

# Council report

<b>Meeting date:</b>	September 20, 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Municipal Election, Appointment of Grey County Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 to 2026 term of council
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## Recommendation

That council receive report: “Municipal Election, Appointment of Grey County Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 to 2026 term of council”; and

That council enacts a by-law to appoint individuals to the Grey County Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 – 2026 term of council, as recommended by the Grey County clerks.

## Executive summary

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) requires that all municipalities appoint a compliance audit committee. As referenced in the MEA, a compliance audit committee shall be comprised of not fewer than three and not more than seven members and shall not include:

- Employees or officers of the municipality or local board;
- Members of council or local boards;
- Any person who is a candidate in the election for which the committee is established;
- Any persons who are registered third parties in the municipality in the election for which the committee is established.

A qualified elector who believes on reasonable grounds that a candidate or registered third party has contravened a provision of the MEA relating to election campaign finances, may apply to the compliance audit committee for a compliance audit of the candidate’s or registered third party’s finances. The compliance audit committee is also required to consider any report provided by the clerk that identifies any contributor that appears to have contravened established contribution limits.

## Background and discussion

In accordance with the MEA, council shall establish a compliance audit committee before October 1 of an election year. The Grey County Compliance Audit Committee, Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure are attached for

reference.

A “selection committee” comprised of three clerks from the nine local tier Grey County municipalities reviewed applications received and completed reference checks for the selected applicants. The Terms of Reference sets out the criteria considered when appointing Compliance Audit Committee members. On the recommendation of the selection committee, each municipality shall appoint the Grey County Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 election, which shall be comprised of a roster of no more than seven individuals.

Staff will provide council with a by-law to appoint the following persons as members of the Grey County Compliance Audit Committee:

- Bryan G. Allendorf
- John Leslie Hollins
- Miranda Lahtinen
- David Nusko
- Dan Sullivan

## Legal and legislated requirements

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

## Financial and resource implications

Those persons appointed to the Grey County Compliance Audit Committee will be paid a retainer of \$1,000 over the term of their appointment, being \$250 per year, with costs shared equally by the municipalities of Grey County. The retainer shall cover attendance at a mandatory training session and review of periodic updates or information supplied by the clerk of a member municipality.

A rate of \$200 for meetings under four hours, and \$300 for meetings over four hours plus mileage will be paid to committee members convening for a sitting committee. The per meeting rate shall cover review of background or agenda materials as required in preparation for a meeting, with the costs being borne by the host municipality.

## Consultation

Grey County clerks

## Attachments

Attachment 1: Municipal Election, Grey County Compliance Audit Committee, Terms of Reference

## Attachment 2: Grey County Compliance Audit Committee Rules of Procedure

### Next steps

Passing of bylaw to appoint the Grey County Compliance Audit Committee members for the 2022 to 2026 term of council.

Respectfully submitted:

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