

Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee Decision

With respect to the meeting of the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) held on June 9, 2023 to consider the application for an Election Compliance Audit brought forward by Lisa Richardson (Applicant) concerning the financial statement of Shelley Ann Bentley (Candidate), the committee has decided to grant the application.

The Committee, after considering the evidence and submissions, is in agreement that the application for a compliance audit be granted. The first two points in the application regarding undeclared expenses pertaining to meeting space and sign expense reporting were found to have merit. The issue of an improperly filed Form 4 and accepting donations from couples rather than individuals were deemed as oversights. The final point concerning accountability and transparency of the election finances is supported.

Dated at Haldimand County, June 9, 2023.

Krista Russ. Chair

Frank Gelinas

Andy Straisfeld

Leigh-Anne Unrau, Vice-Chair

Ronald Kaufman