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**Item No. 13.1.4**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**September 25, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** September 19, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Amendments By-law C-1100, *the Campaign Finance By-law*

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**ORIGIN**

Regional Council motion of April 25, 2023, as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report and return to Council with recommendations to amend By-law C-1100 Respecting Campaign Financing to:

1. Restrict campaign contributions from foreign actors;
2. Re-evaluate maximum campaign spending considering inflationary rise in expenses;
3. Align the campaign Contribution Period with Nominated Candidacy;
4. Manage or impede third-party contributions for election advertising; and,
5. Address housekeeping amendments.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* (HRM Charter) section 60A, as follows:

That Council may make by-laws, not inconsistent with Sections 49A and 49B of the Municipal Elections Act, respecting contributions and expenses for the election campaigns of candidates for the office of Mayor or councilor including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, election campaign spending limits, maximum contribution amounts, disclosure requirements, eligibility to contribute and dates for making contributions.

*Municipal Elections Act*, (MEA), sections 49A and 49B pertaining to campaign financing.

By-Law C-1100, *the Campaign Financing By-law*

*Administrative Order One*, Schedule 6, Executive Standing Committee, Terms of Reference,

8. The Executive Standing Committee shall act as a review committee for matters related to the general self-governance and administration of the Council as directed by the Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt By-law C-1102, amending By-law C-1100, the *Campaign Financing By-law*, as set out in Attachment 2 of this report;
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a review of the *Campaign Finance By-law* that considers inflation for the amount of campaign contribution and the maximum spending limits and that the review be completed prior to January 1 of an election year.

## **BACKGROUND**

Sections 49A and 49B of the MEA set out the parameters for how municipal election campaign finances are administered. These rules apply to all municipalities in Nova Scotia.

On February 3, 2015, Regional Council, identified a need for greater rigor on how campaign finances are administered, and initiated a process to explore potential legislative options.

On September 8, 2015, Regional Council requested the Province of Nova Scotia amend the HRM Charter for the authority to enact a campaign finance by-law. On May 20, 2016, Bill No. 154 received Royal Assent and added section 60A to the HRM Charter.

On October 30, 2018, Regional Council adopted the *Campaign Financing By-law* (By-law) and on July 16, 2019, adopted amendments to it.

The By-law currently allows:

- an individual to contribute:
  - \$1,000 per Councillor Candidate per Election,
  - \$2,500 per Mayoral Candidate per Election, and
  - in total, no more than \$5,000 per Election; and
- a Candidate and their Spouse to contribute no more than \$15,000;
- a Candidate for:
  - Councillor, to spend no more than \$30,000, and
  - Mayor, to spend no more than \$300,000; and
- a Candidate to accept contribution starting on March 1st of an Election year and ending 30 calendar days after election day.

The By-law does not allow contributions from a corporation, partnership, a non-profit organization, or a trade union.

In 2018, Regional Council directed changes to the By-law originally recommended by staff.

These changes included:

- reduce the contribution period from:
  - 12 months prior to election day to March 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year, and
  - 60 days after the election to 30 days;
- reduce the maximum amount an individual could contribute from \$2,500 to \$1,000 per Councillor Candidate per Election;

- reduce the total amount of contributions an individual could make per election from \$7,500 to \$5000;
- increase the combined total amount a Candidate and a Candidate's Spouse could contribute to the Candidate's campaign from \$10,000 to \$15,000; and
- fix the amounts a Candidate could spend per election to \$30,000 for a Candidate for Councillor, and \$300,000 for a Candidate for per Mayor (the fixed amounts replaced a formula that was based on a fixed amount of \$10,000 plus \$1 for each Elector in the Candidate's district plus a \$1.00 for each square kilometre in the district).

**DISCUSSION**

*Restriction of Campaign Contributions from Foreign Actors*

There are currently no restrictions on where an individual must reside to contribute to a campaign. Staff are proposing restricting contributions to individuals that are ordinary resident in Nova Scotia. This is inline with other Canadian jurisdictions (British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba & Ontario) that have restricted campaign contributions for municipal campaigns to those that are ordinary residents of the province. Further, the requirements to be an ordinary resident of Nova Scotia to contribute are similar to the existing requirements in the MEA for an ordinary resident to vote, with one notable exception.

The provision in the MEA allowing a student to choose to vote in either the polling district where they live or the polling district where their family home is located has been changed. The provision in the by-law allows a student in Nova Scotia to contribute to a municipal campaign regardless of their polling district.

*Re-evaluate maximum campaign spending considering inflationary rise in expenses*

According to the Bank of Canada, the percentage increase due to the consumer price index from 2018 (when the By-law was adopted) until 2023 is 17.72%. Using this percentage change, staff have updated the maximum contribution and maximum spending numbers, as follows (rounded up to the nearest \$100):

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>CURRENT AMOUNT PER ELECTION</b>	<b>PROPOSED AMOUNT PER ELECTION</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS LIMITS</b>		
Maximum contribution by an individual for each Mayoral candidate	\$2,500	\$3,000
Maximum contribution by an individual for each Councillor candidate	\$1,000	\$1,200
Maximum total individual contributions	\$5,000	\$5,900
Maximum contributions by Candidate and their spouse	\$15,000	\$17,700
<b>SPENDING LIMITS</b>		
Maximum spending Limit for Candidate for Mayor	\$300,000	\$353,200
Maximum Spending Limit for Candidate for Councillor	\$30,000	\$35,300

Staff are also recommending that the Chief Administrative Officer review and re-evaluate the maximum campaign spending provisions in the *Campaign Finance By-law* for inflationary rises in expenses ahead of each general election prior to January 1 of the election year for Halifax Regional Municipality.

*Align the campaign Contribution Period with Nominated Candidacy*

The By-law currently allows candidates to accept contributions and expend funds starting on March 1, 2024. Under the MEA, a person becomes a “candidate” either by:

- before nomination day (September 10, 2024), declaring themselves to be a candidate, or having another person declare their candidacy with their consent; or
- being nominated on nomination day.

Staff are not recommending the proposed change to nomination day for two reasons. Firstly, the change would only give a candidates thirty days before the first advance poll to collect contributions and expend funds for things like office print, advertising and signs. Secondly, one of the permitted expenses is the nomination deposit. Aligning the campaign contribution period with nominated candidacy would prohibit expanding funds on the nomination deposit until after nominations close; however, under the MEA the Returning Officer cannot accept a nomination without collecting the deposit. The effect of the proposed change would force every candidate to breach the by-law by providing the required deposit to the Returning Officer before the By-laws would allow the expenditure.

*Manage or impede third-party contributions for election advertising*

Unlike the *Elections Act* (NS), the MEA does not regulate third party election advertising expenses. The MEA only regulates contributions made to a candidate, or an association that was created to support a candidate, and those contributions must be made to the agent. The by-law power is limited to “*contributions and expenses for the election campaigns of candidates for the office of Mayor or councillor*”. The power does not extend to regulating third party election advertising expenses. This would require a legislative amendment.

*Address Housekeeping Amendments*

Staff have reviewed the Campaign Finance By-law and have addressed housekeeping while addressing the proposed amendments that are outlined in the discussion section of this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications were identified.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk considerations were identified.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

No community engagement was required.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No environmental implications were identified.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Executive Standing Committee could recommend Regional Council change the contribution period from March 1<sup>st</sup>. For the reasons discussed in the discussion section of this report, staff do not recommend a change to nomination day.

If this option is selected, Attachment 2 would need to be amended to add the new date.

The motion would need to be amended to read as follows:

That Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law C-1102, amending By-law C-1100, the *Campaign Financing By-law*, as set out in Attachment 2 of this report, with an amendment to Attachment 2 to add section 7, as follows:

7. Subclause 2(h)(i) is amended by striking out the date "March 1<sup>st</sup>" after the word "on" and before the word "of" and replacing it with the date [insert date].

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 Showing Proposed Changes

Attachment 2 Amending By-law C-1102

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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## ATTACHMENT 1

(Showing Proposed Changes)

### HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW NUMBER C-1100 RESPECTING CAMPAIGN FINANCING

**WHEREAS**, section 60A of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, S.N.S. 2008, c.39 as amended, provides that Council may make by-laws respecting contributions and expenses for the election campaigns of candidates for the office of Mayor or councillor including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, election campaign spending limits, maximum contribution amounts, disclosure requirements, eligibility to contribute and dates for making contributions;

**AND WHEREAS** Council desires to create additional rules respecting the raising of money for municipal elections and the setting of limits on the amount of money that may be expended by each Candidate;

**AND WHEREAS** Halifax Regional Municipal Council endeavours to increase accountability and transparency by requiring additional disclosure respecting campaign expenses, contribution and surpluses;

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality under the authority of section 60A of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter as amended, as follows:

#### Short Title

1. This By-law may be cited as By-law C-1100, the *Campaign Financing By-law*.

#### Interpretation

2. In this By-law,
  - (a) **"Act"** means the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1989 R.S.N.S. c. 300, as amended;
  - (b) **"Agent"** means the official agent of a Candidate and includes the Candidate if the Candidate is acting as official agent and, in the case of an Association, means the person appointed by the Association to act as agent;
  - (c) **"Association"** means an association of one or more people established to, a trust established for or a fund established to further the election of a Candidate, including a provincially or federal registered political party;
  - (d) **"Candidate"** means a Candidate pursuant to the *Act* and includes an Association;
  - (e) **"Clerk"** means the Clerk of the Municipality;
  - (f) **"Corporation"** includes an organization registered in the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks, a Non-Profit Organization, crown corporation, or a service commission;
  - (g) **"Contribution"** means services, money or other property donated to an Association or a person to support the political purposes of an Association or Candidate, but does not include personal services or the use of a vehicle volunteered by a person and not provided as part of that person's work in

the service of an employer;

(h) **“Contribution Period”** means the period of time

(i) for a general Election, commencing, on March 1<sup>st</sup> of an Election year and terminating thirty (30) calendar days after ordinary polling day, and

(ii) for a special Election, commencing the day immediately after the Council or Minister has named the day of a special election and terminating thirty (30) calendar days after the ordinary polling day;

(i) **“Election”** means an election held pursuant to the *Act* for the office of the Mayor or a Councillor, including a special election for the office of the Mayor or a Councillor;

(j) **“Filing”** means

(i) the appointment of an official agent or a declaration that the Candidate will personally act as the official agent pursuant to section 70 of the *Act*, or

(ii) the appointment of an Agent by an Association pursuant to 49A(2) of the *Act*,

(ja) **“In-kind Contribution”** means a non-monetary Contribution in the form of services or other property;

(k) Repeal;

(l) **“Individual”** means a person, excluding

(i) a Spouse,

(ii) a Corporation,

(iii) a Partnership,

(iv) an Association,

(iva) a person who is not ordinary resident in the Province of Nova Scotia for a period of six months immediately preceding the first advance polling day;

(v) a Non-Profit Organization, and

(vi) a Trade Union;

(m) **“Municipality”** means the Halifax Regional Municipality;

(n) **“Non-Profit Organization”** means

(i) a society incorporated pursuant to the *Societies Act*, R.S.N.S 1989 c.435, as amended,

(ii) a non-profit association incorporated pursuant to the *Co-Operative Associations Act*, R.S.N.S c.98, as amended,

(iii) a not-for-profit incorporated pursuant to the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*, S.C 2009, c.23,

(iv) a non-profit organization otherwise incorporated pursuant to an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature, or

(v) a registered Canadian charitable organization;

(o) **“Partnership”** means a partnership registered under the *Partnerships and Business Names Registration Act* or a partnership doing business in the Province;

(p) **“Permitted Expenditure”** means those expenditures listed in Section 15 made by a Candidate or an Agent during the Contribution Period in furtherance of the Candidate’s campaign;

(q) Repeal;

(q) **“Returning Officer”** means a Returning Officer appointed pursuant to the Act;

(r) **“Spouse”** means a person married to another person and includes persons who, not being married to each other, live together as if they are spouses and have done so for at least one year; and

(s) **“Trade Union”** means a certified bargaining agent as defined in the *Trade Union Act* or a labour organization representing workers in the Province.

### **Application of the By-law**

3. (1) This By-law shall apply to an Election.

(2) For the purposes of this By-law, a Candidate is any person who was a Candidate at any time during the Contribution Period, whether or not they are nominated as a Candidate.

### **Ordinary Resident of Nova Scotia for the Purposes of Contributions**

3A (1) This section sets out the requirements to be an ordinary resident of the Province of Nova Scotia for the purposes of Contributions.

(2) An individual is ordinarily resident in the place where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return.

(3) A person may be ordinarily resident in only one place at a time.

(4) A person does not cease to be ordinarily resident in a place by leaving the place for a temporary purpose only.

(5) Where a person usually sleeps in one place and has meals or is employed in another place, the person is ordinarily resident in the place where the person sleeps.

(6) Where a person has temporary residential quarters, those quarters are considered to be the place in which the person is ordinarily resident only if the person has no other place the person considers as that person’s ordinary place of residence.

(7) Where a person is being provided with food, lodging or other social services by a shelter, hostel or similar institution, the person is ordinarily resident in the shelter, hostel or institution.



(8) A person who, on the first advance polling day,

(a) is a student and resides in the Province of Nova Scotia, and

(b) has a family home in another province or territory in Canada,

is an ordinary resident of the Province of Nova Scotia for the purpose of this section.

(9) A person is not ordinarily resident in a residence that is generally occupied by the person only between the beginning of May and the end of October but that is generally unoccupied between the beginning of November and the end of April unless the person does not have another residence in Nova Scotia where the person resides between the beginning of November and the end of April.

### **Contributions to Agent**

4. A Contribution shall only be made to an Agent.

5. No person shall make a Contribution to an Agent except an Individual, a Candidate, or a Candidate's Spouse.

6. A person, including a Corporation, Trade Union, Partnership or Non-Profit Organization who makes a Contribution in contravention of section 5 is guilty of an offence.

7. An Agent who accepts a Contribution from a person other than an Individual, a Candidate or a Candidate's Spouse is guilty of an offence.

8. Candidate information and Agent information contained in the Filing shall be made public by the Municipality by posting such information to the Municipality's website.

### **Anonymous Contributions**

9. (1) An Agent shall not accept an anonymous Contribution.

(2) If an anonymous Contribution cannot be returned to the contributor, it shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Municipality, or the Treasurer's designate.

(3) The Treasurer of the Municipality, or the Treasurer's designate, shall donate the anonymous Contribution to a Non-Profit Organization of the Candidate's choice.

### **Contribution Limits**

10. (1) An Individual may make a Contribution to a maximum amount of:

(a) One thousand ~~two hundred~~ dollars (~~\$1,000~~) ~~(\$1,200)~~ per Councillor Candidate per Election; and

(b) ~~Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)~~ Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per Mayoral Candidate per Election.

(2) The total amount of Contributions an Individual may make, per Election, shall not exceed five thousand ~~nine hundred~~ dollars (~~\$5,000~~) ~~(\$5,900)~~.

(3) The combined total amount a Candidate and a Candidate's Spouse may contribute to the Candidate's campaign shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ **seventeen** thousand ~~seven hundred~~ dollars (~~\$15,000~~ **17,700**) per Election.

#### **Dates to Receive Contributions**

11. An Agent shall only accept a Contribution if:

- (a) the Filing has been received by the Municipality; and
- (b) the Contribution is made during the Contribution Period.

#### **Maximum Spending Limits**

12. (1) A Candidate in an Election, shall spend no more than:

(a) ~~thirty-five~~ thousand **three hundred** dollars (~~\$30,000~~ **35,300**) per Councillor Candidate; and

(b) three hundred **and fifty-three** thousand dollars (~~\$300,000~~ **353,000**) per Mayoral Candidate.

(2) A Candidate who spends more than the amount set by this section is guilty of an offence.

#### **Permitted Expenditures**

13. (1) Only a Candidate or an Agent shall expend Contributions.

(2) A Candidate or an Agent shall only expend Contributions:

- (a) on Permitted Expenditures; and
- (b) during the Contribution Period.

14. The following are the only Permitted Expenditures for which a Candidate or an Agent may expend Contributions:

- (a) the nomination deposit;
- (b) advertising and printing costs, including costs associated with online advertising;
- (c) office and facility rental costs;
- (d) office administrative costs, including office supplies, software, computer programs and any other thing on which information is created, recorded or stored by electronic or other means, and equipment costs such as telephones and other utilities;

(e) insurance costs;

(f) remuneration or salaries;

(g) the costs of printed electoral materials, including maps, list of electors, signs, sign posts, sign holders, and distribution costs such as postage and couriers;

- (h) storage costs for electoral materials;
- (i) food, beverage, and entertainment costs;
- (j) transportation costs; and
- (k) In-kind Contributions.

### **Returning Officer**

15. (1) The Returning Officer for the Election shall create
- (a) a Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures; and
  - (b) a Statement of Campaign Surplus.
- (2) The Returning Officer for the election shall provide each Candidate with a copy of the statements set forth in subsection 15(1).

### **Reporting**

16. A Candidate shall use the statements provided by the Returning Officer in subsection 15(1) to make the Candidate's disclosures as required by this By-law.

### **Disclosure Requirements**

17. (1) In addition to any disclosure requirements set forth in the *Act*, within sixty (60) calendar days after the ordinary polling day in an Election, every Candidate who submitted a Filing shall file with the Clerk:

- (a) a Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures; and
  - (b) a Statement of Campaign Surplus.
- (2) A Candidate who:
- (a) fails to file a Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures and a Statement of Campaign Surplus within sixty (60) calendar days after the ordinary polling day; or
  - (b) files a false Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures, or a false Statement of Campaign Surplus,
- is guilty of an offence.

### **Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures**

18. (1) A Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures shall include:
- (a) the name of the Candidate;
  - (b) the Contribution Period;
  - (c) the total dollar amount of Contributions that were received for the Election;

(d) the full name and residential address, other than a post office box unless that is the only address available, of each Individual who made a Contribution exceeding fifty dollars (\$50), and the amount of the Contribution by that Individual, and the date the Contribution was received by the Candidate or Agent;

(e) the total dollar amount of Contributions of less than fifty dollars (\$50);

(f) the amount a Candidate and the Candidate's Spouse has contributed to the Candidate's campaign;

(g) any In-kind Contributions and the details of such Contributions;

(h) a list of the Permitted Expenditures, as set forth in section 14, to which the Candidate expended a Contribution and including the total dollar amounts for each expenditure;

(i) any other revenue, including interest, or refund of nomination filing fees which the Candidate received; and

(j) any personal property brought forward from previous Elections, such as signs and office supplies.

(1A) The value for In-kind Contributions is the price for which services or other property may be sold.

(1B) For the purposes of 18(1)(j), any personal property brought forward from a previous Election shall be assigned a dollar amount equal to the cost of buying the personal property at the time of the current Election.

(2) The person filing the Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures shall attest to the accuracy and truthfulness of the contents of the Statement of Campaign Contributions.

(3) Upon filing the Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures, the Clerk or the Clerk's designate, shall post a redacted Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures to the Municipality's website.

### **Statement of Campaign Surplus**

19. (1) A Statement of Campaign Surplus shall set out:

(a) the amount of any surplus, with surplus being the difference between the Candidate's total amount of Contributions accepted and the Candidate's total amount of spending during the Contribution Period;

(b) the Candidate's choice to either:

(i) donate any surplus to a Non-Profit Organization, or

(ii) provide the surplus to the Municipality which shall hold the surplus in trust, without interest, on behalf of the Candidate for use by the Candidate in a future Election; and

(c) the Candidate's choice of Non-Profit Organization that will receive the surplus if the Candidate does not run in the next two Elections, other than special elections, per subsection 20(3).

(2) If a Candidate runs in a future Election, the surplus held in trust by the Municipality as per subclause 20(1)(b)(ii) shall be provided to the Candidate at the commencement of the Contribution Period for that Election and the surplus shall be included in the Candidate's Contribution limit for that Election.

(3) The surplus held in trust by the Municipality as per subclause 19(1)(b)(ii) for a Candidate who does not offer themselves as a Candidate for the next two Elections, other than special elections, shall be forfeited to the Municipality and the Municipality shall donate the surplus to:

(a) a Non-Profit Organization as indicated by the Candidate on the Statement of Campaign Surplus; or

(b) if the Non-Profit Organization has dissolved since the filing of the Statement of Campaign Surplus, to another Non-Profit Organization chosen by the Clerk.

(4) The Candidate shall attest to the accuracy and truthfulness of the contents of the Statement of Financial Surplus.

(5) Upon filing the Statement of Campaign Surplus, the Clerk or the Clerk's designate, shall post a redacted Statement of Campaign Surplus to the Municipality's website.

#### **Additional Information**

20. (1) The Returning Officer may, at any time up to thirty (30) days after the deadline of receipt of a Candidate's Statement of Contributions and Expenditures or a Candidate's Statement of Campaign Surplus as set out in subsection 17(1), request additional information from a Candidate or an Agent and such Candidate or Agent shall provide responses to the Returning Officer no later than the time set forth in the Returning Officer's request for further information.

(2) A Candidate or an Agent who does not provide the Returning Officer the additional information requested in subsection 20(1) is guilty of an offence.

#### **Transition**

21. The maximum spending limit permitted by section 12 shall apply to all expenditures for an Election, including those expenditures that occurred before this By-law comes into force and outside of the Contribution Period.

#### **Offences**

22. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term of not more than six (6) months.

Done and passed in Council this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

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Mayor

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Clerk

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
(Amending By-law)

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**  
**BY-LAW NUMBER C-1100**  
**RESPECTING CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality under the authority of section 60A of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* that By-law C-1100, the *Campaign Financing By-law*, is amended as follows:

1. Clause 2(l) is amended by adding subclause (iva) after subclause (iv) and before subclause (v), as follows:

(iva) a person who is not ordinary resident in the Province of Nova Scotia for a period of six months immediately preceding the first advance polling day;

2. Section 3A is added after section 3 and before section 4, as follows:

**Ordinary Resident of Nova Scotia for the Purposes of Contributions**

3A (1) This section sets out the requirements to be an ordinary resident of the Province of Nova Scotia for the purposes of Contributions.

(2) An individual is ordinarily resident in the place where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return.

(3) A person may be ordinarily resident in only one place at a time.

(4) A person does not cease to be ordinarily resident in a place by leaving the place for a temporary purpose only.

(5) Where a person usually sleeps in one place and has meals or is employed in another place, the person is ordinarily resident in the place where the person sleeps.

(6) Where a person has temporary residential quarters, those quarters are considered to be the place in which the person is ordinarily resident only if the person has no other place the person considers as that person's ordinary place of residence.

(7) Where a person is being provided with food, lodging or other social services by a shelter, hostel or similar institution, the person is ordinarily resident in the shelter, hostel or institution.

(8) A person who, on the first advance polling day,

(a) is a student and resides in the Province of Nova Scotia, and

(b) has a family home in another province or territory in Canada,

is an ordinary resident of the Province of Nova Scotia for the purpose of this section.

(9) A person is not ordinarily resident in a residence that is generally occupied by the person only between the beginning of May and the end of October but that is generally unoccupied between the beginning of November and the end of April unless the person does not have another residence in Nova Scotia where the person resides between the beginning of November and the end of April.

3. Subsection 10(1) is amended by:

(a) adding the words “two hundred” after the word “thousand” and before the word “dollars” in clause (a);

(b) striking out the words, number, brackets, and symbols “(\$1,000)” after the word “dollars” and before the word “per” in clause (a);

(c) adding the words, number, brackets, and symbols “(\$1,200)” after the word “dollars” and before the word “per” in clause (a);

(d) striking out the words, number, brackets, and symbols “Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)” at the beginning of clause (b); and

(e) adding the words, number, brackets, and symbols “Three thousand dollars (\$3,000)” at the beginning of clause (b).

4. Subsection 10(2) is amended by:

(a) adding the words “nine hundred” after the word “thousand” and before the word “dollars”;

(b) striking out the number “5,000” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)”; and

(c) adding the number “5,900” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)”.

5. Subsection 10(3) is amended by:

(a) striking out the word “fifteen” after the word “exceed” and before the word “thousand”;

(b) adding the word “seventeen” after the word “exceed” and before the word “thousand”;

(c) adding the words “seven hundred” after the word “thousand” and before the word “dollars”;

(d) striking out the number “15,000” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)”; and

(e) adding the number “17,700” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)”.

6. Subsection 12(1) is amended by:

(a) adding the hyphen and word “-five” after the word “thirty” and before the word “thousand” in clause (a);

(b) adding the words “three hundred” after the word “thousand” and before the word “dollars” in clause (a);

(c) striking out the number “30,000” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)” in clause (a);

(d) adding the number “35,300” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)” in clause (a);

(e) adding the words and hyphen “and fifty-three” after the word “hundred” and before the word “thousand” in clause (b);

(f) striking out the number “300,000” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)” in clause (b); and

(g) adding the number “353,000” after the dollar sign and before the bracket “)” in clause (b).

Done and passed in Council this            day of            , 202    .

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Mayor

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Clerk