



## Acknowledgement by Candidate Spending (Expense) Limits

Maximum Limits for Campaign Spending/Expenses

### a) **General Spending Limits**

The *Municipal Elections Act R.S.O., 1996* and amendments thereto (the "Act") sets limits on the amount a candidate may spend on expenses during the candidate's campaign period. Campaign expense limits are based on a formula that corresponds to the number of electors in the jurisdiction or ward in which the candidate is seeking office. There are different expense limits for heads of municipal council and for members of municipal councils and school boards.

The Clerk must provide an estimate spending limit upon filing of your nomination papers. This estimate is calculated based on the number of electors in the 2022 election.

Pursuant to the Act, and no later than September 30, 2026, the Clerk must provide each candidate with a final spending limit. This maximum campaign spending limit is calculated based on the number of electors on the voters list for the 2026 election. The higher the Estimate and Final spending limits shall be the final spending limit for the office.

### **Formula to calculate the candidate's limit**

For Head of Council: \$7,500 plus \$0.85 per eligible elector

For Council Member/Trustee: \$5,000 plus \$0.85 per eligible elector

### **Estimated Preliminary Spending Limit for Town of Essex 2026 Municipal Election**

Please see attached

**b) Spending Limits for parties and expression of appreciation**

The spending limit for expenses related to holding parties and other expressions of appreciation after the close of voting is calculated as 10% of the amount of your general spending limit. The Clerk will provide this limit on or before September 30, 2026.

Please consult the Ministry of Municipal Affairs 2026 Candidates Guide (included in your Nomination Package) for more information.

I hereby acknowledge having been advised of the Candidate Contribution Limits for the 2026 Town of Essex Municipal Election.

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Town of Essex**  
**2026 Municipal Election**  
**Certificate of Campaign Expense Limit – Mayor**

**Estimated Limit**

(Based on number of electors in 2022 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
16,550	\$0.85	\$7,500.00	\$21,567.50

**Final Limit\***

(based on number of electors for 2026 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$0.85	\$7,500.00	

**\*Final Limit to be determined and provided by September 30, 2026.**

Note: If the final limit is lower than the estimate, the higher amount becomes the official spending limit.

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Town of Essex Clerk  
 May 1, 2026

**Town of Essex**  
**2026 Municipal Election**  
**Certificate of Campaign Expense Limit – Deputy Mayor**

**Estimated Limit**

(Based on number of electors in 2022 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
16,550	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	\$19,067.50

**Final Limit\***

(based on number of electors for 2026 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	

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Town of Essex Clerk  
 May 1, 2026

**Town of Essex**  
**2026 Municipal Election**  
**Certificate of Campaign Expense Limit – Ward 1 Councillor**

**Estimated Limit**

(Based on number of electors in 2022 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
5,991	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	\$10,092.35

**Final Limit\***

(based on number of electors for 2026 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	

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Town of Essex Clerk  
 May 1, 2026

**Town of Essex**  
**2026 Municipal Election**  
**Certificate of Campaign Expense Limit – Ward 2 Councillor**

**Estimated Limit**

(Based on number of electors in 2022 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
3,123	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	\$7,654.55

**Final Limit\***

(based on number of electors for 2026 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	

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Town of Essex Clerk  
 May 1, 2026

**Town of Essex**  
**2026 Municipal Election**  
**Certificate of Campaign Expense Limit – Ward 3 Councillor**

**Estimated Limit**

(Based on number of electors in 2022 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
5,239	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	\$9,453.15

**Final Limit\***

(based on number of electors for 2026 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	

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Town of Essex Clerk  
 May 1, 2026

**Town of Essex**  
**2026 Municipal Election**  
**Certificate of Campaign Expense Limit – Ward 4 Councillor**

**Estimated Limit**

(Based on number of electors in 2022 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
2,197	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	\$6,867.45

**Final Limit\***

(based on number of electors for 2026 election)

<b>Number of Eligible Electors</b>	<b>Rate per Elector</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$0.85	\$5,000.00	

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Town of Essex Clerk  
 May 1, 2026