

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Legislation restricts who may contribute and limits how much may be contributed.

Registered candidates may only receive contributions from residents of Manitoba.

Registered candidates may NOT receive contributions from unions, corporations or any other organizations, for example the chamber of commerce or rotary club, or from anonymous contributors. Any candidate who receives an anonymous contribution must turn it over to the SEO.

A registered candidate shall not accept a contribution from a political party registered under The *Canada Elections Act* or The *Elections Finances Act*, or a constituency association of such a party.

No individual may make a contribution of more than \$1,500 to a registered candidate for mayor or councillor elected at large.

The contribution limits also apply to candidates and their spouses.

A candidate may use his/her own funds for an election campaign providing that all of the rules are properly followed. (i.e., the candidate must be properly registered, file an audited financial statement showing all funds, be within the maximum individual contribution limit, etc.)

**Contributions made to a municipal candidate are not tax-deductible, nor are funds expended on the election of a municipal candidate tax-deductible.**

**Monetary and non-monetary contributions are counted towards the limit.**

## NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Candidates may receive non-monetary contributions, for example the donation of a good or service. When the good or service is provided by a person who earns a living providing that good or service, the value of the good or service must be recorded as a non-monetary contribution. For example:

### Contribution of a Good

- The owner of a local butcher shop wants to donate 100 hotdogs for BBQ for a candidate's campaign workers. The value of those 100 hotdogs must be recorded as a non-monetary contribution.

- The owner of an office building provides a candidate with a vacant office to use as a campaign headquarters. The cost at which the space would normally rent for must be recorded as a non-monetary contribution.

#### Contribution of a Service

- A self-employed graphic designer wants to help a candidate out by designing a campaign pamphlet. The rate the designer would normally charge a customer must be recorded as a non-monetary contribution.
- A self-employed web designer creates a web-page on the Internet for a candidate's campaign. The rate the designer would normally charge a customer for the work must be recorded as a non-monetary contribution.