forensic audit is ordered; or
    - (ii) the Election Campaign Finances Committee orders a forensic audit and the auditor finds that the candidate was not in contravention of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
10. The amount of the rebate shall be calculated as per Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
11. The City Clerk may delegate any and all duties available according to this By-law.

ENACTED and PASSED this 24 day of ~~April~~ May, 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM City Solicitor MISSISSAUGA			
<i>R. Genoway</i>			
Date	2017	05	15

*Bonnie Crombie*  
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MAYOR

*Cynthia Green*  
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CLERK

## SCHEDULE "A"

### CALCULATION OF REBATE

Rebates for contributions to a candidate running for the offices of ward councillor or mayor in the City of Mississauga will be calculated as follows:

1. A minimum contribution of \$25.00 is required to be eligible for a rebate.
2. A contributor shall receive 25% of their total contribution(s) over \$25.00, up to a maximum rebate of \$150.00.
3. An individual who makes multiple contributions over \$25 within the contribution limits of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, may receive a rebate in respect to the total of the contributions, but is not entitled to receive a total rebate amounting to more than the maximum allowable under Schedule "A".
4. If a contributor makes multiple donations of less than the minimum requirement of \$25.00, but the total contribution for the multiple donations is equal to or greater than the \$25.00 minimum, the contributions are ineligible for rebate.