

Joint Compliance Audit Committee

The Town of Halton Hills, the City of Burlington, the Town of Oakville and the Regional Municipality of Halton have established a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for 2018-2022.

This Committee is required by the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (the "Act") to consider applications requesting audits of candidates' and third-party advertisers' campaign finances related to the 2018 Municipal Election. The Committee will also consider any reports of apparent over-limit contributions.

The Committee is composed of six members with backgrounds in accounting, auditing, law, election administration and/or public administration. The members are not permitted to be Members of Council, employees of any of the member municipalities, candidates or registered third parties in the 2018 Municipal Election, assistants to any candidate or third party campaign in the 2018 Municipal Election, or anyone who has participated in a campaign in these capacities in the past two municipal elections.

The duties of the Compliance Audit Committee are as follows:

- Consider Compliance Audit applications for Candidates and/or Registered Third Parties and decide whether they should be granted or rejected
- If an application is granted, appoint an Auditor to conduct a Compliance Audit of the Candidate and/or Registered Third Party's election campaign finances
 - Once the Auditor's report is received, consider the report and if the report contains a conclusion of apparent contravention of the Act, decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the candidate/registered third party for the apparent contravention
- Receive a Clerk's Report identifying any contributor to a Candidate or Registered Third Party who appears to have contravened established contribution limits
 - Once the Clerk's Report is received, consider the Report and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the Contributor for the apparent contravention

The process for submitting a Compliance Audit application will be made available closer to the first deadline for filing of the candidates'/registered third parties' financial statements, which occurs on March 29, 2019.

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