



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, 1996

To Clerk and Returning Officer, The City of Markham

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statement - Form 4 of Don Hamilton Election Campaign for the period from August 19, 2022 to December 12, 2022 relating to the election held on October 24, 2022. This financial information has been prepared by management in accordance with the accounting treatment prescribed by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial information presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the candidate's election campaign as at December 12, 2022, and the income and expenses for the campaign period from August 19, 2022 to December 12, 2022, and the determination of surplus or deficit and the disposition of surplus in accordance with accounting treatment prescribed by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Due to the nature of the types of transactions inherent in an election campaign, it is impracticable through auditing procedures to determine that the accounting records include all donations of goods and services, receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, our verification of these transactions was limited to ensuring that the financial information reflects the amounts recorded in the accounting records of Don Hamilton, candidate, and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to income and expenses, assets or liabilities, and surplus/deficit.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the basis of accounting. The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 does not require us to report, nor was it practicable for us to determine, that contributions reported included only those which may be properly retained in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. This financial information, which has not been, and was not intended to be, prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles are solely for the information and use of Clerk and Returning Officer, The City of Markham, for complying with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. This financial information is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified user or for any other purpose.



Candidate's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The candidate is responsible for the preparation of the schedules in accordance with accounting treatment prescribed by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and for such internal control as the candidate determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement- form 4 as a whole is free from material misstatement (whether due to fraud or error) and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial statement- form 4.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement-form 4, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Candidate's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by Candidate.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statement-form 4, and whether the financial statement represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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Markham, Ontario

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