

## **TOWN OF CALEDON**

## DECISION of the MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Established under Section 88.37(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the "Act")

CLERK'S REPORT RESPECTING A CONTRIBUTOR WHO APPEARS TO HAVE EXCEEDED ANY OF THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER SECTION 88.9 OF THE ACT

## VALENTINA ROMANO

With respect to the meeting held on July 10, 2023 to address Staff Report 2023-0377: Apparent Over-Contribution Pursuant to Section 88.9 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* – Valentina Romano, concerning the contributions made by Valentina Romano during the 2022-2026 Municipal Election Campaign:

Valentina Romano's apparent contribution of funds in the amount of \$6,200 exceeded the maximum allowable contribution of \$5,000 to two or more candidates for office on the same Council in an election period pursuant to Section 88.9 of the *Act*.

Valentina Romano provided written comments testifying to exceeding the contribution limit in error.

Valentina Romano has no apparent history of over contribution. She has acknowledged her awareness of the single contribution limits but was not previously aware of the total aggregate limit of two or more candidates running for office on the same Council in an election period. She has apologized and promised to adhere to these limits in the future. The Committee accepts this explanation and will not be commencing legal proceedings against Valentina Romano for the contravention.

Valentina Romano is advised to exercise greater care in tracking the total amount of her contributions in the future.

Dated at the Town of Caledon on July 10, 2023.

Written and approved by the following Committee Members:

Steven Byrd

Niki Sriskandarajah

Mill Willoughby