

December 10, 2013

The Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, PC, QC, MP
Minister of National Revenue
7th Floor
555 MacKenzie Avenue
OTTAWA, ON K1A 0L5

Dear Minister Findlay:

Re: Tax Deductible Municipal Election Campaign Contributions

City Council, at its meeting held on December 2, 2013 discussed the upcoming 2014 Ontario Municipal Election, and specifically, that under current legislation, contributions to municipal election campaigns are not tax deductible.


The following Resolution R-131202-011 was adopted:

“THAT City Council hereby directs staff to send a letter to the Federal Revenue Minister requesting that contributions to municipal election campaigns be tax deductible in the same manner as occurs for federal and provincial elections.”

Tax deductible contributions to municipal elections might attract contributors who otherwise would not consider supporting a particular candidate for Council, unlike the situation for contributions made during federal and provincial elections where such contributions are tax deductible.

We look forward to your response.

Yours truly,



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City Clerk
KVA/hw

- c. Larry Miller, MP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
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