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TO: Financial Institution

RE: Municipal Campaign Account

A candidate, running in the 2022 municipal election, is required under the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 to open an account exclusively for their campaign (for example: "Campaign for John Doe" or "Jane Doe's Campaign") if they accept any contributions of money or incur any expenses.

The Act does not contain any prohibition against a municipal candidate being a signing officer on the campaign account, nor does it require the candidate to have a chief financial officer, as is the case with provincial and federal candidates.

Section 88.22 (1) (a)-(d) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended states:

A candidate shall ensure that,

- (a) no contributions of money are accepted or expenses are incurred unless one or more campaign accounts are first opened at a financial institution exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;
- (b) all contributions of money are deposited into the campaign accounts;
- (c) all funds in the campaign accounts are used exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;
- (d) all payments for expenses are made from the campaign accounts;

Should you have any further questions on this matter, please contact the Clerk's Office at 705-652-8392 Ext. 210.

Sincerely,

Martina Chait-Hartwig

Martina Chait-Hartwig,
Acting Clerk/Election Returning Officer