



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Shanta Sundarason, candidate for Regional Councillor in the City of Markham, and to the City Clerk of Markham

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements – Auditor's Report Candidate – Form 4 ("the Financial Statements") of Shanta Sundarason Regional Councillor Candidate ("the Candidate"), for the campaign period August 17, 2022 to November 21, 2022 relating to the City of Markham Municipal Election held on October 24, 2022, prepared in accordance with the reporting provisions of the 2022 Candidate's Guide for Ontario Municipal Council and School Board Elections ("the Guide") and Section 88 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 ("the Act").

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying Financial Statements for the campaign period August 17, 2022 to November 21, 2022 is prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the reporting provisions of the 2022 Candidate's Guide for Ontario Municipal Council and School Board Elections and the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Due to the inherent nature of transactions of any election campaign, the completeness of the various categories of income and expenses is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of income and expenses was limited to the amounts recorded in the Candidate's election campaign records and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to income and expenses, and surplus or deficit. Our opinion on the Financial Statement for her campaign period August 17, 2022 to November 21, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation of scope.

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 does not require us to report, nor was it practicable for us to determine that contributions reported included only those which may be properly retained in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Candidate in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restrictions on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we note that the Form 4 is prepared for the information and use of the Candidate and the City Clerk to comply with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and as such, may not be suitable for another purpose. The attached Form 4 is not intended to be and should not be used, circulated, quoted, or otherwise referred to by anyone other than the specified users or for any other purpose without our express written consent.

The Candidate's responsibility for the Financial Statement

The Candidate is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in accordance with accounting treatment prescribed in the 2022 Candidate's Guide for Ontario Municipal Council and School Board Elections and the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and for such internal control as she determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Candidate is responsible for overseeing the Campaign's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Candidate's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by of the Candidate.

We communicate with the Candidate regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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