

By-law 2021-121

A By-law to amend *By-law 2018-17* being a By-law to authorize the payment of rebates to eligible individuals who make contributions to candidates for an office on Markham City Council

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that a municipality may, by by-law, provide for the payment of rebates to persons who make contributions to candidates for an office on the municipal council; and,

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that the by-law establishes the conditions under which an individual is entitled to a rebate; and further,

WHEREAS the City of Markham has enacted *By-law 2018-17* to authorize the payment of rebates to eligible individuals who make contributions to candidates for office on Markham City Council in a municipal election or by-election.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham enacts as follows:

That By-law 2018-17 be amended as follows:

- 1. That Section 1 be amended to replace the words "residents in the Province of Ontario" with the words "eligible electors of the City of Markham and Permanent Residents of Canada residing in the City of Markham"; and,
- 2. That Section 8 be amended to add the words "where the City Clerk is satisfied that", after the words "...in accordance with Section 9..." and before the words "...the following conditions [have been] met"; and,
- 3. That the following clause be added to Section 8:
 - a. The contributor is an eligible elector in the City of Markham, as defined under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, or a Permanent Resident of Canada residing in the City of Markham during the applicable municipal election or by-election;
- 4. That Section 9 be deleted and replaced by the following:
 - 9. The rebate is calculated as follows:
 - a. the minimum contribution qualifying for a rebate is \$50.00;
 - b. the rebate is 75 per cent of the eligible contribution amount to a maximum of \$150 per contributor; and,
 - c. The rebate is based on the sum total of all eligible contributions made by the contributor to one or more candidates for office on Markham City Council in the same municipal election or by-election.

Read a first, second, and third time and passed December 14, 2021.

Kimberley Kitteringham City Clerk Frank Scarpitti
Mayor