

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s. 88.8 (4), 88.12 (4), 88.18

I, _____, the undersigned, being a nominated candidate seeking election for the office indicated below, or a registered third party advertiser, in the 2026 Township of Muskoka Lakes (the “Township”) municipal election;

- Mayor
- District Councillor, Ward _____
- Township Councillor, Ward _____
- Registered Third Party Advertiser

hereby acknowledge that municipal resources, pursuant to Sections 88.8 (4), 88.12 (4), and 88.18 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, and Township Council Policy C-LS-13 – Use of Municipal Resources Policy, are prohibited from use for any purpose other than those directly permitted in Township Council Policy C-LS-13 – Use of Municipal Resources Policy, and that municipal resources are not to be used to advance my candidacy for municipal election or registered third party advertising.

The undersigned undertakes to the Township that the restrictions on the use of municipal resources shall be strictly adhered to and that municipal resources shall not be used for any purpose.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

(Signature of Candidate or Registered Third Party)

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will be used for the purpose of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Until their destruction, they will be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk, Township of Muskoka Lakes. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to Clerk, Township of Muskoka Lakes, 1 Bailey Street, Port Carling, ON P0B 1J0.

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Use of municipal, board resources

88.18 Before May 1 in the year of a regular election, municipalities and local boards shall establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal or board resources, as the case may be, during the election campaign period.

Contributions to candidates

88.8 (1) A contribution shall not be made to or accepted by a person or an individual acting under the person's direction unless the person is a candidate.

Only during election campaign

(2) A contribution shall not be made to or accepted by a candidate or an individual acting under the candidate's direction outside the candidate's election campaign period described in section 88.24.

Who may contribute

(3) Only the following persons may make contributions:

1. An individual who is normally resident in Ontario.
2. Subject to subsection (5), the candidate and his or her spouse.

Who cannot contribute

(4) For greater certainty, and without limiting the generality of subsection (3), the following persons and entities shall not make a contribution:

1. A federal political party registered under the Canada Elections Act (Canada) or any federal constituency association or registered candidate at a federal election endorsed by that party.
2. A provincial political party, constituency association, registered candidate or leadership contestant registered under the Election Finances Act.
3. A corporation that carries on business in Ontario.
4. A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario.
5. The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or a local board.

Contributions to registered third parties

88.12 (1) A contribution shall not be made to or accepted by an individual, corporation or trade union in relation to third party advertisements that appear during an election in a municipality, or made to or accepted by an individual acting under his, her or its direction, unless the individual, corporation or trade union is a registered third party in relation to the election in the municipality.

Only during campaign period

(2) A contribution shall not be made to a registered third party, or to an individual acting under his, her or its direction, if the contribution is made outside the campaign period described in section 88.28 for the registered third party in relation to an election in the municipality.

Who may contribute

(3) Only the following may make contributions:

1. An individual who is normally resident in Ontario.
2. A corporation that carries on business in Ontario.
3. A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario.
4. Subject to subsection (5), the registered third party and, in the case of an individual, his or her spouse.

Who cannot contribute

(4) For greater certainty, and without limiting the generality of subsection (3), the following shall not make a contribution:

1. A federal political party registered under the Canada Elections Act (Canada) or any federal constituency association or registered candidate at a federal election endorsed by that party.
2. A provincial political party, constituency association, registered candidate or leadership contestant registered under the Election Finances Act.
3. The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board.

Note

For full details regarding Contributions, please see the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, in its entirety.