

Candidate Update - Wednesday, April 20th, 2022

All Candidates, CFOs, Presidents Must be Members of the Ontario Party

Anyone listed on your A-1 or F0400 forms must purchase a membership with the Ontario Party. This is not the same as making a donation. The deadline for your team to become a member is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 20th, 2022</u>. Your F0400 will not be submitted to Elections Ontario until this is done. Please direct your team to: <u>https://www.ontarioparty.ca/membership_en</u>. If anyone has difficulty signing up to become a member on the website, please call my colleague, Theresa, at 613-480-6382, she will take your payment and required information over the phone.

Missing Candidate Information - F0400 Form, \$500 Deposit, Criminal Record Check, Bio, Headshot, Memberships, Signed Candidate Agreement, & Contact Information

If we are missing information from you, you will be receiving a call from Hannah this week to collect all the outstanding requirements.

Ready-For-Print: Personalized Literature, Lawn Signs, Flyers & More!

As of Tuesday, April 12th, each candidate has been sent an email invite to access their personalized Google Drive folder. This folder includes the Ontario Party logo(s), volunteer tags, lawn signs, flyers/literature, banners, and your announcement graphic at no cost to you. Your personalized literature will be added this week. Please return to this folder regularly, as new resources will be added. Everything in your folder is authorized and ready to be printed. Please note, under no circumstances will we be taking special orders to edit individual literature.

Access to Volunteers & Supporters:

For access to your riding's database of volunteers and supporters, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) must be signed by <u>any</u> person on your team who will have access to the databases (i.e. campaign managers, presidents etc.). You can find the NDA in the email attachments. Please submit these forms to <u>sarahkzwicker@gmail.com</u>.

Purchased Telephone Lists by Riding:

Refer to the Solas VB presentation for access. The presentation is located on the Candidate Portal.

Pre-Writ Case Study: Voter ID & List Prep Before the Writ

SEE EMAIL ATTACHMENT

Frank (Essex candidate) and Jeff (from Solas VB) created a case paper on an automated poll they created for Essex. Please view their project in the attached PowerPoint. Jeff is offering this same personalized service to any other candidate who is interested, at their expense.

Candidate Guide to Events:

SEE EMAIL ATTACHMENT - This information should be used to plan for your upcoming events.



Ontario Party Headquarters Contact List: SEE EMAIL ATTACHMENT

Candidate Portal Password \rightarrow OntarioParty2022!

New resources have been added this week, including the internal <u>candidate contact list</u>. You can access it by clicking: <u>https://www.ontarioparty.ca/candidate_portal_en</u> You can also click the 'Candidate Portal' button located at the bottom of each webpage.

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Bank Accounts (F0400s):

Every candidate whose riding is registered with Elections Ontario is eligible to open up their <u>riding bank</u> <u>account</u>. This account enables you to start fundraising now and needs to be opened as soon as possible. Elections Ontario will send an email confirmation to all signing officers listed on your A-1 Constituency Association Registration form. Unless a candidate has listed him or herself as a signing officer, they <u>will</u> <u>not</u> receive this email. In this email, Elections Ontario will attach a signed & stamped copy of your A-1 form, which needs to be taken to your bank to open the riding account. I recommend calling your branch ahead of time to inquire about what is required at your specific branch.

You will eventually be opening a second account for your campaign, separate from your riding association bank account. A candidate's campaign can open this bank account anytime. However, no financial activity is permitted until the writ has been issued and the candidate is registered with us. This second account **cannot** be opened until you receive confirmation back from Elections Ontario that your F0400 Candidate Nomination Paper is confirmed. Once the F0400 form has been filed and Elections Ontario has accepted it, they will provide you with a candidate certificate (F0402) that you can take to the bank if needed.

Naming Bank Accounts:

It is recommended that the name of the bank account(s) identify the name of the candidate and that it is a campaign account. A couple of examples for the name of the account(s) would be:

- John Smith Campaign (Campaign bank account)
- Ontario Party Winsdor West (Riding bank account)

Financial Questions - CFOs:

Contact \rightarrow <u>Electfin@elections.on.ca</u> (when emailing Elections Ontario, you do not need to identify yourself, you can email them anonymously).

CFO Handbook for Constituency Associations:

https://www.elections.on.ca/content/dam/NGW/sitecontent/Compliance%20Documentation/English/Cons tituency%20Associations/CFO%20Handbook%20for%20Constituency%20Associations.pdf



CFO Handbook for Candidates:

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Candidate-Made Resources:

All political advertising must bear the authorization text *(i.e. "Authorized by the CFO of the Hastings-Lennox and Addington Riding Association")* centered at the bottom of the advertisement. You will insert **YOUR** riding name. Any additional resources outside of the materials the Ontario Party is supplying will be at your cost and with your own resources (i.e. if you want to create business cards you will need to find your own graphic designer). Please send any additional materials (i.e. press releases, fundraising letters, etc.) to Sarah for approval before releasing them.

Please have your CFO view any independent material you create, as they hold the weight of the authorization stamp.

