

Report: Failure to File Campaign Disclosure Statement

Municipality: Village of Barons

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1. Introduction

This report documents the failure of Robert Baird, a candidate in the 2025 municipal general election to file the required Campaign Disclosure Statement and Financial Statement (Form 26) as mandated by the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)*.

2. Legislative Requirements

Pursuant to Section 147.4 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*:

Every candidate is required to file a Campaign Disclosure Statement and Financial Statement (Form 26). The filing deadline for campaign disclosure statements from the 2025 election was March 1, 2026. The financial statement must include:

- Total campaign contributions (if any)
- Total campaign expenses (if any)
- Any surplus or deficit (if any)
- Outstanding liabilities (if any)
- Required contributor disclosure

Failure to meet these requirements constitutes non-compliance under the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

3. Background

- The Municipal election took place on October 20, 2025.
- The filing deadline for the required campaign disclosure statement was March 1, 2026, as per the *Local Authorities Election Act*.
- Robert Baird ran for the position of Councillor for the Village of Barons.

All candidates were provided with guidance materials outlining their obligations under the Local Authorities Election Act, including Section 147.4 reporting requirements.

4. Findings

- As of March 25, 2026, Robert Baird **has not filed** the required Campaign Disclosure Statement.

- No extension request or explanation has been received.
- A verbal reminder was given on January 9th, 2026 to have this filed.
- Copies of the required forms were provided in January and February of 2026.
- No response has been received to date.

This constitutes **non-compliance with Section 147.4** of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

5. Legislative Breach

The failure to file the required disclosure statement engages enforcement provisions under:

- **Section 147.7** of the *Local Authorities Election Act* (offence for failure to file), and
- **Section 147.8** of the *Local Authorities Election Act* (penalties and consequences).

Under these provisions:

- The candidate is ineligible to run in the next general municipal election until the required statement is filed.
 - The candidate may be subject to fines or prosecution as prescribed by the Act.
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6. Impact

The failure to comply with Sections 147.4, 147.7, and 147.8 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*:

- Undermines transparency in the electoral process within the Village of Barons
 - Prevents public scrutiny of campaign financing
 - Limits the municipality's ability to enforce compliance with contribution and spending limits
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7. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Village of Barons:

1. Issue a Final Notice of Default citing Sections 147.4, 147.7, and 147.8 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.
 2. Advise the candidate of statutory ineligibility for future elections until compliance is achieved.
 3. Record the non-compliance in official municipal records.
 4. Refer the matter for legal enforcement if the statement remains outstanding.
 5. Consider public disclosure of the non-compliance.
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8. Conclusion

The failure of Robert Baird to file the required Campaign Disclosure Statement following the October 20, 2025, municipal election constitutes a breach of Sections 147.4, 147.7, and 147.8 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*. Enforcement action is required to maintain transparency and accountability within the Village of Barons.