



ELECTIONS BC
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To Whom It May Concern:

Section 18 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* requires financial agents of candidates running in a local election to ensure all money received in relation to the candidacy is deposited in a separate campaign account in a savings institution. Section 18 also requires that all election related expenditures must be paid from the separate account.

For purposes of this section, the definition of a candidate includes an individual who intends to become a candidate at a later date. This means a candidate must open a campaign account for their campaign financing transactions even if they have not yet filed nomination documents with their jurisdiction.

Elections BC encourages potential candidates to open their campaign accounts as early as possible in their campaign to ensure that all financial transactions can be put through the account as required by the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. This could be several months before General Voting Day for the election or even before an election is officially called by the jurisdiction.

If you have any questions, or need assistance understanding the rules, please do not hesitate to contact the local elections campaign financing team at **1-855-952-0280** or by email at electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.