



## **Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee**

**Meeting Date: August 21, 2023**

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**FROM:** Clerk's Department

**DATE:** August 18, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Request for Adjournment (Hanna)

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee consider the request for an adjournment of the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to consider the application for a compliance audit of the finances for the 2022 regular election campaign of Mayoral Candidate Julia Hanna for a later date in September.

### **KEY FACTS:**

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this item:

- A meeting of the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee is scheduled for August 29, 2023 to consider whether the application for a compliance audit of the finances for the 2022 regular election campaign of Julia Hanna, Mayoral Candidate, be granted or rejected.
- Section 88.33(7) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32 (Act)* requires the committee to consider the application within 30 days after receipt and decide whether it should be granted or rejected.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

All costs associated with a compliance audit would be funded from the Election Expense Reserve Fund.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On July 28, 2023, Scott Barber submitted an application for a compliance audit of Mayoral Candidate Julia Hanna's campaign finances. In accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32 (Act)*, the application was forwarded to the Committee within ten days of receipt and a meeting was scheduled for August 29, 2023 for the Committee to consider the application and determine whether it should be granted or rejected.

Section 88.33(7) of the Act states that within 30 days after the committee has received the application, the committee shall consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected.

**COMMENT:**

A written request was received from the Candidate's Counsel for a one-month adjournment of the meeting scheduled for August 29, 2023 (attached as Confidential Appendix A). The Applicant has been notified of this request and supports this request.

**NEXT STEPS:**

The Committee will hear from both the Applicant and the Candidate, if applicable. The Committee must decide whether or not to grant the adjournment requested by the Candidate and supported by the Applicant. Should the Committee decide to grant the adjournment, the meeting of August 29, 2023 will be rescheduled for a later date in September.

All decisions of the Committee and reasons for the decision will be provided to the parties involved.

**APPENDICES:**

Confidential Appendix A – Letter from Candidate's Counsel, dated August 16, 2023  
*(Available to committee members only.)*

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