



POLICY:

USE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Before May 1 in the year of a regular election, municipalities shall establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal resources during the election campaign period. Section 88.8 (4) of the Act prohibits a corporation (including municipal corporations) from making any contribution to a candidate running in a municipal election. A Use of Corporate Resources Policy prohibits contributions by the municipality during campaign periods, which includes money and goods or services to any candidate, registered third party advertiser or political party. This policy is necessary to safeguard the interests of the municipality and to preserve public trust and overall integrity of the elections process. It also ensures that all candidates are treated equally, fairly and consistently.

There will be no candidate use of the municipality's:

- Technology (e.g. computers, iPad, phones, websites, TownshipofMachar.ca emails),
- Communication systems (e.g. email broadcasts, brochures, print and digital media, social media, logo usage, corporate email accounts, business cards),
- Facilities or buildings owned by the municipality,
- Municipal staff,
- Member's of Council budget (for those seeking re-election).