

## Changing Offices

### To Same Council or Local Board

If, after filing nomination papers for an office, a candidate decides to seek election to another office on the **same** municipal council or local board:

- the first nomination is deemed to be withdrawn at the time the second nomination is filed;
- the nomination filing fee is transferred to the new office; and
- if both offices are to be elected by a general vote of all electors in the municipality, contributions received and expenses incurred for the original office are transferred to the new office.

#### Example

A candidate nominated for the office of councillor elected by a general vote in a municipality decides prior to the close of nominations on nomination day to file a new nomination for the office of mayor. The original nomination for the office of councillor is deemed to have been withdrawn at the time the nomination for mayor is filed. All contributions received and expenses incurred for the office of councillor are transferred to the new office, the office of mayor. Only one financial disclosure is required to be filed as the campaigns are deemed to be a single campaign.

If the candidate changes offices on the same council or local board, but one or both of the offices is **elected by ward**:

- the nomination filing fee is transferred to the new office;
- the two campaigns are deemed to be separate campaigns;
- contributions and expenses cannot be transferred to the new office; and
- two separate financial disclosures must be filed, one for each office.

#### Example

A candidate nominated for the office of ward councillor files a new nomination for the office of mayor. The original nomination for the office of ward councillor is deemed to be withdrawn at the time the nomination for mayor is filed. Each campaign - one for ward councillor and one for mayor - is considered a separate campaign and contributions and expenses cannot be transferred. The candidate is required to file two separate financial disclosures, one for the ward councillor campaign and one for the mayoralty campaign.

### **To A Different Council or Local Board**

If, after being nominated, a candidate decides to seek election to an office on a different council or local board:

- the first nomination is deemed to be withdrawn at the time of filing the second nomination and the first election campaign period ends;
- a second filing fee for the new office must be paid;
- the two campaigns are separate campaigns; and
- the candidate must file two separate financial disclosures, one for each office.

**Note:** The nomination filing fee, contributions and expenses **cannot** be transferred.

#### **Example**

A candidate nominated for the office of councillor decides to seek election instead for the office of school board trustee. Upon filing the new nomination for trustee, the original nomination for councillor is deemed to be withdrawn and a second nomination filing fee must be paid. Each campaign is a separate campaign; contributions and expenses may not be transferred. The candidate is required to file two financial disclosures, one for the office of councillor and one for the office of school board trustee.