

CAMPAIGN FINANCE – NEW RULES

New campaign finance rules are in place for all municipalities under *The Municipal Act*, beginning with the 2010 election.

It is important for all candidates to understand the new campaign finance rules.

Key new campaign finance rules:

- Establish a campaign period. Candidates can accept contributions and spend money on their election campaigns during this period.
- Require candidates to have a campaign account prior to accepting monetary contributions for the purposes of the campaign.
- Restrict who can contribute to a candidates' campaign. Only Manitoba residents may contribute. Union, corporate and anonymous contributions are not allowed.
- Requires municipality's to set a maximum contribution amount by by-law. Contribution limits apply to a candidate's contribution to their own campaign.
- Establish rules for loans taken by candidates for election purposes.
- Requires candidates to keep a record of contributions and expenses. All registered candidates must keep records.
- Require registered candidates to file a simple Election Finance Statement.