

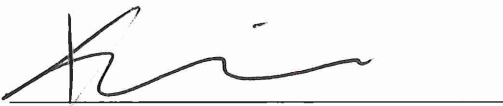
With respect to the meeting of the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) held on October 20, 2023 to consider the Auditor's Report for the election campaign finances of Shelley Ann Bentley (Candidate), the committee has decided to commence legal proceedings against the Candidate.

The Committee, after hearing from and considering submissions from the auditor, the applicant and the Candidate's representative, is in agreement that legal proceedings shall commence. The committee was concerned about the apparent contraventions identified in the Auditor's Report including, but not limited to:

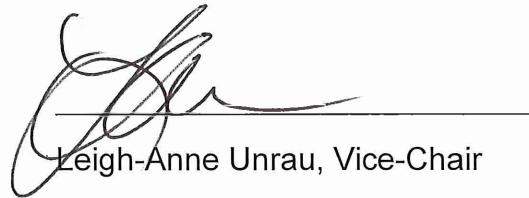
- failure to report all contributions and expenses,
- accepting \$5,000 of ineligible cash contributions not being deposited into a campaign bank account, as well as
- the extent of the apparent non-compliance of the Municipal Elections Act.

The Committee believes that legal proceedings are warranted in light of the purposes of the Municipal Elections Act, including in particular the importance of promoting transparency and accuracy in financial statements filed by candidates.

Dated at Haldimand County, October 20, 2023.



Krista Russ, Chair



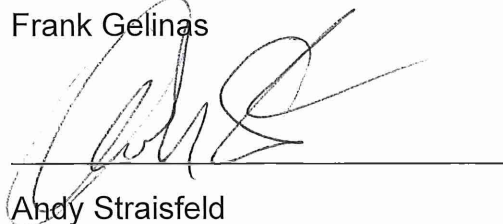
Leigh-Anne Unrau, Vice-Chair



Frank Gelinias



Ronald Kaufman



Andy Straisfeld