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Elections Compliance Audit – Mr. Joe Ingino

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1A Introduction

- 1.1. MNP LLP ("**MNP**", "**we**", "**us**" or "**our**") was retained by the City of Oshawa Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (the "**Committee**") to conduct a compliance audit in connection with the election campaign financing of Mr. Joe Ingino ("**Mr. Ingino**" or the "**Candidate**") for the 2022 City of Oshawa Municipal Elections (the "**Elections**"). The compliance audit is defined in this report as the ("**Elections Compliance Audit**") and Mr. Ingino's campaign for the Election is defined as the Campaign.
- 1.2. As per section **88.33(10)** of the Ontario Municipal Elections Act (the "**Act**"), we were asked to prepare this Elections Compliance Audit report (the "**Report**"). Our role as compliance auditors is outlined in the Act under section¹ **88.33(12)** as follows:

Duty of auditor

(12) The auditor shall promptly conduct an audit of the candidate's election campaign finances to determine whether he or she has complied with the provisions of this Act relating to election campaign finances and shall prepare a report outlining any apparent contravention by the candidate. 2016, c. 15, s. 63.

- 1.3. The MNP team was led by Glenn Fraser, CPA, CA, LPA, MBA and Alessandra Leggio, CPA, CA, CPA (Florida), CFE, CFI, CAMS who were responsible for the Elections Compliance Audit and supervision of this Report, which was prepared with assistance from Josh Epstein, CPA, CA, CFF, CFE and Karen Ng, CPA, CA, CFE.

1B Relevant Individuals

- 1.4. The following summarizes our understanding of the relevant individuals in this matter.
- 1.5. **Mr. Ingino:** Mr. Ingino is a resident of the City of Oshawa and was a mayoral candidate during the Elections. It is our understanding that Mr. Ingino was a mayoral candidate for a prior election and was not successful. Mr. Ingino is also the editor/publisher of the Oshawa Central Newspaper ("**The Central**").
- 1.6. **Derek Giberson ("Mr. Giberson"):** Mr. Giberson, and five other individuals, filed an Application for an Elections Compliance Audit in relation to the Campaign.

¹ "Section" is used for "section" and "subsection" interchangeably in this Report.

1C Key Campaign Dates

- 1.7. On May 4, 2022, Mr. Ingino filed a "Nomination Paper – Form 1" ("**Nomination Paper**") to register for the Elections by nominating himself as a candidate for Mayor.
- 1.8. The Campaign started on May 4, 2022, and the election took place on October 24, 2022. We note that Mr. Ingino was not elected.
- 1.9. On February 6, 2023, Mr. Ingino filed initial financial statements for his campaign with the City Clerk, for the period of June 4, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (the "**Initial Financial Statements**").
- 1.10. On May 22, 2023, Mr. Ingino attempted to file revised campaign financial statements for the period of June 4, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (the "**Revised Financial Statements**"); however, the Revised Financial Statements were not accepted by the City Clerk. As we have been engaged to conduct an Elections Compliance Audit on the Initial Financial Statements and the Revised Financial Statements were not accepted as filed, we have not considered the Revised Financial Statements in this report.

1D Application for Compliance Audit

The Application for Compliance Audit

- 1.11. On June 26, 2023, an Application for a Compliance Audit was filed with the City Clerk by six individuals requesting an Elections Compliance Audit of the Campaign's finances in relation to the Election (the "**Application**").
- 1.12. The Application was submitted by Mr. Giberson, Roger Bouma, Mary Fowler, Domenic Albis, Teresa Goff and Darlene Forbes (the "**Applicants**").
- 1.13. As part of the Application, the Applicants made allegations related to the incurrence of campaign expenses before the Candidate registered for the Election, and inconsistencies and omissions within Mr. Ingino's Financial Statements.

Committee Meeting for an Elections Compliance Audit

- 1.14. On July 13, 2023, a meeting was held by the Committee to consider the financial allegations against Mr. Ingino, as detailed in the Application submitted by the Applicants. In this meeting, Mr. Giberson presented the Application on behalf of the Applicants, and provided additional details regarding the allegations raised in the Application.
- 1.15. The Committee subsequently directed that an Elections Compliance Audit of Mr. Ingino's Initial Financial Statements take place and that a report be issued at the completion of the audit.

Allegations Identified

1.16. Based on our review and understanding of the above, we have summarized the allegation topics below². Further details related to the allegations are in Section 4 (Detailed Findings) of this Report.

Table 1: List of Summarized Allegations

Number	Allegation
Allegation 1	Newspaper Advertising in The Central prior to registration as a Candidate
Allegation 2	Expenses incurred in relation to Newspaper Advertising in The Central – During Candidacy
Allegation 3	Expenses incurred in relation to The INGINO Initiative
Allegation 4	Expenses incurred at the Oshawa Market Booth
Allegation 5	Over-contributions by two individuals to Mr. Ingino’s Campaign

² We note that the allegations are summarized by MNP and not explicitly stated as such on the Application.

2.0 SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT

2A Independence and Objectivity

- 2.1. This report was prepared in conformity with the Standard Practices for Investigative and Forensic Accounting Engagements of the CPA³ Canada, in doing so the author acted independently and objectively.
- 2.2. The fees payable to us are not contingent, in whole or in part, on the conclusions contained in this Report. These fees are based strictly on the time spent by our professionals.

2B Scope

- 2.3. For the purposes of completing this Elections Compliance Audit, we reviewed the documentation and information listed in **Appendix A** and completed the procedures described in Section 3.

2C Elections Compliance Audit Period of Review

- 2.4. As defined in the Act at paragraph 88.24(1), the Candidate's election campaign begins "on the day the clerk receives his or her nomination for the office" and ends "on December 31 in the case of a regular election". Mr. Ingino filed the "Nomination Paper" on May 4, 2022. As such, the Elections Compliance Audit Period of Review is from May 4, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (the "**Campaign Period**").

2D Limitations

- 2.5. Our review and conclusions are based on the limitations listed below.
- 2.6. We were not provided with Mr. Ingino's personal bank statements for the Campaign Period to verify payments made on behalf of the Campaign.
- 2.7. We did not verify cash payments of invoices or receipts in relation to the Campaign.
- 2.8. Our interviews and discussions were limited to the individuals in Section 3B. Any other individuals mentioned throughout this Report were either unavailable or their contact information was not provided.

³ Chartered Professional Accountants Canada

- 2.9. The reader is cautioned that selecting portions of the analysis contained in this report, without considering all information and calculations contained in the report, could result in the misinterpretation of comments and conclusions drawn.
- 2.10. We have not independently verified all of the information provided to us. We reserve the right to review all information included or referred to in our report and, if we consider it necessary, to revise our findings in light of any new information which becomes known to us after the date of the report.

3.0 PROCEDURES AND METHODOLOGY

- 3.1. To determine the conclusions set out in this Report, we performed the compliance audit procedures described below, we reviewed the documentation described in **Appendix A** and held discussions with various individuals as listed below.

3A Compliance Audit Procedures

- 3.2. We reviewed the Application and identified the allegations to establish the basis for our Election Compliance Audit.
- 3.3. We reviewed the meeting agenda package and meeting minutes of the Compliance Audit Committee meeting that took place on July 13, 2023 ("**Committee Meeting**") to confirm our understanding of the allegations and obtain further information.
- 3.4. We reviewed and extracted the relevant sections of the Act as deemed applicable to the identified allegations in relation to this Election Compliance Audit.

Financial Statement Analysis

- 3.5. We reviewed the Initial Financial Statements to determine the income and expenses related to the Campaign.
- 3.6. We reviewed the Revised Financial Statements to identify changes to the reported income and expenses related to the Campaign.
- 3.7. We received and reviewed supporting documentation, which included but was not limited to the following:
 - a. Relevant receipts and invoices related to the Campaign; and,
 - b. Contribution receipts for amounts donated to the Campaign.

Verification of Payment

- 3.8. To verify whether specific payments were related to the Campaign, we conducted the procedures listed below.
- 3.9. Where an invoice or receipt was provided, we confirmed that the date was within the Campaign Period and that the description referenced the Campaign.

- 3.10. When the payment of an invoice or receipt was made by another individual as a contribution to the Campaign, we verified that the payment date and amount matched the invoice/receipt date and amount, and that the contribution was recorded in the Initial Financial Statements.

Additional Documentation

- 3.11. We reviewed documentation provided by Mr. Ingino, Mr. Giberson, and The Central to further understand the facts as they relate to the allegations.
- 3.12. We reviewed sample advertisements in the Application and also reviewed the related financial statements of three other candidates.

3B Interviews and Discussions

- 3.13. We met with the following key individuals during our review of the allegations presented in the Application.

Table 2: List of Interviewees and Discussions

Name	Description	Date
Mr. Giberson	Interview with Applicant	September 20, 2023
Mr. Ingino	Interview with Candidate	February 6, 2024
Mr. Ingino	Discussions with Candidate	February 29, April 12, and June 21, 2024

Mr. Ingino

- 3.14. We communicated or attempted to communicate with Mr. Ingino on several occasions as listed below.
- a. December 11, 2023: Interview request by MNP. Mr. Ingino stated that he was not available to be interviewed until February 2024.
 - b. February 6, 2024: Conducted an initial interview with Mr. Ingino.
 - c. February 29, 2024, April 12, 2024, and June 21, 2024: Subsequent meetings held with Mr. Ingino.

Other Individuals

- 3.15. Based on the Application, we identified the individuals listed below as individuals that may have additional information to assist us with our Election Compliance Audit. We held discussions with these individuals and reviewed supporting documentation provided.
- a. Lina Fouroughy ("**Fouroughy**"), another Election Candidate;
 - b. Karrie Lynn Dyamond ("**Dyamond**"), another Election Candidate; and,
 - c. Albert Espinosa ("**Espinosa**"), Accounts Manager at The Central.

4.0 DETAILED FINDINGS

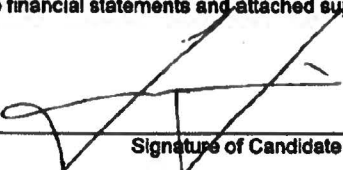
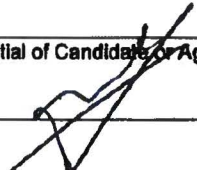

4.1. We reviewed the Initial Financial Statements and detailed our findings in the section below.

4A Initial Financial Statements

Attestation of the Initial Financial Statements

4.2. Based on our review of the Initial Financial Statements, we observed the following signed attestation provided by the Candidate, Mr. Ingino.

Figure 1: Extract of Signed Declaration on Financial Statements

Box B: Declaration			
I, <u>JOE INGINO</u> , 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		<u>2023/01/23</u> Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	
Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd)	Time Filed	Initial of Candidate or Agent (if filed in person)	Signature of Clerk or Designate
<u>2022/02/06</u>	<u>12:51pm</u>		

4.3. The signed declaration indicates that the Candidate acknowledges that the Initial Financial Statements and supporting schedules are true and correct.

Summary of the Initial Financial Statements

4.4. Per the Initial Financial Statements, we observed total income of \$6,587 and total expenses of \$6,587.

4.5. We summarized the income reported in Mr. Ingino's Initial Financial Statements in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Summary of Contributions in Mr. Ingino's Initial Financial Statements

Contribution Type	Initial Financial Statements
Contributions from Candidate and Spouse	
Contributions in money	\$ 3,158
Contributions in goods and services	-
Total value of contributions from Candidate and spouse	\$ 3,158
Contributions from others	
Total value of contributions of less than \$100 from a contributor	-
Total value of contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor	3,428
Total value of contributions from others	\$ 3,428
Total Campaign Contributions	\$ 6,587

4.6. We summarize the expenses reported in Mr. Ingino's Initial Financial Statements in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Summary of Expenses in Mr. Ingino's Initial Financial Statements

Expenses Type	Initial Financial Statements
Expenses Subject to General Spending Limit	
Advertising	\$ 3,000
Signs	3,028
Office expenses incurred until voting day	200
Phone and/or internet expenses incurred until voting day	158
Other - Nomination Fee	200
Total expenses subject to general spending limit	\$ 6,587
Expenses subject to spending limit for parties and other expressions of appreciation	-
Expenses not subject to general spending limits	-
Total Campaign Expenses	\$ 6,587

4B Revised Financial Statements

4.7. We reviewed the Revised Financial Statements that Mr. Ingino attempted to file on May 22, 2023, which included a letter from Mr. Ingino to the Committee (the "**Letter**") regarding the changes made to the Initial Financial Statements.

- 4.8. The Letter stated that a clerical error was made by Mr. Ingino’s staff in preparation of the Initial Financial Statements and that the contributions by two individuals were incorrectly accounted for and the contributions were not an over-contribution.
- 4.9. We note that there were not changes to total expenses and contributions in Mr. Ingino’s Revised Financial Statements.
- 4.10. The following changes were noted in Table 3 (monetary contributions from individuals other than the Candidate or spouse) and Table 4 (contributions of goods and services from individuals other than the Candidate or spouse) when comparing the Revised Financial Statements to the Initial Financial Statements:

Table 5: Changes in Revised Financial Statements

Revised Financial Statements	Description
Table 3	The Revised Financial Statements included two additional individuals listed with contributions of \$356 each respectively.
Table 4	The Revised Financial Statements reduced the amounts contributed by two individuals from \$1,356 each to \$1,000 each.

- 4.11. We note that we were engaged to conduct an Elections Compliance Audit on the Initial Financial Statements. The Revised Financial Statements were not accepted as filed, thus we did not consider the Revised Financial Statements in forming our conclusions within this report.
- 4.12. We detail our findings in relation to each allegation in the sections below.

4C Allegation No. 1 – Newspaper Advertising in The Central Prior to Registration as a Candidate

Allegation

- 4.13. In the Application, the Applicants allege that Mr. Ingino ran an extensive quantity of newspaper advertisements in The Central prior to the date of his registration as a Candidate which, according to his Financial Statements, was on June 4, 2022⁴. The Applicants further allege that the advertisements violate the Act as “no expenses may be incurred or contributions received prior to registering as a candidate”.

⁴ Note that the Application at paragraph 1 states June 4, 2022 as the registration date in the Financial Statements and paragraph 12 indicates June 3, 2022 as the registration date in the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements state June 4, 2022 as the date the clerk received the nomination.

- 4.14. The Application included sample advertisements from The Central (see **Appendix B** for an extract of the sample advertisements), as well as a calculation performed by the Applicants estimating the amount that Mr. Ingino spent on advertisements during the period May 10, 2022 to May 31, 2022, which totaled \$22,125.

Observation

- 4.15. Mr. Ingino filed the Nomination Paper on May 4, 2022, which is the correct registration date. The Initial Financial Statements indicate the Campaign start date was June 4, 2022. However, according to Section **88.24(1)(1)** of the Act, the Campaign begins on the date the Nomination Paper was filed with the clerk.
- 4.16. The Application referred to the incorrect registration date in the Financial Statements, which is June 4, 2022. The incorrect registration date is discussed further in **Section 4H** of this Report.
- 4.17. The Application provided samples of advertisements during the period May 10, 2022, to May 31, 2022, to support their allegation that Mr. Ingino incurred expenses for his Campaign prior to registering as a candidate. Through our review, we identified that all of the advertisements provided in the sample were from the period of May 10, 2022, to May 31, 2022, which was after Mr. Ingino registered as a candidate on May 4, 2022. These advertisements are discussed further in **Section 4D** of this Report.
- 4.18. Further, we did not observe any expenses for advertisements prior to Mr. Ingino registering for the Election on May 4, 2022.

Conclusion

- 4.19. Under Section **88.20(2)** of the Act:

"88.20(2) An expense shall not be incurred by or under the direction of a candidate outside his or her election campaign period. 2016, c. 15, s. 58."

- 4.20. Based on our procedures, there is no evidence of a contravention of Section **88.20(2)** of the Act.

4D Allegation No. 2 – Newspaper Advertising in The Central – During Candidacy

Allegation

- 4.21. In the Application, the Applicants alleged that Mr. Ingino ran an extensive quantity of newspaper advertisements in The Central during the Campaign Period.

- 4.22. The Application stated that the Applicants reviewed the advertisements placed in The Central by Mr. Ingino from May 2, 2022 to October 24, 2022 and utilized a rate card⁵ provided by Mr. Ingino to calculate the value of Mr. Ingino's Campaign advertisements in The Central totaling an estimated \$219,687.
- 4.23. The Applicants stated that this amount violates the Act and election rules on numerous counts including the following:

Table 6: Applicants List of Violations of the Act

Number	Allegation
1	"The mayoral race spending cap for Oshawa in 2022 was \$111,153, with the calculated amount of advertisements exceeding this by over \$108,000;"
2	"The maximum Mr. Ingino would be able to contribute to his own campaign is \$25,000, with the calculated amount of ads exceeding this by over \$194,000;"
3	"There is no mechanism in legislation by which the Oshawa Central, as a business entity, could donate ad space to a candidate, as non-individual donations are prohibited;"
4	"In his Financial Statement of January 23, 2023, Mr. Ingino reports on the advertising line of the expense section that his campaign spent only \$3,000, a number that under-reports at 1.37% of the total value of ads in his newspaper. This suggests either an unfathomable error in financial reporting or the falsifying of an election campaign filing; and"
5	"In bringing the expenses of the campaign well in excess of \$10,000, the Act requires that Mr. Ingino's campaign finances should be filed with an auditor's report, which he failed to provide."

Observations

- 4.24. We reviewed the sample of advertisements included in the Application and determined whether they were advertisements or articles. The 58 samples provided appeared to be advertisements, under section **88.3(1) and (2)** of the Act.
- 4.25. **The Central Rate Card ("Standard Rate Card"):** We reviewed The Central's website and identified the Standard Rate Card which indicated a price range of \$50 for a 1x15 classified advertisement to \$2,550 for a full-page advertisement. Mr. Giberson confirmed that the rates used as part of the calculation in the Application was consistent with the rates on The Central website.
- 4.26. **Elections Rate Card:** Mr. Ingino informed us that The Central has a standard rate card utilized for advertising pricing, as well as "special rate cards" for different occasions. During the Election, Mr. Ingino stated that a special election rate card ("**Elections Rate Card**") was sent to all registered candidates by email (See **Appendix C**). We note that the advertisement prices ranged from \$20 to \$3,000, including small individual advertisements to packages with various advertisements included.

⁵ The rate card utilized for the calculation and provided in the Application is the same rate card available on the Central's website.

- 4.27. The Application included 58 sample advertisements over a period of six weeks as part of the supporting documentation. The Applicants calculated the advertisement spend considering 58 articles utilizing the Standard Rate Card, totaling \$58,609.
- 4.28. We asked Mr. Giberson for additional support related to the calculation of advertisement costs included in the Application, however, he did not have further advertisements in addition to the 58 samples included in the Application. The Committee Meeting Minutes did not include any additional advertisement materials. Thus, in the absence of any additional materials provided, we were unable to verify whether additional advertisements existed.
- 4.29. During our interview with Mr. Giberson, he stated that The Central had sent out special rate cards on at least four other occasions. He further stated that he did not receive a special election rate card, which Mr. Ingino stated he utilized. However, Mr. Giberson stated that he was aware of one other candidate (Rosaldo Russo⁶) who had received the Elections Rate Card.
- 4.30. Mr. Ingino's Campaign purchased a Gold Package, offered on the Elections Rate Card for \$3,000 from the Central. The samples provided within the Application fell within the Gold Package advertisement weekly article inclusion. We summarize the gold package offering in the table below.

Table 7: Advertisement Package Purchased by Mr. Ingino Campaign

Gold Package per Elections Rate Card	
Advertisement Size	Weekly Ads Included
Full Page	2
Half Page	2
Quarter Page	4
3 x 15	7
2 x 11	4
3 x 5	6
Total	25

- 4.31. We recalculated the advertisement spend in relation to the sample advertisements provided with the Application in the table below.

⁶ We did not confirm this with Mr. Rosaldo Russo as we were not provided with Russo's contact information.

Table 8: Mr. Ingino Campaign Advertisements Per Week per Application Sample

Advertisement Size	Advertisements Per Week (Per Sample)					
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Full Page	1		1	2	1	1
Half Page	1	1	1	2	2	2
Quarter Page	1		2	1	1	2
3 x 15	3	1	3	3	4	4
2 x 11			1	1	1	1
3 x 5	1		3	4	5	1
Total	7	2	11	13	14	11

- 4.32. Per our calculation above and based on the samples provided by the Applicants, Mr. Ingino fell within the weekly 25-ad and size limit of the Gold Package per the Elections Rate Card.
- 4.33. We observed an invoice from The Central dated May 9, 2022 indicating that Mr. Ingino purchased the largest package from the Elections Rate Card totaling \$3,000. Mr. Ingino informed us that he paid the invoice with cash. The invoice contained details on the advertisement size, the start and finish date, number of weeks the advertisement ran, and the amount paid.
- 4.34. We confirmed that \$3,000 was recorded on the Financial Statements under "Advertising", which is consistent with the Gold Package offering. We did not confirm with The Central whether payment was received for this invoice.
- 4.35. We note that the difference between the Applicant's calculation of advertising and Mr. Ingino's actual advertisement spend was attributed to the difference between the rate cards. The difference between the Standard Rate Card and the Elections Rate Card resulted in a significant difference between the calculations. We were unable to confirm whether all candidates received an Elections Rate Card for the following reasons:
- a. Espinosa from The Central stated that historical emails are not retained due to limited space; however, all registered candidates would have received a solicitation email with the Elections Rate Card; and
 - b. Mr. Ingino informed us that he deleted his Campaign email account.
- 4.36. Espinosa informed us that only four candidates (besides Mr. Ingino) purchased advertisements using the Elections Rate Card from The Central.
- 4.37. To identify whether any additional candidates purchased advertisements from The Central, we sampled 31 campaign financial statements submitted by other candidates in the Elections. Out of the 31 samples, we identified one financial statement that contained a mention of The Central as part of their advertisement expense for Fouroughy.

- 4.38. Through review of the sample advertisements in the Application, we identified and reviewed the financial statements of three other candidates, which identified payments consistent with the Elections Rate Card. Thus, other candidates in addition to Mr. Ingino, had access to and used the Elections Rate Card.

Conclusion

- 4.39. Under **Section 92(1)(b)** of the Act:

"A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23 (2),

(b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section. 2016, c. 15, s. 68 (1)."

- 4.40. We note that we were not able to verify whether all candidates in the 2022 municipal election had received Election Rate Cards from the Central. However, based on our review of supporting documentation, we did not identify any evidence to indicate that advertising expenses in the Financial Statements were underreported.

- 4.41. Based on our procedures, there is no evidence of a contravention of Section **92(1)(b)** of the Act.

4E Allegation No. 3 – The INGINO Initiative

Allegation

- 4.42. The Application described that the Applicants identified additional advertisements promoting a program called "The INGINO Initiative" that Mr. Ingino allegedly ran in The Central that may merit further investigation if determined it qualifies as advertising related to the Election.
- 4.43. In the Application, the Applicants alleged that Mr. Ingino has been promoting "The INGINO Initiative" since 2018 through advertisements in newspapers and small signs in commercial storefronts in the downtown Oshawa area.
- 4.44. In the Application, the Applicants stated that while the advertisements for "The INGINO Initiative" were meant to promote businesses in the central Oshawa area, these advertisements bear a resemblance to the Campaign's advertisements. The Applicants further describe the referenced advertisements as containing both similar typefaces, colors schemes, and prominent placement of the word "Ingino" in all capital letters.

- 4.45. The Applicants stated that they reviewed the advertisements placed in The Central by Mr. Ingino of "The INGINO Initiative" from June 2020 to May 2022 and applied the rates in the rate card on The Central's website to calculate the value of Mr. Ingino's Campaign advertisements. The Applicants calculated advertisements totaling over an estimated amount of \$266,000.
- 4.46. The Application stated that there was no guidance in the Act regarding similar style advertisements, however, it referenced Section 8 of the Elections Finance Act Guidelines provided by Elections Ontario for provincial guidelines:

"Whether the formatting or branding of the advertisement is similar to registered political party's or registered candidate's formatting or branding or election material."

- 4.47. Under the above guidelines, the Applicants stated that as "The INGINO Initiative" advertisements appear to be like Mr. Ingino's Campaign advertisements, these advertisements should be considered as a campaign expense in the Financial Statements.

Observations

- 4.48. Through review of the Committee Meeting minutes, Mr. Ingino stated that "The INGINO Initiative" was unrelated to the Campaign and that he had been running this initiative for several years.
- 4.49. The Central provided to us an excerpt of an issue dated June 1 to 7, 2015 where we observed "The INGINO Initiative" throughout. The advertisements for "The INGINO Initiative" appeared to promote shopping in downtown Oshawa (See **Appendix D**).

Conclusion

- 4.50. Under **Section 88.20(2)** of the Act:

"An expense shall not be incurred by or under the direction of a candidate outside his or her election campaign period."

- 4.51. Based on our procedures there is no evidence of a contravention of **Section 88.20(2)** of the Act.

4F Allegation No. 4 – Oshawa Markets Booth

Allegation

- 4.52. In the Application, the Applicants alleged that Mr. Ingino was seen advertising his presence at a table or booth at the Oshawa Markets, a flea market located at 555 Simcoe Street South, during the Campaign Period.

- 4.53. The Applicants stated it was unclear whether there was an expense associated with the booth and if the amount was recorded as an expense in the Financial Statements.

Observation

- 4.54. In our interview with Mr. Ingino, he stated that he did attend the Oshawa Markets during the Elections, but that there was no cost to attend the Oshawa Markets. Mr. Ingino informed us that he noted that several other candidates were present at the Oshawa Markets.
- 4.55. Mr. Ingino further informed us that he did set up a booth at North Oshawa Farmers Market at 1661 Harmony Road North in Oshawa during the Campaign Period where he incurred an expense for the booth and recorded the same in the Financial Statements.
- 4.56. We observed a receipt for a one-day booth at the North Oshawa Farmers Market dated August 20, 2022, totaling \$35. Mr. Ingino informed us that he paid for this receipt in cash.
- 4.57. We confirmed that this amount was recorded on the Financial Statements under "Office Expenses incurred until Voting Day". We did not confirm with North Oshawa Farmers Market whether payment was received for this invoice.

Conclusion

- 4.58. Under **Section 92(1)(b)** of the Act:

"A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23 (2),

(b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section. 2016, c. 15, s. 68 (1)."

- 4.59. Based on our procedures, there is no evidence of a contravention of Section **92(1)(b)** of the Act.

4G Allegation No. 5 – Contributions to Mr. Ingino's Campaign

Allegation

- 4.60. The Applicants stated in the Application that on May 24 and June 8, 2023, Committee meetings were held in relation to over-contributions to Mr. Ingino's Campaign by two individuals, Rosaldo Russo ("**Russo**") and Donald Jessome ("**Jessome**"). These amounts were reported on Mr. Ingino's Initial Financial Statements.

- 4.61. The Applicants alleged that contributions by Russo and Jessome totaled \$1,356 each and these amounts were included in the Financial Statements. Further, an automatic review should have been triggered as the amount is in excess of the personal contribution limit of \$1,200 per candidate.

Observation

- 4.62. Mr. Ingino attempted to file Revised Financial Statements on May 22, 2023, which included a letter to the Committee stating a clerical error on the Initial Financial Statements in relation to over-contributions by these two individuals.
- 4.63. Through review of Mr. Ingino's letter to the Committee, it is our understanding that Russo and Jessome each paid an invoice of \$1,365 (total \$2,730) from DK Signs & Print Inc. for bag signs for Mr. Ingino's Campaign.
- 4.64. Mr. Ingino stated that the intention was for Russo and Jessome to contribute only \$1,000 each and that he provided Russo and Jessome with \$365 each from contributions made to Mr. Ingino by Michael Palermo ("**Palermo**") and James Torok ("**Torok**"). Through review of the Committee meeting minutes, we understand that Mr. Ingino did not have any receipts to support the payments he made to Russo and Jessome, as he paid them both in cash.
- 4.65. We observed two invoices for the purchase of bag signs from DK Signs & Print Inc. as follows:
- a) One invoice issued to Mr. Ingino dated September 2, 2022 totaling \$1,356, with a note from Mr. Ingino stating payment was made by Russo's credit card.
 - b) An invoice (no. DK/01/19/2758159) issued to Jessome dated September 12, 2022 totaling \$1,356, with a note from Mr. Ingino stating payment was made by Jessome's credit card.
- 4.66. We observed contribution receipts for payment of the invoices above, as follows:
- a) Two contribution receipts dated September 2, 2022, one for Russo totaling \$1,000 and one for Palermo totaling \$356. The contribution receipts both indicate they were for the stated invoice.
 - b) Two contribution receipts dated September 15, 2022, one for Jessome totaling \$1,000 and one dated September 20, 2022 for Torok totaling \$356. The contribution receipts both indicate they were for the stated invoice.
- 4.67. We did not observe supporting documentation indicating Mr. Ingino gave Russo and Jessome \$356 each in cash.
- 4.68. Further, we note a contribution from "M. Palermo" and "J. Torok" were not recorded in the Initial Financial Statements.

Conclusion

4.69. Under **Section 88.9(1)** of the Act:

"A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election. 2016, c. 15, s. 51; 2017, c. 10, Sched. 4, s.8(8)."

4.70. Under **Section 92(1)(b)** of the Act:

"A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23(2), (b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section."

4.71. Through our discussions and review of supporting documentation, we did not observe any evidence to indicate Russo and Jessome were reimbursed by Mr. Ingino.

4.72. Accordingly, there was an over-contribution by Russo and Jessome in the Initial Financial Statements. Thus, the Initial Financial Statements are in contravention of **Section 92(1)(b)** and **88.9(1)** of the Act.

4H General Other Inquiries

4.73. Further to our review of the Initial Financial Statements and our discussions with Mr. Ingino, we have summarized additional observations in the following section.

Campaign Bank Account

Observation

4.74. In our discussions with Mr. Ingino, Mr. Ingino informed us that he did not open a bank account exclusively for the purposes of the Campaign. He stated that all Campaign related contributions and expenses did not go through a bank account specific to the Campaign.

Conclusion

4.75. Under **Section 88.22(1)** of the Act:

"88.22(1) A candidate shall ensure that,

(a) no contributions of money are accepted or expenses are incurred unless one or more campaign accounts are first opened at a financial institution exclusively for the purposes of the election campaign;

(b) All contributions of money are deposited into the campaign accounts;

(d) All payments for expenses are made from the campaign accounts;"

4.76. Mr. Ingino confirmed he did not open a bank account exclusively for the purposes of the Campaign.

4.77. Accordingly, MNP has concluded that based on our discussion, there is a contravention of Section **88.22(1)(a)(b) and (d)** of the Act.

Candidate Registration

Observation

4.78. Mr. Ingino filed the Nomination Paper on May 4, 2022. The Initial Financial Statements indicate the Campaign start date was June 4, 2022.

4.79. Under Section **88.24(1)(1)** of the Act:

"The election campaign period begins on the day on which the clerk receives his or her nomination for the office under section 33."

4.80. Per Section 88.24(1)(1) of the Act, the date the Nomination Paper is filed is the date campaign period begins. We note that we are unaware of any other nomination papers submitted prior to that date.

Conclusion

4.81. Under Section 92(1)(b) of the Act:

"A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23(2), (b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section."

4.82. As the Campaign start date noted on the Initial Financial Statements does not agree to the date the Nomination Paper was filed, MNP has concluded that based on our discussions and review of supporting documentation, Mr. Ingino has filed an incorrect Financial Statement and is in contravention of **Section 92(1)(b)** of the Act.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1. We have reviewed the Elections Compliance Audit application submitted by the Applicants.
- 5.2. Based on MNP's Elections Compliance Audit procedures, it appears from our analysis that:
 - 5.2.1. The Initial Financial Statements of Mr. Ingino are in contravention of section **88.22(1)(a)(b) and (d)** of the Act as Mr. Ingino did not open a bank account for his Campaign exclusively for the purposes of the Campaign (Section 4H);
 - 5.2.2. The Initial Financial Statements of Mr. Ingino are in contravention of section **88.9(1)** and **92(1)(b)** of the Act as the Initial Financial Statements contained over-contributions by two individuals (Section 4G); and,
 - 5.2.3. The Initial Financial Statements of Mr. Ingino are in contravention of section **92(1)(b)** of the Act as the Initial Financial Statements did not contain the correct Campaign Period (Section 4H).
- 5.3. This Report was prepared for the City of Oshawa Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee in relation to election compliance audit applications. This report is not to be used for any other purpose and we specifically disclaim any responsibility for losses or damages incurred through its use for a purpose other than described in this paragraph. This report should not be reproduced in whole or in part without our express written permission, other than as required by the City of Oshawa Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee in relation to litigation matters.
- 5.4. We reserve the right, but will be under no obligation, to review and/or revise the contents of this Report in light of information which becomes known to us after the date of this Report.

Yours truly,

MNP LLP

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Partner, Assurance Services

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Partner, Forensic Services

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Documents Reviewed

We reviewed the following information for the purpose of this Report.

1. The Municipal Elections Act, 1996;
2. City of Oshawa Joint Compliance Audit Committee meeting agenda package dated July 13, 2023 including:
 - a. Application for compliance audit submitted by the Applicants, and documents provided by Mr. Giberson in support of the Application;
 - b. The Initial Financial Statements filed by Mr. Ingino on February 6, 2023;
 - c. The Revised Financial Statements that Mr. Ingino attempted to file on May 22, 2023; and
 - d. Meeting minutes for the Committee meeting;
3. City of Oshawa Joint Compliance Audit Committee Notice of Decision dated July 13, 2023;
4. Documents provided by Mr. Ingino in support of his expenses and contributions, including but not limited to:
 - a. A document prepared by Mr. Ingino documenting the expenses and contributions related to the Campaign, the method of payment (if applicable), the receipt number for contributions and the contributor's name;
 - b. Relevant receipts and invoices related to the Campaign; and
 - c. Contributions receipts for contributions to the Campaign.
5. Documents provided by The Oshawa Central Newspaper;
6. 2022 Candidates' Guide – Ontario municipal council and school board elections; and
7. Elections Ontario – Election Finances Act Guidelines, effective November 2023.

Appendix B – Sample Advertisements Provided in the Application



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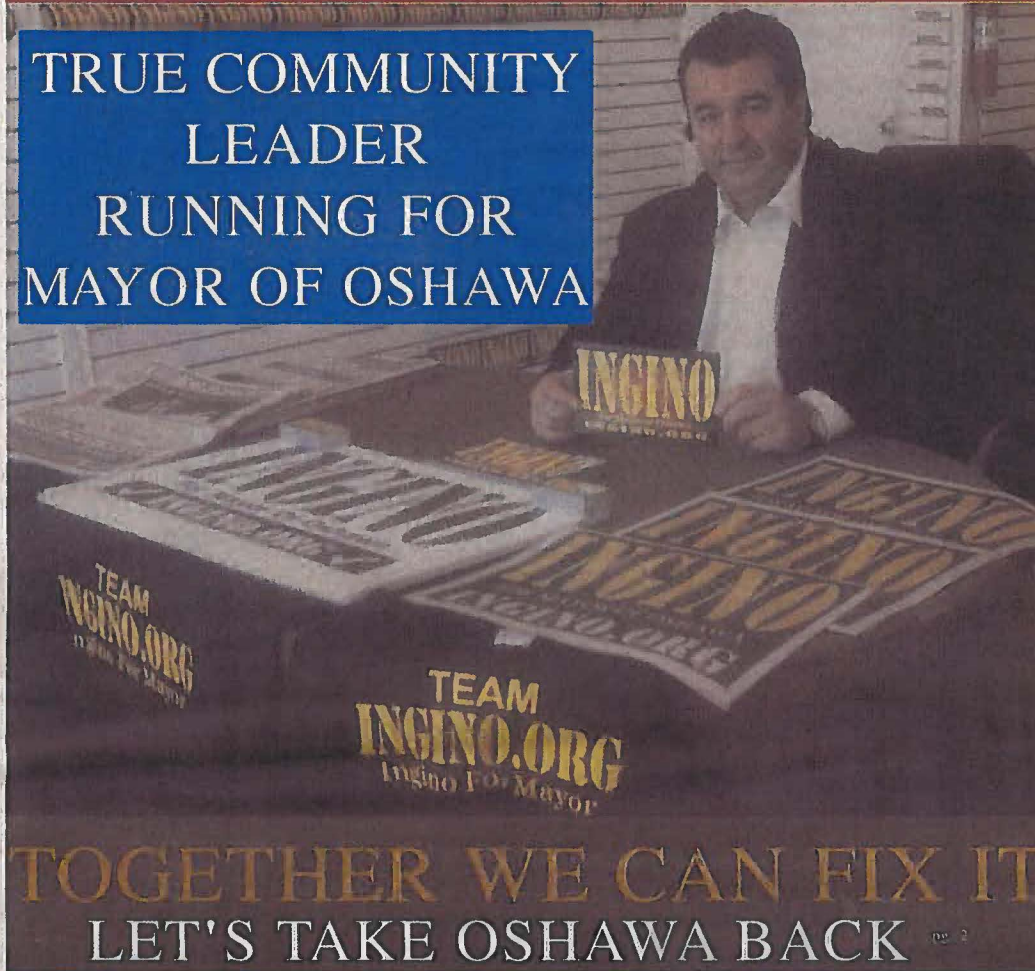
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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING TRAGEDY OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS AND 2SLGBTQQIA+ PEOPLE

Violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in Canada is an ongoing national tragedy. The Government of Canada is working with families, survivors and communities as equal partners towards solutions that will protect vulnerable people and address the root causes of this violence.

Today, on the first anniversary of the release of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, attended a ceremony at the Canadian Museum of History with family members, survivors, members of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community, Elders and Grandmothers.

During the ceremony, the Government of Canada reaffirmed its commitment to continue working with families and communities to respond to this national tragedy. The Prime Minister received teachings from Elders and Grandmothers on the importance of continuing this work.

Following the ceremony, the Government of Canada released its report that outlines some of the work undertaken over the last year under the Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People. The Federal Pathway is the Government of Canada's contribution to the National Action Plan. The report also acknowledges the significant work ahead to further implement the government's commitments.

A report was also released by contributing partners to the National Action Plan entitled A Progress Report on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan. The Government of Canada remains steadfast in its commitment to continue to work in partnership with provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous Peoples, families and survivors, and Indigenous women's and 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations to make progress on the National Action Plan and address the tragedy of missing and murdered

Indigenous women and girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in Canada.

Addressing the ongoing violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people is a whole-of-government approach, which requires living up to our moral obligations as a country, and all the Calls for Justice. Our work will never cease as long as survivors, families, and communities are enduring this national tragedy. We will ensure our initiatives are trauma-informed and survivor-centric, to put an end to this tragedy - as survivors work towards healing.

"On this important anniversary, we reaffirm the Government of Canada's commitment to continue working with Survivors, families and communities to end the tragedy of the missing and murdered. We will never forget those who never came home and we will honour their memories by working tirelessly to build a better future, where everyone is safe from violence. To Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, today, and every day, we are

supporting you in reclaiming your power and your place." The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

"I want to acknowledge the dedication and devotion of First Nations, Inuit, Métis and 2SLGBTQQIA+ families, survivors, communities, organizations, and leadership in their tireless advocacy. We need your advocacy and guidance; our priority is to work together with you to end the violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. We know there is still much more work to do and we remain committed to seeing this work through."

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

"Indigenous languages and cultures are at the heart of First Nations, Inuit and Métis community, identity and self-determination. They are critical sources of support, healing, and safety for Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. Canadian Heritage will continue to support initiatives that help Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people reclaim their language and

cultural knowledge, and share their own stories in their own words."

The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Canadian Heritage

"In Canada, Indigenous girls and women are significantly more likely to experience gender-based violence than non-Indigenous women. We will continue to fund partners to create and run programs that protect and support First Nations, Inuit, Métis and 2SLGBTQQIA+ families and survivors. Changing a culture that undermines the worth of women is not easy but we will keep at it. Together, we can make Canada safer and more inclusive for Indigenous women and girls."

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services

"The Government of Canada recognizes that, although we all have the right to feel safe and protected in our communities, this has not been the case for many Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals. There remains much to be done before this changes. I am committed to continue working with Indigenous part-

ners, communities and organizations, provinces and territories, and others to help end the violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. This includes advancing the unique policing and community safety priorities of First Nations, Inuit and Métis and co-developing federal legislation recognizing First Nation police services as an essential service."

The Honourable Marc Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety

"Today and every day, we reflect on the tireless work and the many voices that shaped last year's release of the 2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan. Family members and survivors of Indigenous communities and organizations, 2SLGBTQQIA+ leaders, advocates and academics, we hear you, we see you, and we share your pain and grief. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you."

The Honourable Marc Len, Minister for Women, Gender Equality and Youth

OFL Responds to Election Results: We will continue building a fighting labour movement

The Ontario Federation of Labour says workers are ready to hold Ford's Conservative government to account, following Thursday night's election results. The re-election of Ford's Conservatives comes at a time when Ontarians are facing a skyrocketing cost of living, and urgently need measures to address affordability.

Ford's playbook of buddying up to big businesses and backtracking on bad decisions isn't going to cut it this time around, said Patty Coates, Ontario Federation of Labour President. We know what workers need, and we will continue to fight for it.

In the lead-up to the election, the Ontario Federation of Labour called for a workers-first agenda, which included a \$20 minimum wage, decent work, affordable housing, permanent paid sick days, well-funded public services, livable income support for all, climate justice, and an end to racism and oppression. These demands were the cornerstone of a province-wide day of action on May 1.

Ford spent his election campaign touting support for workers. If Ford's Conservatives truly want to work for workers, their first action will be the immediate repeal of Bill 124 and implementation of the workers-first agenda demands, added Coates.

Ontarians once again elected the Ontario NDP as the Official Opposition. NDP MPPs have repeatedly held Ford's Conservatives accountable in the Ontario Legislature. As Official Opposition they have championed workers' rights.

Ford's re-election also comes at a time of unprecedented strike action in the province, according to the Ontario Federation of Labour.

Workers have raised expectations about what they should earn for their work. They will be demanding more at the bargaining table, and from their government, said Coates.



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The signs are currently in the testing and configuration phase, said DRT Departures and other content will be tested, including weather information and service updates for customers.

The signs are located at:
Oshawa Centre Terminal (one on each side of the bus loop)
Pickering Parkway Terminal
Ontario Tech/Durham College North Campus Terminal
Clarington Boulevard and Prince William Boulevard (Bowmanville)

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE

The Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) is expressing disappointment with the political outcome of the 2022 provincial election and is thanking Ontarians who supported nurses and voted for investment in publicly funded and delivered health care.

Despite another majority PC government, most Ontarians voted for parties that pledged to repeal Bill 124, take meaningful action on the nursing shortage and defend public health care.

"Most Ontarians stood with nurses and health-care professionals in this province and sent a message to the Ford government that they do not support Bill 124, the privatization of the health-care system and attacks on workers' rights," says ONA President Cathryn Hoy, RN. "While I am disappointed in the results of the election, I am also inspired by the momentum built by ONA members throughout

this election, as they fought for a better, stronger, public health-care system."

Hoy says that as patient advocates, nurses and health-care professionals will continue to fight for their patients, residents and clients - and for all Ontarians.

"We will not give up in our efforts to overturn Bill 124, Doug Ford's unfair wage-suppression legislation that has seriously worsened the nursing shortage," says Hoy. "ONA's Charter challenge against this law will continue, and we will continue to support our members as they speak out against the bill."

Hoy also notes that as a non-partisan organization, ONA remains committed to sharing the invaluable knowledge and advice of front-line workers to improve health care for all Ontarians.

"We know this province must

move quickly to address the crisis in nursing and improve Ontario's health-care system now and into the future," says Hoy. "Nurses and health-care professionals have the knowledge and expertise to help this government do just that. Our patients, residents and clients deserve no less."

ONA is the union representing more than 68,000 registered nurses and health-care professionals, as well as 18,000 nursing student affiliates, providing care in hospitals, long-term care facilities, public health, the community, clinics and industry.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today the following statement on the results of the provincial election in Ontario:

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I congratulate Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario on their election.

"Over the past several years, the federal government, working with the province, has delivered historic investments in retooling our auto sector to build cleaner vehicles while creating and securing thousands of good jobs in communities across the province.

"I look forward to continue working with Premier Ford and his government to keep people safe from COVID-19, build the housing that communities need, and deliver on our federal promise of \$10-a-day child care for families while growing the middle class and the economy.

"We will build a better future for Ontarians, and all Canadians."

The recent poll has sent a warning shot of what is to become at the Federal level as the PC blue wave picked up momentum in Ontario.

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Many are asking how my mayoral platform is coming along. The platform is ready. The issue is how to tailor the presentation as it is not utilized without my permission before the election.

In the past I have written solutions to a local problems... and boom miraculously and without any credit. The solution becomes implemented by City hall.

Just recently the Mayor has been busy working on numerous press releases. Releases that through his administration were far from few. It appears now that we are upon the eve of a municipal election he has to make it look like he has done something and is doing.

The question I have for him is. How can he go to sleep at night knowing that his people are sleeping on the streets?

In a release entitled: "Message from His Worship Mayor Dan Carter to Business Community Stakeholders, May 2022". He stated:

Our economic recovery has always depended on the idea of working together. (his definition of together is... as long as it benefits him. The mayor has show bias and prejudice towards local businesses/contractors and developers. Why do you think we in Oshawa do not have any building over 20 floors. Real developers have pulled away and left it for these two by four/drywall type of future ghetto developers).

Whether you're a local consumer, business or government policymaker, our collective actions have a profound cumulative impact on our economic direction. (Really name one impact that they have had under his leadership? One.) That's why advocacy is so important to the work we do at the City of Oshawa. When we formed the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force in 2020, we knew that advocating for your business, hearing your voice and communicating that message with all tiers of government would be critically important to emerge from the pandemic in a stronger position than ever. (In my opinion the Task Force is a joke. The councillor chairing it has no actual business experience or practice. He is to be taken serious as an advocate? They tell people they are advocacy group... in other fancy word for saying they are doing nothing and relying on a prayer. This is the same advocate that refused \$100,000. free money from a local business in the middle of COVID. This is the same mayor that refused this same company out of personal vendetta, prejudice, bias. This is the same mayor that has turned off real investment do his red tape from his city permit department.

This is the same mayor that advocated making illegal to feed the poor on our streets. The same advocates to spend your hard tax dollars on red a cops at the time of \$90/hr and pay the guards \$40. To harass and rough up the homeless. This is the same advocate that refused a permit for C.A.M.P. Community Assisted Meal Program. A program that ran with zero tax dollars. The mayor took it upon himself to shut it down. This is advocacy? This is leadership? No real or formal reason given. Just that he did not like the organizers. This is the same mayor that stands before his supporters of the Durham Reformer Board and boasts on how he brought a billion dollars worth of development during COVID. Whom in reality he had nothing to do with it, as it is called natural population growth. This is the same mayor that attempted to take credit for the announcement of GM once again tossing us a rotten bone. Smoke and mirror. This has to stop. Let's bring pride back to Oshawa. Let's stop pretending and let's start doing what we should have been all along.

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CANADA AT THE CROSSROADS
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As we descend from spring into summer in Canada, the days may be getting brighter, but the outlook for our society is somber. At 6.8% inflation is the highest it has been in 30 years. The bank prime rate quickly inching towards 3% will have a drastic cooling effect on house sales. High gasoline prices and an active war in Europe are just some of the events that are shaping our lives today.

The Canadian political scenario is not doing anything to bring relief to the people who have been caged by the Covid-19 pandemic for more than 2 years. With businesses collapsing and the state intruding more and more on our private lives, one is driven to believe that Canada is going toward a multi-faceted trust crisis. Trust in our public institutions is fading fast, and what used to be the cornerstone of Canadian society, is cracking.

Trust in our political system and politicians is at the lowest possible level. In Ontario we are facing a provincial election that seems colorless and odorless, mostly concerned with the elites and less with real people. Unfortunately, we do not foresee significant changes coming after the election. Politics is more interesting at the federal level, with the Conservatives engaged in a new leadership campaign and the governing Liberals in coalition with the NDP enacting legislation aimed at further limiting our freedom.

If this continues and some common sense measures are not taken, this will irretrievably alter who we are as a country and how we govern ourselves. We will become more divided and less able to achieve big things that matter. Trust in our public institutions and people in general previously made Canada an enviable example of good governance in the world. We are on the verge of losing that and spiraling into unknown and uncharted waters. If not stopped, this downward spiral will spell disastrous consequences for our children and grandchildren.

As we have seen, a polarizing pandemic has quickened the latent disintegration, alienation and loss of professionalism in Canada's politics. The ailments are plain to see: an increasingly coarse and negative political dialogue; a rejection of public policy compromise; and rising misinformation and censure of all kinds in society and across information platforms.

Adding to this decline is the corrosion of the once proud public service. Mostly populated with senior officials who serve the politics of the day rather than the people, they contribute massively to the mushrooming trust deficit between Canadians and their governments. These tendencies raise core questions about what it means to govern in Canada today, and in the future. We need to remember that public servants are responsible for translating political direction from elected politicians into public policy and public services. They are charged with providing advice, not just on the right public policy but on its effective implementation. To do this well in a system of responsible government with a non-partisan, independent public service, requires "fearless advice and loyal implementation." That is, the ability to speak "truth to power" and abide by the decisions of duly elected leaders. Are they doing that today? We really do not know.

The Covid-19 pandemic brought to light some issues we need to reflect on, that indicate we need to move to a new and more up to date way of governance in our country. Once the scale of the pandemic became clear, governments at all levels moved erratically to respond to public need. The politicians delegated their responsibility and decision-making to unelected officials ostensibly invoking science. That resulted in trust levels of Canadians gradually declining in their governments as the pandemic wore on.

Good governance is literally embedded in Canada's constitutional record or, more precisely, its BNA, the British North America Act. The phrase "Peace, order and good government" stems from the original 1867 constitutional document, which legally formed Canada. It has been a guiding principle ever since.

Good governance means increased confidence in the decisions and actions of governments. That leads to greater legitimacy and acceptance of those decisions by citizens. Higher trust and faith in our public institutions then follows.

The question now, is how we keep Canada united in today's tumultuous times. This goal raises new questions about the relationship between governments and the governed; between citizens and state. Maybe it is time to update our governance system with new concepts appropriate to this century.

Many questions arise. What do we want from government? Not just bigger or smaller government, but what is the role of government and its institutions in society today? These questions are questions related to governance; the way we do things for our citizens for their benefit and for the benefit of the country.

In conclusion, Canada's governments and leaders will need to listen more to Canadians and learn from them in the months and years ahead in order to re-establish our traditional, common sense and uniquely strong democratic traditions and public institutions.

Our public servants need to be part of this process because they have a big stake in getting this right. Listening and learning from their front-line experiences with citizens and inside experiences with politicians would be advisable. Come down from your ivory towers. Let us hope that sanity will prevail and as a country we will once again be at the forefront of a good governance fully trusted by the people. Hope is not lost yet, wake up Canada!

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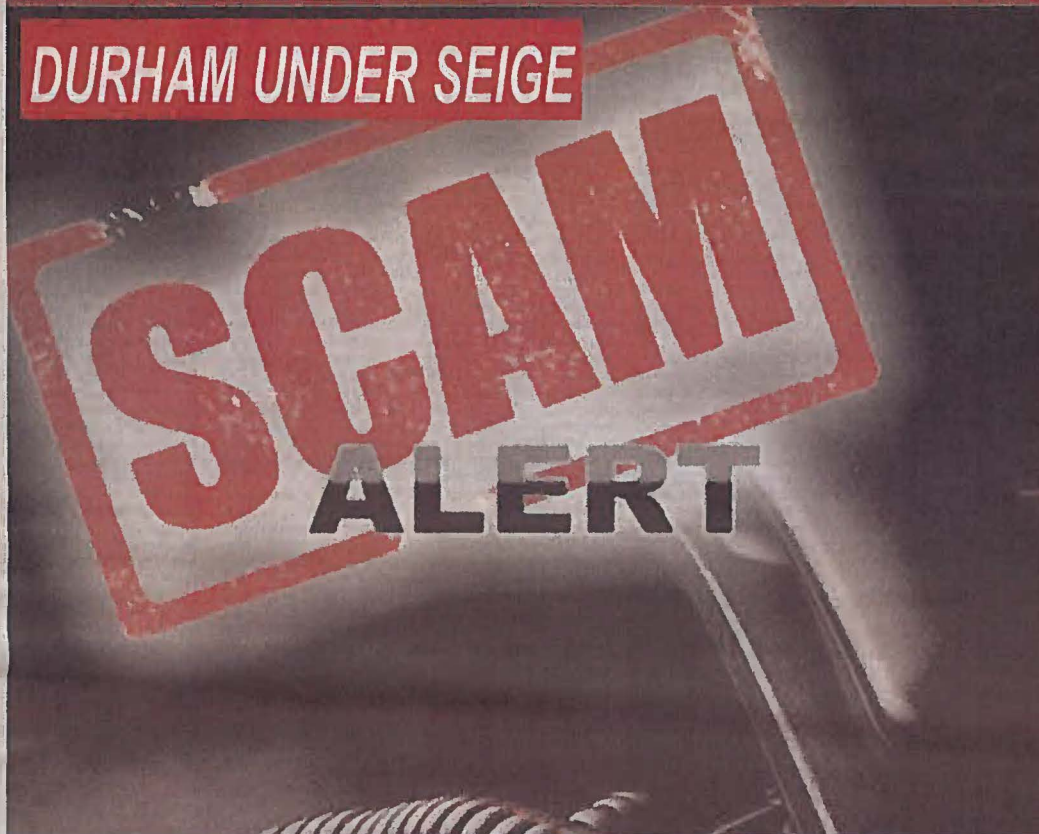
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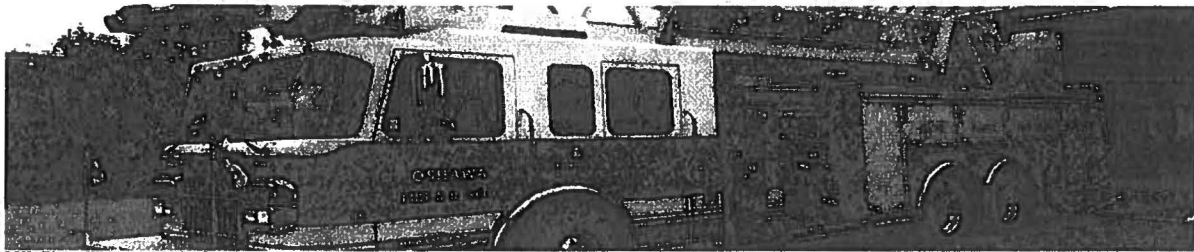
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# PAST AND FUTURE OF OSHAWA FIRE SERVICES IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL ISSUE IN 2022 ELECTION



**OSHAWA** - With municipal elections upon us. Many important issues are coming to the fore front.

With all the development to the North and the proposed high rise building coming to the downtown core.

No other more important issue can be said of that of fire fighting.

We just can't afford and wait for a catastrophe to take place to act on.

Oshawa fire plays a very key role in community safety.

## OUR PAST

Did you know that Oshawa fire services started on February 4, 1856, as a volunteer department under Chief Engineer Mr. P. Thornton by order of By-law 33. The first piece of firefighting equipment was an old one-handed operated pumper cart. Other Chiefs to serve Oshawa after Chief P. Thornton included Robert Strong, James Fellow and John Mellows - the last of the volunteer:

Fire Chiefs (Chief Engineers).

On July 20, 1868, the Oshawa Fire Department was incorporated as a full time department by By-law 142. The first full time Chief was Patrick Thornton. He was responsible for 30 men with the Fire Company and a further 15 men with the Hook and Ladder Company, plus 1 engine, some ladders and numerous hose lines.

In 1875, Chief Thornton obtained a Ronald Steam Pumper from the U.S. to replace the old hand pumper. Water was provided by water storage cisterns throughout the village. A new town hall was erected in 1877 at the south-west corner of Duke (Richmond) and Simcoe Street North, in part to serve as a fire station. John Kellow was the Chief in 1905.

He had 20 volunteer fire fighters including officers and four of these volunteers were required to sleep at the station.

In 1916 Angus Cameron became Chief of the Fire Department and he took delivery of its first motorized fire apparatus, a Chevrolet Hose Tender. Angus Cameron was the Chief when Oshawa became a City in 1924.

On January 1, 1926, Chief Angus Cameron received the first four permanent full time firefighters. That same year he was presented with a new Bickle equipped G.M.C. Fire Pumper by R.S. McLaughlin, founder of G.M. Canada and an Oshawa resident.

In 1927, the Oshawa Fire Brigade resigned en-mass thus opening the door for a new era.

In January 1928, Chief Cameron resigned and was replaced by Wesley R. Elliott and the permanent force was increased to 16 men. The volunteers were phased out over the following two years.

During Chief Elliott's term many improvements and additions were made to the Department; a GMC Bickle Pumper, a Chevrolet truck equipped as a combination chemical and hose truck, plus replacement of an assortment of dilapidated hose were acquired. On June 21, 1930, Chief Elliott took delivery of a new ladder truck fully equipped with 412 feet of ladders of various lengths.

Chief Elliott implemented a full-scale Fire Prevention program and the Oshawa Fire Department was presented with an award by the Province of Ontario for its program in 1930. Chief Elliott guided the Fire Department through the thirties and the great depression. He replaced the old rubber helmets with new leather helmets and purchased two new all service gas masks. Chief Elliott also acquired a new 1934 Chevrolet Chassis with 100 GMC Bickle Pump with a booster pump. The first Chief's car was purchased by the City for Chief Elliott in April 1937. He also took delivery of a new Bickle Pumper with an 800-gallon capacity centrifugal pump on June 14, 1939.

Additional new pumps were added to the Department in 1943 and 1944. Until 1946, a single fire station located in the downtown area had protected Oshawa. In December 1946, a 2nd station in the south part of the city (Cedarvale) was officially opened. This hall was designed to house three pieces of apparatus and twelve men.

A new headquarters' station on Simcoe Street North opened in 1951 replacing the antiquated hall in the old municipal complex. In April 1953, the Oshawa firefighters began operating the Oshawa Ambulance Service from the new headquarters, which continued for 20 years, answering over 35,000 calls. One of the biggest challenges in the Fire Department's history was October 15, 1954 when Hurricane Hazel arrived in Ontario. The Fire Department responded all available equipment to 32 alarms during the night and miraculously no fatalities were noted.

Chief W. R. Elliott resigned on August 1, 1955 and was replaced by H. R. Hobbs. Station 3 (located on Somerville Street) was opened under Chief Hobbs'

term on October 15, 1955.

Chief Hobbs successfully increased the Fire Department's manpower to 96 firefighters on October 1, 1957 and he introduced a new concept in firefighting to Oshawa called water fog.



Many changes occurred in the 1960's: a reduction in the workweek from 48 to 42 hours, the first alarm room cadets in 1966, the removal of all street alarm boxes in 1967 and the installation of a new alarm board in the Dispatch Centre with direct hookup to factories, commercial units, medical buildings, etc.

In 1967, E. R. Stacey took over as Chief upon the untimely death of H. R. Hobbs. In 1967, Chief Stacey opened a fourth station for the Department, on King Street East named after Chief Hobbs, and he expanded the staff by 24 men. By 1970, the total staff complement was 159. It was under Chief Stacey's term in 1970 that the Oshawa Fire Department appointed its first Training Officer, Wm. Tweedie.

1973 saw the end of an era in the Fire Service when the Oshawa Civic Ambulance Service, operated by the Department since 1953, was transferred to the Province. By 1981, all four existing fire halls were relocated to their present locations to facilitate faster response times and more effective coverage. In 1982 Chief E. Stacey retired and was replaced by W. A. Forsythe. Under Chief Forsythe, Oshawa became the first fire department in Canada to implement a computer aided dispatch system to improve vehicle response. Chief Forsythe retired in 1985 and Gary J. Hooper was appointed Chief.

In 1987, Oshawa lost its first firefighter in the line of duty. Highlights of changes in the 1990's include the implementation of a new 9-1-1 system and the new firefighter curriculum, and the development of a new Communications Division. Chief G. Hooper retired in April 1995, and Chief Milt Wilson filled his position.

In 2002 Milt Wilson retired and was replaced by Chief Steve Meringer who continued as Chief until his retirement in 2016. Shane Casikanette was named Chief in 2016 but left in January

2017. In the interim, Deputy Chief Derrick Clark stepped up until his appointment as Chief in March 2017. Chief Derrick Clark remains at the helm of Oshawa Fire Services today.

We have come a long way

from our first hand pumper and bucket brigade in 1856 to our modern, well-educated and trained Oshawa Fire Services of today, thanks to the dedication, wisdom and plain hard work of numerous past and present firefighters.

## OUR PRESENT

"To promote and protect the health and well-being of the community through adaptable and progressive education, prevention, and emergency services."

Oshawa Fire Services provides the highest level of life safety and property protection to our community. We are proud of the men and women who work for Oshawa Fire Services and the skills and services they provide on a daily basis. We respond to many types of emergencies, including:

- fires
- medical assistance
- motor vehicle accidents
- specialized type rescues

Other services provided to the public include:

- fire safety inspections, fire prevention and public fire safety education
- emergency planning and preparedness
- enforcement of the Ontario Fire Code, Fire Protection and Prevention Act, municipal by-laws, and fire control activities
- plans review and new building construction inspections

## THE FUTURE

The corporation has undertaken a significant review of the master plan, displaying the comparable analysis and updates to statistics dated from 2013-2017. Ontario Fire Marshal Emergency Management Public Safety Guidelines and industry best practices were referenced as part of the review process including risk assessment, effective models and statistics collection. Included in this review are performance measures and a risk assessment as recommended in the Fire Master Plan as well as growth projections and a review of Fire Prevention, Training, Mechanical, and

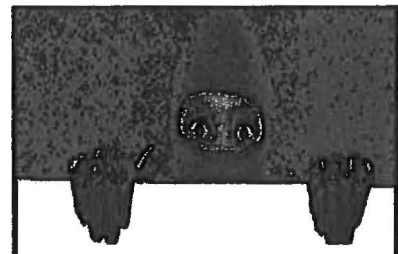
Communications Divisions. The risk for the City of Oshawa remains in the residential property stock, which industry standards suggest that 15 personnel are required for responding to that type of structure fire. Oshawa continues to be a fast-growing municipality. Oshawa grew 6.6% between 2011 and 2016, from 149,607 to 159,458 (unadjusted).

The Conference Board of Canada reported Oshawa's economy grew at an estimated 4.1% in 2017. The five-year comparison of residential structural dwelling types has increased by 3,790 units.

3 Out of reported fires as per property classification, Group C residential fires continue to be the highest occupancy type involved at 76.6%, an increase of 3.9% in the 5-year review. (Residential occupancies - High Rise multi family

Low-Rise, multi family Seniors Residential Facilities Two unit Residential Boarding Lodging and Rooming Houses Group Homes Hotels/Motels College/University Residential Student Housing Residential Rentals An interdepartmental analysis of on-going projects and active developments within the City of Oshawa has determined that much of the growth is in the Downtown, Conlin Road, Kedron, Columbus, and Winfield's planning areas.

These concerns should be front center as the need for new equipment and mostly trucks is a need that needs to be met. Mayoral candidate said, Fire services should be our first priority in order to promote safe growth for our citizens.



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# RCMP INVESTIGATION LEADS TO COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY CHARGES

- Approximately 10 000 counterfeit tonies have been identified and seized, following an investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Trans-National Serious & Organized Crime Section (TSOC) have charged one individual as a result of the investigation.

In Summer 2021, the Royal Canadian Mint identified an ongoing counterfeit currency issue through their random sampling process. The RCMP GTA-TSOC initiated an investigation, focusing on identifying those involved in the passing of the counterfeit coins.

Throughout the investigation, the RCMP seized approximately 10 000 of this specific type of counterfeit two-dollar coin, which had been placed into the Canadian banking system. It is suspected that there are additional counterfeit coins in the currency system and that the coins originate from China. The seized counterfeit two-dollar coins can be distinguished by their primary characteristic flaw of having a "split-toe" on the right front paw of the Polar Bear which resembles a "claw".

Daixiang He (age 68) of Richmond Hill, Ontario, has been charged with:

Uttering counterfeit money, contrary to Section 452 of the Criminal Code; and Possession of counterfeit money, contrary to Section 450 of the Criminal Code.

Mr. He was arrested and released on an undertaking. Mr. He's first court appearance will be held at the Ontario Court of Justice located at 50 Eagle Street West, in Newmarket on June 2nd, 2022, Courtroom 201 at 10:30 a.m.

\*These criminal charges are a reflection of the RCMP's

resolve in preserving the integrity of the Canadian currency system. The RCMP is committed to working with the Royal Canadian Mint, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), FINTRAC, banks, and municipal police partners, to combat illicit efforts that target Canada's economic system."

- Supt. Ann Koenig, District Commander of the GTA-TSOC Section

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- James Malizia, Vice-President, Corporate Security, Royal Canadian Mint

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## PARK TO BE NAMED AFTER OSHAWA BUILT SILVERADO TRUCKS

The City of Oshawa has named a future Oshawa park to recognize and celebrate the reopening of the General Motors Oshawa Assembly plant and the high-quality new Silverado trucks being built at the plant.

At a recent meeting, city council approved the naming of 'Silverado Park' that will be a feature in the Treasure Hill development located north of Shankel Road and west of Townline Road North, said a city statement.

It is anticipated that Silverado Park will be constructed in 2022. A number of streets in the surrounding area are also named after General Motors vehicles, including Belair Crescent, Eldorado Avenue, Lemans Avenue and Skylark Avenue.

The first 2022 Chevrolet Silverado pickup rolled off the line at the retooled and reopened Oshawa Assembly Plant in November 2021 with Oshawa shipping trucks to dealers in December 2021.

GM Canada has invested up to \$1.3 billion at the reopened Oshawa Assembly Plant.

In April 2022, GM announced further plans to add light-duty pickup production and a third shift in Oshawa, creating more than 2,600 new jobs since operations resumed at the plant. With the third shift of production, the Oshawa Assembly Plant will become the only GM plant producing both heavy-duty and light-duty pickups.

These investments further solidify Oshawa as a key player in the new transformed automotive industry while keeping thousands of quality jobs and manufacturing operations in Oshawa.

Oshawa has been on an incredible journey this past year with the successful restart of the truck plant and news of a third shift that will restore even more quality jobs to our great city, said Oshawa Mayor Dan Carter. As a community that has much to celebrate, we thank General Motors and the generations of Oshawa GM workers who have helped shape our city, with the naming of Silverado Park.



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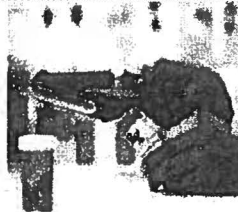
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IT IS NOT ABOUT 'I' IT IS ABOUT 'US'

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I live a dream in a nightmare world.

Always Remember That The Cosmic Blueprint Of Your Life Was Written In Code Across The Sky At The Moment You Were Born Decide Your Life By Living It Without Regret.

The other day in conversation I came across someone that is thinking of putting their name in the municipal election. He is undecided on the ward and on if he should be regional or city. He even expressed opinion of possibly putting his name in for Mayor.

This particular person has no political experience. Unemployed, but has great community involvement. I asked him why he wanted to run for office? His answer floored me. Well, I know I probably won't get elected. I am doing it to get more name recognition.

Wow, really. Sadly his answer is not that uncommon. Many that have entered municipal politics do it to get name recognition. Look at our current Mayor. An unemployed television broadcaster. Ran for a council seat and won it on name recognition. The same person ran for Mayor with no real business experience and won on name recognition.

So, that we as taxpayers vote on name recognition and not competency, experience and contributions to the community. Imagine using the same process of democracy to hire the CEO of GM, or OPG. Personally, I put my name forward because I care about the community at large. Anyone can have an opinion and anyone can criticize. It takes character to do something about it.

I am tired of driving downtown and witnessing people living on the streets. You don't have to look far to see people smoking crack. Or people that have overdosed in door ways.

We have a system that is broken. That due to neglect it has deteriorated to a level never seen in Oshawa before. I decided to run not for me. Not because I needed a job or the money. I decided to run because something positive needs to be done. It is not about 'I', it is about US.

We can't afford to continue this way. We must plan for the future of Oshawa by implementing a solid path. We must create this path by ongoing setting of goals that will lead us to success and prosperity.

No matter what you do in life I can only be used in selective places such as: I, must be the one that must go to work to assure my family is taken care. I, must be the one that will stand up for what is right. I, have a duty to my family, community, country. I, have the responsibility to assure that my children are educated and productive members of society. I, must live by the law of the land and support those

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CANADA, THE INTERNET, SOCIAL MEDIA, PRIVACY LAWS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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As spring descends on Canada, with economic worries and a bleak international environment surrounding us, Canadian parliament is in session and focusing on laws to put more controls on the citizens of Canada.

Two of the most important values in a democracy are the right of citizens to have their privacy protected and their right to free speech. With the advances in internet technology and electronic management of your finances, shopping and social media, you never know where your personal information is going. Worse still, your personal information and even your personal movements can now be tracked and used by malefic organizations with the intention to control you and eventually punish you.

So we need to do something to avoid further loss of our personal freedom, while also avoiding a nefarious digital environment.

Canada's current privacy law, which governs how Canadians' personal information must be handled and protected by the businesses and government you share it with, was brought into force about 20 years ago.

While there have been some tweaks made to it since then, the digital world we live in today is vastly different from twenty years ago. Federal law simply hasn't kept up with the pace of change, and consequently, ordinary Canadians donating to charitable organizations and Canadian businesses are now finding themselves exposed and at a disadvantage. Unfortunately, state bureaucrats like to do work for themselves and create little kingdoms. In Canada there is the added complication of several sets of privacy laws; the federal privacy law and the provincial privacy laws. How nice and efficient.

The federal privacy laws, including those that regulate digital privacy and digital trade, are increasingly coming into play, and are also significantly outdated. They are now outdated to the point of holding Canadian innovation and entrepreneurship back, while also limiting the freedom of expression.

The lesson to learn from this is to create an efficient law, a common sense one, to ensure that Canada doesn't end up with a proliferation of new privacy laws being enacted in each province individually. More importantly, the new privacy law must not act as a limitation on personal freedoms.

In a digital world, Canadians are connected like never before. As virtual activities continue to increase, businesses and their customers must be confident that their data is protected. Simply put, Canada needs 21st century privacy legislation to help get the job done.

This new reality creates a world of opportunity for those who desire to have some control over you, your activities and your movements. This must be avoided at all cost.

There is little doubt amongst experts, policy makers and the public, that the ways in which our digital infrastructure is designed and incentivized has had widespread social, economic, and political costs. The largest and most vexing piece of this policy agenda is what to do about harmful content online and how we define it. When we discuss this issue we need to be very careful to avoid infringing on the basic freedom, the freedom of speech. We need to be assured that ensuring online safety does not harm the core democratic right, which is the free expression.

Democratic governments around the world define and regulate speech differently, and so there is no global set of rules for platforms to follow - this will be determined country by country. In the Canadian context, the Charter provides robust protection for free speech, while recognizing that governments can limit speech to prevent harm, provided the limits are reasonable and justified in a free and democratic society.

So the Canadian government must find the best way to accommodate privacy, safety and freedom of expression. Some countries have developed some systems, but our society must define one for Canadians by the Canadian legislators who have been elected to serve the people.

The systems must be made radically transparent. One of the core problems with digital platforms is their opacity. Platform companies such as Facebook and Google could be compelled to share privacy-protected data with the public.

Platforms must also be held accountable for how they build their products. To do so, we should base our regulatory system on a concept already in use in Canadian law - that of a statutory duty to act responsibly. This would place the onus on platforms themselves to demonstrate that they have acted in a manner that would minimize the harm of the products they build and offer to Canadians. A well-resourced regulator could have the power to audit these systems.

It is also critical to shift the balance between platforms and their users. We can do so through mandated interoperability and data portability, a serious national civic education and digital literacy initiative, and critically, significantly strengthened and long overdue data privacy protection.

This approach is not about responding or reacting to content, or speech, but about assessing the level of risk and implementing product safety standards so that platforms are being subject to the same statutory duty to act responsibly as other consumer facing products.

For too long the issue of online harms has been erroneously framed as one of individual bad actors and the regulation of speech, but the problem is one of systemic risk and it must be addressed as such.

Canada now has the chance to learn from and build on the policies attempted in other countries and get it right once and for all. Hope they will do it well!

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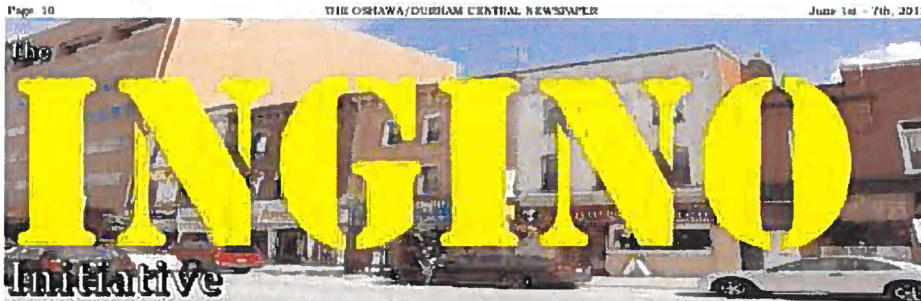
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Initiative Is a Oshawa/Durham Central Newspaper Initiative To Promote Shopping Downtown Oshawa

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City Patties advertisement. Text: '10% off', 'City Patties', 'Downtown Oshawa', 'Delicious Patties: Veg, Beef, Jerk Chicken, Ackee, Salmon, Callaloo'.