



CLERK'S REPORT TO GREY COUNTY COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to S.88.34(2)(a) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Prepared By: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk, The Blue Mountains
Prepared For: Grey County Compliance Audit Committee
Report Date: May 11, 2023
Subject: Campaign Contribution Report

- **Contributor:** Trevor Stooke
- **Candidate:** Paula Hope

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 88.34(2) of the Municipal Elections Act (the "Act"), the Clerk of a municipality shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a Council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9 of the Act. If the contributor's total contributions to a candidate for office appear to exceed the limit under Section 88.9 the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the candidate.

Under Section 88.9 of the Act, a contributor cannot make contributions exceeding a total of \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election. Under Section 88.8(4)(3) of the Act, a corporation that carries on business in Ontario shall not make a contribution to a candidate.

ANALYSIS

The contribution in question is as reported on candidate Paula Hope's Form 4 Financial Statement. Attached to this Clerk's Report is Paula Hope's Form 4 Financial Statement.

CANDIDATE	CONTRIBUTOR	FULL ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES	VALUE AMOUNT RECORDED ON FORM 4
Paula Hope	Trevor Stooke, Agenda Marketing	[REDACTED]	Artwork Website Services	\$1,500.00

In Schedule 1, Table 4 of the Financial Statement, Paula Hope identified contributions in goods or services from individuals other than the candidate or spouse, from contributor Trevor Stooke, Agenda Marketing.

Upon review of Paula Hope's Form 4 Financial Statement, it was noted that the value of the artwork and website services provided by Trevor Stooke exceeds the contribution limit as defined in section 88.9(1) and appears to be a donation made by a corporation in the Province of Ontario, which is not permitted as defined in section 88.8(4)(3).

NEXT STEPS

Pursuant to Section 88.34(8) of the Municipal Elections Act, the Grey County Compliance Audit Committee (the "Committee") shall consider this report within 30 days after receipt. The decision before the Committee is whether to commence a legal proceeding against the contributor for an apparent contravention.

A meeting of the Committee will be called which is open to the public, however, the Committee may deliberate in private.

Pursuant to Section 88.34(11) of the Act, the decision of the Committee under subsection 88.34(8) and brief written reasons for the decision, shall be given to the contributor and the Clerk of the municipality.

Respectfully submitted to the Grey County Joint Compliance Audit Committee for consideration.

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Instructions

All candidates must complete Boxes A and B. Candidates who receive contributions or incur expenses must complete Boxes C, D, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 as appropriate. Candidates who receive contributions or incur expenses in excess of \$10,000 must also attach an Auditor's Report.

All surplus funds (after any refund to the candidate or their spouse) shall be immediately paid to the clerk who is responsible for the conduct of the election.

For the campaign period from (day clerk received nomination)

YYYY	MM	DD
2022	06	08

 to

YYYY	MM	DD
2022	12	31

Initial filing reflecting finances from start of campaign to December 31 (or 45 days after voting day in a by-election)

Supplementary filing reflecting finances from start of campaign to end of extended campaign period

Box A: Name of Candidate and Office

Candidate's name as shown on the ballot

Last Name or Single Name <i>HOPE</i>	Given Name(s) <i>PAULA ANN</i>
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Office for Which the Candidate Sought Election <i>COUNCILLOR</i>	Ward Name or Number (if any) —
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Municipality *TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS*

Spending Limit <i>16,688.35</i>	Parties and Other Expressions of Appreciation <i>\$ 1,668.84</i>	Contribution Limit <i>7,750.20</i>
General <i>\$ 4255.-</i>	<i>\$ 900.-</i>	Contributions from Candidate and Spouse <i>\$ 400.-</i>

I did not accept any contributions or incur any expenses. (Complete Boxes A and B only)

Box B: Declaration



I, *PAULA HOPE*, declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these financial statements and attached supporting schedules are true and correct.



Signature of Candidate

2023/03/23

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd) <i>2023/03/23</i>	Time Filed <i>3:33 pm.</i>	Initial of Candidate or Agent (if filed in person) 	Signature of Clerk or Designate 
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CORRINA GILES, A COMMISSIONER, ETC.,
COUNTY OF GREY, WHILE TOWN CLERK FOR THE
CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

Box C: Statement of Campaign Income and Expenses

LOAN

Name of bank or recognized lending institution

Amount borrowed
\$

INCOME

Total amount of all contributions (from line 1A in Schedule 1)	+ \$ 5150.-
Revenue from items \$25 or less	+ \$
Sign deposit refund	+ \$
Revenue from fundraising events not deemed a contribution (from Part III of Schedule 2)	+ \$
Interest earned by campaign bank account	+ \$
Other (provide full details)	
1.	+ \$
2.	+ \$
3.	+ \$
4.	+ \$
5.	+ \$
6.	+ \$

Total Campaign Income (Do not include loan)

= \$ 5150.- C1

EXPENSES (Note: Include the value of contributions of goods and services)

1. Expenses subject to general spending limit

Inventory from previous campaign used in this campaign (list details in Table 2 of Schedule 1)	+ \$
Advertising	+ \$ 1130.-
Brochures/flyers	+ \$ 500.-
Signs (including sign deposit)	+ \$ 950.-
Meetings hosted	+ \$
Office expenses incurred until voting day	+ \$
Phone and/or internet expenses incurred until voting day	+ \$
Salaries, benefits, honoraria, professional fees incurred until voting day	+ \$
Bank charges incurred until voting day	+ \$
Interest charged on loan until voting day	+ \$
Other (provide full details)	
1. NETWORK & WEBSITE SERVICES (SERVICES CONTRIBUTED)	+ \$ 1500.-
2.	+ \$
3. BUSTBUS	+ \$ 25.-
4. PRINTING	+ \$ 150.-
5.	+ \$
6.	+ \$

Total Expenses subject to general spending limit

= \$ 4255.- C2

2. Expenses subject to spending limit for parties and other expressions of appreciation

1.	+ \$ 800.-
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2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Total Expenses subject to spending limit for parties and other expressions of appreciation		= \$	<u>5155.-</u> C3

3. Expenses not subject to spending limits

Accounting and audit	_____	+ \$	_____
Cost of fundraising events/activities (list details in Part IV of Schedule 2)	_____	+ \$	_____
Office expenses incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Phone and/or internet expenses incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Salaries, benefits, honoraria, professional fees incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Bank charges incurred after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Interest charged on loan after voting day	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to recount	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to controverted election	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to compliance audit	_____	+ \$	_____
Expenses related to candidate's disability (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Other (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Total Expenses not subject to spending limits		= \$	_____ C4

Total Campaign Expenses (C2 + C3 + C4) = \$ 5155.- C5

Box D: Calculation of Surplus or Deficit

Excess (deficiency) of income over expenses (Income minus Total Expenses) (C1 – C5)	_____	+ \$	<u>(-5.00)</u> D1
If there is a surplus, deduct any refund of candidate's or spouse's contributions to the campaign	_____	- \$	_____
Surplus (or deficit) for the campaign		= \$	<u>_____</u> D2

If line D2 shows a surplus, the amount must be paid in trust, at the time the financial statements are filed, to the municipal clerk who is responsible for the conduct of the election.

Schedule 1 – Contributions

Part I – Summary of Contributions

Contributions in money from candidate and spouse	+ \$ <u>400.-</u>
Contributions in goods and services from candidate and spouse (include value listed in Table 1 and Table 2)	+ \$ <u>—</u>
Total value of contributions not exceeding \$100 per contributor • Include ticket revenue, contributions in money, goods and services where the total contribution from a contributor is \$100 or less (do not include contributions from candidate or spouse).	+ \$ <u>—</u>
Total value of contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor (from line 1B; list details in Table 3 and Table 4) • Include ticket revenue, contributions in money, goods and services where the total contribution from a contributor exceeds \$100 (do not include contributions from candidate or spouse).	+ \$ <u> </u>
Less: Ineligible contributions paid or payable to the contributor Contributions paid or payable to the clerk, including contributions from anonymous sources exceeding \$25	- \$ <u> </u> - \$ <u> </u>
Total Amount of Contributions (record under Income in Box C)	= \$ <u>5150.-</u> 1A

Part II – Contributions from candidate or spouse

Table 1: Contributions in goods or services

Description of Goods or Services	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Value (\$)
N/A		
Total		

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

Table 2: Inventory of campaign goods and materials from previous municipal campaign used in this campaign (Note: Value must be recorded as a contribution from the candidate and as an expense.)

Description	Date Acquired (yyyy/mm/dd)	Supplier	Quantity	Current Market Value (\$)
		N/A		
Total				

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

Part III – Contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor – individuals other than candidate or spouse

Table 3: Monetary contributions from individuals other than candidate or spouse

Name	Full Address	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Amount Received (\$)	Amount Returned to Contributor or Paid to Clerk (\$)
STEVIE & KAREN DIAMOND	[REDACTED]	22/06/21	\$ 300.-	—
PAUL M. BLYTHE		22/09/20	\$ 600.-	—
ANDREW K. GILKATY		22/09/13	\$ 1100.-	—
MICG & VICKI GIBSON		22/08/22	\$ 750.-	—
MURIEL HOPE		22/06/01	\$ 500.-	—
Total			3250.-	

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

Table 4: Contributions in goods or services from individuals other than candidate or spouse
(Note: Must also be recorded as Expenses in Box C.)

Name	Full Address	Description of Goods or Services	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Value (\$)
TREVOR STOKK ALBUDA MARICENTAL	[REDACTED]	NETWORK WEBSITE SERVICES	22/05/01	\$ 1500.-
Total				\$ 1500.-

Additional information is listed on separate supplementary attachment, if completed manually.

Total for Part III – Contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor
(Add totals from Table 3 and Table 4 and record the total in Part 1 – Summary of Contributions) \$ 5150.- 1B

N/A

Schedule 2 – Fundraising Events and Activities

Complete a separate schedule for each event or activity held.

Additional schedule(s) attached, if completed manually.

Fundraising Event/Activity 1

Description of fundraising event/activity _____

Date of event/activity (yyyy/mm/dd) _____

Part I – Ticket revenue

Admission charge (per person) \$ _____ 2A

(If there are a range of ticket prices, attach complete breakdown of all ticket sales)

Number of tickets sold x _____ 2B

Total Part I (2A X 2B) (include in Part I of Schedule 1) = \$ _____

Part II – Other revenue deemed a contribution

Provide details (e.g., revenue from goods sold in excess of fair market value)

- 1. _____ + \$ _____
- 2. _____ + \$ _____
- 3. _____ + \$ _____
- 4. _____ + \$ _____
- 5. _____ + \$ _____

Total Part II (include in Part I of Schedule 1) = \$ _____

Part III – Other revenue not deemed a contribution

Provide details (e.g., contribution of \$25 or less; goods or services sold for \$25 or less)

- 1. _____ + \$ _____
- 2. _____ + \$ _____
- 3. _____ + \$ _____
- 4. _____ + \$ _____
- 5. _____ + \$ _____

Total Part III (include under Income in Box C) = \$ _____

Part IV – Expenses related to fundraising event or activity

Provide details

- 1. _____ + \$ _____
- 2. _____ + \$ _____
- 3. _____ + \$ _____
- 4. _____ + \$ _____
- 5. _____ + \$ _____

Total Part IV Expenses (include under Expenses in Box C) = \$ _____

N/A

Auditor's Report – Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88.25)

A candidate who has received contributions or incurred expenses in excess of \$10,000 must attach an auditor's report.

Professional Designation of Auditor

Municipality	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
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Contact Information

Last Name or Single Name	Given Name(s)	Licence Number
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Address		
Suite/Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name

Municipality	Province	Postal Code
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Telephone Number	Email Address
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The report must be done in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and must:

- set out the scope of the examination
- provide an opinion as to the completeness and accuracy of the financial statement and whether it is free of material misstatement

Report is attached

Personal information, if any, collected on this form is obtained under the authority of sections 88.25 and 95 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Under section 88 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (and despite anything in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) documents and materials filed with or prepared by the clerk or any other election official under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* are public records and, until their destruction, may be inspected by any person at the clerk's office at a time when the office is open. Campaign financial statements shall also be made available by the clerk in an electronic format free of charge upon request.