

Instructions

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

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

For the campaign period from (day clerk received nomination)

YYYY	MM	DD
2 0 2 2	0 7	2 8

 to

YYYY	MM	DD
2 0 2 3	0 6	3 0

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

Box A: Name of Candidate and Office

Candidate's name as shown on the ballot		
Last Name or Single Name Nieuwesteeg	Given Name(s) Ruth-Ann	
Office for Which the Candidate Sought Election City Councillor	Ward Name or Number (if any)	
Municipality Niagara Falls		
Spending Limit General \$63,275.15	Parties and Other Expressions of Appreciation \$6,327.51	Contribution Limit Contributions from Candidate and Spouse \$18,711.80


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

Box B: Declaration

I, Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg, 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

Sept 29 2023
Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd) <u>2023/09/29</u>	Time Filed <u>10:04am</u>	Initial of Candidate or Agent (if filed in person) <u>R.A.N.</u>	Signature of Clerk or Designate 
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Darren Chapelle, B. Admin, CPA, CA, LPA • Michael Czaplicki, BAcc, CPA, CA, LPA
Independent Auditor's Report

To: Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg and the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

We have audited the accompanying supplementary Financial Statement – Form 4 (the “Return”) of Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg for the extended campaign period from *July 28, 2022 to June 30, 2023*, which comprise a statement of campaign income and expenses, a calculation of surplus or deficit and other relevant supporting schedules as per Form 4 under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88).

This return has been prepared by the candidate/CFO based on the 2022 Candidates' Guide for Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

The Candidate/CFO's Responsibility for the Return

The candidate/CFO is responsible for the preparation of the Return in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act 1996 and in the prescribed Form 4 issued by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and for such internal control as the candidate/CFO determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a Return that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Return based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements, and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Return is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Return. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Return, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the Return 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 entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the candidate/CFO. As well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Return.

We believe that that audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Due to the inherent nature of the transactions of the candidate's return, the completeness of contributions and other revenue and expenses are not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these amounts was limited to the amounts recorded in the registered candidate's accounting records and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions and other revenue, expenses and net surplus.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the Financial Statement – Form 4 of Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg for the extended campaign period from *July 28, 2022 to June 30, 2023* is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and in the prescribed form issued by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that the Financial Statement – Form 4 has been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and in the prescribed form issued by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Return is prepared to assist the candidate/CFO to meet the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (Section 88). As a result, the Return may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the candidate/CFO and the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and should not be used by parties other than those previously mentioned.

Niagara Falls, Ontario
September 29, 2023

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Box C: Statement of Campaign Income and Expenses

LOAN

Name of bank or recognized lending institution

Amount borrowed
\$

INCOME

Total amount of all contributions (from line 1A in Schedule 1)	+ \$	46,199.56
Revenue from items \$25 or less	+ \$	
Sign deposit refund	+ \$	
Revenue from fundraising events not deemed a contribution (from Part III of Schedule 2)	+ \$	
Interest earned by campaign bank account	+ \$	
Other (provide full details)		
1. _____	+ \$	
2. _____	+ \$	
3. _____	+ \$	
4. _____	+ \$	
5. _____	+ \$	
6. _____	+ \$	

Total Campaign Income (Do not include loan)

= \$ 46,199.56 C1

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

1. Expenses subject to general spending limit

Inventory from previous campaign used in this campaign (list details in Table 2 of Schedule 1)	+ \$	
Advertising	+ \$	16,893.98
Brochures/flyers	+ \$	6,060.45
Signs (including sign deposit)	+ \$	16,034.29
Meetings hosted	+ \$	1,130.00
Office expenses incurred until voting day	+ \$	
Phone and/or internet expenses incurred until voting day	+ \$	
Salaries, benefits, honoraria, professional fees incurred until voting day	+ \$	
Bank charges incurred until voting day	+ \$	285.59
Interest charged on loan until voting day	+ \$	
Other (provide full details)		
1. _____	+ \$	
2. _____	+ \$	
3. _____	+ \$	
4. _____	+ \$	
5. _____	+ \$	
6. _____	+ \$	

Total Expenses subject to general spending limit

= \$ 40,404.31 C2

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

1. _____	+ \$	
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2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Total Expenses subject to spending limit for parties and other expressions of appreciation		= \$	_____ C3

3. Expenses not subject to spending limits

Accounting and audit		+ \$	3,390.00
Cost of fundraising events/activities (list details in Part IV of Schedule 2)		+ \$	_____
Office expenses incurred after voting day		+ \$	_____
Phone and/or internet expenses incurred after voting day		+ \$	_____
Salaries, benefits, honoraria, professional fees incurred after voting day		+ \$	_____
Bank charges incurred after voting day		+ \$	174.55
Interest charged on loan after voting day		+ \$	_____
Expenses related to recount		+ \$	_____
Expenses related to controverted election		+ \$	_____
Expenses related to compliance audit		+ \$	_____
Expenses related to candidate's disability (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Other (provide full details)			
1.	_____	+ \$	_____
2.	_____	+ \$	_____
3.	_____	+ \$	_____
4.	_____	+ \$	_____
5.	_____	+ \$	_____
Total Expenses not subject to spending limits		= \$	3,564.55 C4

Total Campaign Expenses (C2 + C3 + C4) = \$ **43,968.86 C5**

Box D: Calculation of Surplus or Deficit

Excess (deficiency) of income over expenses (Income minus Total Expenses) (C1 – C5)		+ \$	2,230.70	D1
If there is a surplus, deduct any refund of candidate's or spouse's contributions to the campaign		- \$	2,230.70	
Surplus (or deficit) for the campaign		= \$	_____	D2

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

Schedule 1 – Contributions

Part I – Summary of Contributions

Contributions in money from candidate and spouse	+ \$ 1,596.45
Contributions in goods and services from candidate and spouse (include value listed in Table 1 and Table 2)	+ \$ 13,698.11
Total value of contributions not exceeding \$100 per contributor • Include ticket revenue, contributions in money, goods and services where the total contribution from a contributor is \$100 or less (do not include contributions from candidate or spouse).	+ \$ 350.00
Total value of contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor (from line 1B; list details in Table 3 and Table 4) • Include ticket revenue, contributions in money, goods and services where the total contribution from a contributor exceeds \$100 (do not include contributions from candidate or spouse).	+ \$ 30,555.00
Less: Ineligible contributions paid or payable to the contributor	– \$
Contributions paid or payable to the clerk, including contributions from anonymous sources exceeding \$25	– \$
Total Amount of Contributions (record under Income in Box C)	= \$ 46,199.56 1A

Part II – Contributions from candidate or spouse

Table 1: Contributions in goods or services

Description of Goods or Services	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Value (\$)
Purchase of domain name by candidate	2022/08/03	249.70
Payment of Lakefront Graphix payable	2023/03/28	8,010.57
Payment of Canada Post payable	2023/06/30	5,437.84
Total		13,698.11

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name	Full Address	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Amount Received (\$)	Amount Returned to Contributor or Paid to Clerk (\$)
see attached list	see attached list	2023/06/30	30,555.00	
Total			30,555.00	

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

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

Name	Full Address	Description of Goods or Services	Date Received (yyyy/mm/dd)	Value (\$)
Total				

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

Total for Part III – Contributions exceeding \$100 per contributor
 (Add totals from Table 3 and Table 4 and record the total in Part 1 – Summary of Contributions) \$ 30,555.00 1B

Schedule 2 – Fundraising Events and Activities

Complete a separate schedule for each event or activity held.

Additional schedule(s) attached, if completed manually.

Fundraising Event/Activity 1

Description of fundraising event/activity _____

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

Part I – Ticket revenue

Admission charge (per person) \$ _____ 2A

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

Number of tickets sold x _____ 2B

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

Part II – Other revenue deemed a contribution

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

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

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

Part III – Other revenue not deemed a contribution

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

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

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

Part IV – Expenses related to fundraising event or activity

Provide details

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

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

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

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

Professional Designation of Auditor
Chartered Professional Accountant

Municipality Niagara Falls	Date (yyyy/mm/dd) 2023/09/28
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Contact Information

Last Name or Single Name Chapelle	Given Name(s) Darren	Licence Number 1-15317
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The report must be done in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and must:

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

Report is attached

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

Summary of Election Contributions

<u>Contributors under \$101</u> 4 contributors	350.00
Candidate contribution - cash	1,596.45
Candidate contribution - non-cash	13,698.11

Contributors over \$100 (50 contributors)	Name	Amount	Address
	Bart Maves	1,000.00	3307 St. George Avenue Niagara Falls
	Rainer Hummel	1,000.00	3323 Lakecrest Court Ridgeway
	Simon Yakubowicz	250.00	17 Alderbrook Drive Don Mills
	Lisa Burland	500.00	1601 York Road Niagara-on-the-Lake
	Joe DiCosimo	650.00	74 Melrose Niagara-on-the-Lake
	Frank DiCosimo	650.00	6387 Pinestone Drive Niagara Falls
	Giancarlo Filipelli	650.00	3391 Matthew Drive Niagara Falls
	Vince DiCosimo	650.00	6623 January Drive Niagara Falls
	Maria Costabile	1,200.00	RR 2 1701 Thorold Townline Rd Niagara Falls
	George Zimakis	250.00	5803 Main Street Niagara Falls
	Bruce Ward	200.00	8140 Sarah Street Niagara Falls
	Tony DiGiacomo	200.00	6467 Rockcliffe Estates Niagara Falls
	Mike Colaneri	500.00	2080 Catherine Cres. Niagara Falls
	Angela Butera	1,200.00	8485 Montrose Road Niagara Falls
	Rick Kemp	300.00	Unit 5 2634 St. Paul Aven. Niagara Falls
	Dino DiCienzo Sr.	1,200.00	PO Box 1012 Station Main Niagara Falls
	Eva Kline	500.00	7138 Oxford Street Niagara Falls
	Lorne Smith	1,000.00	6515 Russell Street Niagara Falls
	Helen Chang	600.00	372 Highway 7 East Richmond Hill
	Nicola Vaccaro	500.00	5679 Main Street Niagara Falls
	Donna Lucisano	200.00	6708 Richard Crescent Niagara Falls
	Anthony Menechella	300.00	4252 Front Street Niagara Falls
	Carmen Menechella	300.00	6700 Fallsview Blvd. Niagara Falls
	Enrico Menechella	300.00	6700 Fallsview Blvd. Niagara Falls
	Nilamraj Patel	1,000.00	102 Avining Drive Etobicoke
	Pawel Fugiel	1,000.00	511 MacDonald Blvd. Oakville
	Vittoria DeCaria	1,200.00	5964 Main Street Niagara Falls
	Peter Lesdow	500.00	9157 Niagara River Parkway Niagara Falls
	Guo Yin Xie	650.00	45 Henricks Cres. Richmond Hill
	Yinglin Xiao	650.00	93 Bridlewood Blvd. Whitby
	Fei Zhen	650.00	1781 Shadybrook dr Pickering
	Mark Hardwick	525.00	113 Cardinal Crescent Welland
	Domenic DiLalla	1,200.00	3293 St. George Avenue Niagara Falls
	Joseph Candeloro	600.00	11 Woodbourne Crt. St. Davids
	Antony Candeloro	500.00	353 Townline Road Niagara-on-the-Lake
	Marty Hatfield	500.00	8467 Niagara River Parkway Niagara Falls
	Harry Oakes	500.00	4960 Clifton Hill Niagara Falls
	Dragan Matovic	250.00	3542 Matthews Drive Niagara Falls
	George Yerich	500.00	6447 Rockcliffe Estates Niagara Falls
	Emilio Raimondo	500.00	4687 Queen St. Studio 2 Niagara Falls
	Charlene DiCosimo	500.00	74 Melrose Drive Niagara-on-the-Lake
	Frank Lapenna	300.00	6979 Crescent Road Niagara Falls
	Eric Henry	500.00	78 Gracies Lane Niagara Falls
	Michael Yerich	500.00	8044 Sarah Street Niagara Falls
	Larry Vann	500.00	14852 Niagara Parkway Niagara Falls
	Gina Valle	500.00	34 Glenaden Ave. East Toronto
	Wendy Canavan	200.00	2723 Lakemount Niagara Falls
	Ted Salci	400.00	6453 McMillan Drive Niagara Falls
	Joe Misczk	1,130.00	8933 Nassau Street Niagara Falls
	Fred Costabile	1,200.00	RR 2 1701 Thorold Townline Rd Niagara Falls
		<u>30,555.00</u>	
Total Contributions		<u><u>46,199.56</u></u>	