

## Compliance Audit Committee Decision

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 6, 2019      **Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Committee Room 242/243, Vaughan City Hall

**Item No. 3**                      **Report Name:** Clerks' Report on Contributions to Candidates – Adam Starkman

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IN THE MATTER OF the City of Vaughan Clerk's Report dated May 13, 2019 – Clerk's Report on Contributions to Candidates – Adam Starkman;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 88.34(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, (the *Act*), the Clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate under Section 88.25 to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9;

WHEREAS, Section 88.9 of the *Act*, states that a contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election;

WHEREAS, Section 88.9 of the *Act*, states that a contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council;

WHEREAS, Section 88.34(2) of the *Act* requires the Clerk to prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 88.34(8) of the *Act* states that within 30 days after receiving a report under subsection (4) or (7), the Compliance Audit Committee shall consider it and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention;

WHEREAS, a meeting of the Compliance Audit Committee was held on **Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Vaughan City Hall** to review the reports of the City Clerk;

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THEREFORE, the decision of the Compliance Audit Committee is as follows:

THAT the City of Vaughan Compliance Audit Committee moves to commence legal proceedings against Adam Starkman, for an apparent contravention of the contribution limits set out in Section 88.9 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

The Committee has made this decision for the reasons below.

Mr. Gino Rosati's agent provided to the Committee copies of two cheques from the joint bank account of Mr. Adam B. Starkman and Miss Sharonne Dana Starkman and made out to Gino Rosati Campaign 2018.

The first cheque, number 283 in the amount of \$1,000 and dated September 18, 2018, has the name Ms. Sharonne Dana Starkman crossed out. This cheque matches a signed Declaration from the Gino Rosati 2018 Campaign dated September 19, 2018.

The second cheque, number 302 in the amount of \$1,200 and dated November 20, 2018, has the name Adam B. Starkman crossed out. The handwriting and signature on both cheques appears to be by the same person. The signatures on the cheques also appear to be the same as that in the Declaration.

No Declaration was presented matching the \$1,200 contribution. The contributor and Miss Starkman did not attend the meeting to make submissions. Notice of the meeting was sent by registered mail to the contributor as required by subsection 88.33(5) the *Act*.

Based on the evidence, the Committee is not satisfied that the contributions identified in the Clerk's Report are in fact contributions made by two *different* contributors as stated in Communication C4 (Michelle Liscio's May 30, 2019 letter to Evan Read).

Thus, the contributor's contributions appear to exceed the \$1,200 limit provided in subsection 88.9(2).

  
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Compliance Audit Committee Member

  
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