



## **CITY OF HAMILTON**

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**DECISION of the  
ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
established under Section 88.37(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (the “Act”)  
**A CLERK’S REPORT RESPECTING A CONTRIBUTOR WHO APPEARS  
TO HAVE EXCEEDED ANY OF THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER  
SECTION 88.9 OF THE ACT**  
**PAUL MAXWELL**

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With respect to the meeting of the Election Compliance Audit Committee (the “Committee”) held on June 16, 2023, to consider the Clerk’s Report (FCS23070) concerning the contributions made by Paul Maxwell (the “Contributor”) to the 2022 Election Campaign (the “Campaign”) of Raquel Rakovac (the “Candidate”):

The Clerk’s Report indicates the Contributor’s total contribution as \$1,500 to the Candidate’s Campaign, exceeding the maximum contribution to any one candidate, as per Section 88.9 (1) of the Act.

The Candidate was present at the meeting of the Committee and advised the Committee that the contribution in question was incorrectly listed as a contribution of goods and services on her Financial Statement. The Candidate provided a receipt in the amount of \$1,500 from the Contributor’s business – Two Foot Films - as evidence that the Candidate was billed for and paid for film services provided by the Contributor, which should have been reflected as a contribution of the Candidate on her Financial Statement.

The Committee accepts this explanation and is satisfied that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the Contributor has exceeded any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9 of the Act. As such, the Committee will not be commencing legal proceedings against the Contributor.

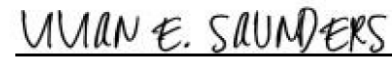
The Committee also wishes to remind all Candidates of their obligations pursuant to Section 88.22 (1) of the Act – Duties of Candidates, and of the importance of accurate bookkeeping and completion of the Financial Statement.

Dated at the City of Hamilton June 23, 2023.

Written and approved by the following Committee Members:

  
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Jonathan van der Heiden

  
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Zachary Spicer

  
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Vivian Sanders