

# Big Lakes County Policy

## Political Fund Raisers

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### Policy Statement

Big Lakes County recognizes that attendance at Federal and Provincial political events and fundraisers benefit the profile of the municipality.

Big Lakes County also recognizes that there is binding legislation that restricts the organization from funding these events.

This policy is intended to provide guidance in determining what expenses will be covered by the county and what expenses are to be personal expenses.

### Policy

#### 1. Federal Political Events

The Canada Elections Act, as amended, section 363 (1) states “No person or entity other than an individual who is a Canadian citizen or is a permanent resident as defined in subsection 2(1) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act shall make a contribution to a registered party, a registered association, a nomination contestant, a candidate, or a leadership contestant.”

A municipality, being a corporation, is an ineligible contributor and cannot make contributions. Accordingly, any tickets, registration fees or donations to any Federal registered party, registered association, nomination contestant, candidate, or a leadership contestant are personal expenses of the Reeve, a Councillor, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and staff.

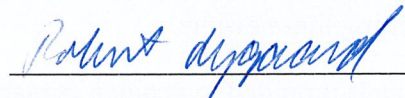
#### 2. Provincial Political Events

The Provincial Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, RSA 2000, Chapter E-2 “identifies a municipality as a “prohibited corporation”.

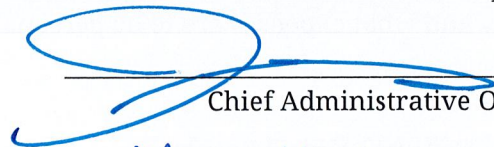
Section 16 states No contributions to a registered party, registered constituency association, nomination contestant or leadership contestant.

Section 1(1)(e) states "contribution" means, subject to subsection (5), any money, real property, goods or services, or the use of real property or goods or services provided.

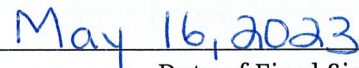
- i. To a political party, constituency association, candidate, nomination contestant or leadership contestant, or
  - ii. For the benefit of a political party, constituency association, candidate, nomination contestant or leadership contestant with the consent of the political party, the constituency association, the candidate, the nomination contestant, or the leadership contestant without compensation from the political party, constituency association, candidate, nomination contestant or leadership contestant.
3. Big Lakes County will make no contribution of cash, money, real property, or goods on behalf of the Reeve, Councillors, CAO or staff to a political party, constituency association, and candidate or leadership contestant. Any tickets, registration fees or donations, travel expenditures, accommodations and/or meals shall be at the sole expense of the individual.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer



Date of Final Signature