

August 21, 2026

To: ALL Candidates

Re: Election Advisory #5: Policy on Prohibition on the Use of Corporate Resources and Election Complaints

Under the Town's Election Complaints Policy (#140) (hereinafter the "**Policy**") the Town Clerk as Election Returning Officer is authorized to review any complaints and take such necessary action or next steps to give effect to this Policy.

Under the Town's Policy "Prohibition on the Use of Corporate Resources during an Election" (#69) the Town Clerk as Election Returning Officer is authorized to review and address alleged violations of this Policy.

Further Section 12 of the *Municipal Elections Act* states as follows:

12 (1) *A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that,*

(a) is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation; and

(b) in the clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election.

As a result, please be advised that effective as of August 22, 2026, any confirmed violations of the Town's Policy "Prohibition on the Use of Corporate Resources during an Election" by Candidates (as defined in the Policy) during the 2026 Municipal Election may be subject to being reported on the Town's Election Website and/or Town social media for public information.

In particular any complaints alleging violations of this Policy will be firstly reviewed by the Town Clerk/Returning Officer who will determine or confirm if there has been a violation of the Policy by a Candidate. At the sole discretion of the Town Clerk/Returning Officer a determination will then be made if said violation is significant in severity level and if the violation is deemed significant then appropriate details of any confirmed violations may then be posted to the Town's Election website and/or Town social media so that the public is made aware of such violation. This may be done so as to make clear the nature of the breach and maintain public transparency.

Municipal Clerk Election Advisory #4

I encourage all candidates in advance to review the Towns Policy in this regard which can be found at the Town's Election Website and is further linked below:

[Policy 069 Prohibition on the Use of Town Resources for Election Purposes](#)

If you have any questions regarding this advisory or require clarification respecting the use of campaign materials during the Election Period, please contact the Municipal Clerk.

For further questions about the election, please contact elections@tecumseh.ca

Authority:

- Policy 041: Prohibition on the Use of Corporate Resources during an Election
- Section 12 of the Municipal Elections Act: