

## 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. 4**                      **Report Name:** Clerks' Report on Contributions to Candidates – Peter Cipriano

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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 – Peter Cipriano;

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:

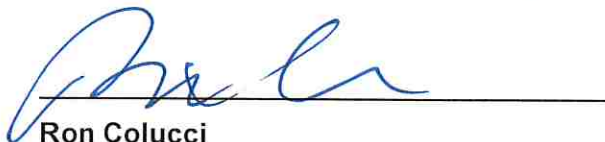
THAT the City of Vaughan Compliance Audit Committee **moves to commence** legal proceedings against Peter Cipriano, for an apparent contravention of the contribution limits set out in Section 88.9 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

The Committee has made this decision for the reasons below.

The contributions appeared to exceed the contribution limits set out in subsection 88.9(4), which reads:

A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or local board.

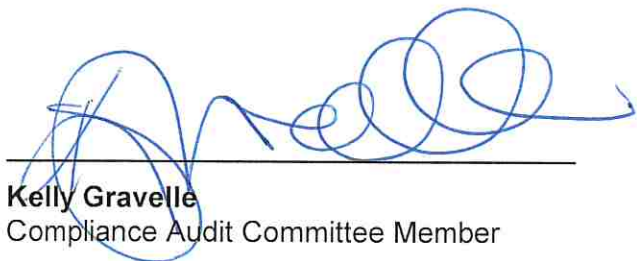
The contributor's counsel, Gerard Borean, acknowledged that the contributions summarized in the Clerk's Report exceeded the \$5,000 limit. In fact, Mr. Cipriano contributed \$1,200 to each of seven candidates for a total of \$8,400. This exceeds the permissible limit by \$3,400.



**Ron Colucci**  
Compliance Audit Committee Member



**Mark Gannage**  
Compliance Audit Committee Member



**Kelly Gravelle**  
Compliance Audit Committee Member