

SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)

BRIEFING NOTE

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To: Board of Education Prepared By: Jason Reid

Secretary Treasurer

Subject: Public Notice of Failure to File a Disclosure Date: April 13, 2023

The purpose of this briefing note is to prepare a report respecting a disqualification notice, as required by the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. This report is provided for information only.

In accordance with Section 46(1) of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, each individual who was declared to be a candidate in an election must file a candidate disclosure statement with Elections BC.

Elections BC must notify the local authority of the following:

- notices given to candidates or elector organizations for failure to file disclosure statements within the no-penalty fee period;
- individuals that become subject to disqualification penalties referred to in section 60(1)(a).

Section 61(2) requires the designated local government Chief Election Officer to prepare a report respecting the disqualification notice and present it in an open meeting.

2022 Election - Notice of Failure to File a Disclosure Statement

On March 22, 2023, I was advised by the District of Saanich, of receipt of notification from Elections BC that J. Charles Lamb, who submitted nomination paperwork as a candidate for Trustee in School District No. 63 (Saanich) during the 2022 General Local Election, failed to file his candidate disclosure statement and pay the late filing fee by the February 13, 2023 deadline. J. Charles Lamb is therefore now disqualified from being nominated for, elected to or holding office in a local authority until after the next general elections on October 17, 2026, as required by Section 64(2)(b).

With respect,

Jason Reid

Secretary Treasurer

Attachments: District of Saanich Notice (March 22, 2023)

Elections BC Notice (February 16, 2023)

Notice from Elections BC - Failure to File a Disclosure Statement

Sharon Froud <Sharon.Froud@saanich.ca>

Wed 2023-03-22 8:50 AM

To: Jason Reid < jreid@saanichschools.ca>

Cc: Angila Bains < Angila.Bains@saanich.ca>

2 attachments (256 KB)

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Jason:

The District of Saanich received notice from Elections BC that J. Charles Lamb, who had submitted paperwork as a candidate for the Offices of Councillor and School Trustee, School District 63 (Saanich) did not file their disclosure statement and late filing fee as required by the Local Election Campaign Financing Act (LECFA). I am not sure if Elections BC contacted you directly. You may recall J. Charles Lamb submitted nomination paperwork but withdrew as a candidate on September 16, 2022.

Elections BC recently updated the disqualification list of individuals who did not file a disclosure statement or supplementary report within the applicable time frame: Disqualification Lists | Elections BC.

LECFA requires the local authority to prepare a report respecting the disqualification notice, and present at an open meeting. You will need to prepare and provide a report for information at an open meeting of the School District 63 Board of Education. I have attached a copy of the report presented to Saanich Council for information.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards, Sharon

Sharon Froud

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We acknowledge that the District of Saanich lies within the territories of the lekwenen peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the WJOŁEŁP (Tsartlip), BOKEĆEN (Pauquachin), STÁUTW (Tsawout), WSIKEM (Tseycum) and MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nations.

We are committed to celebrating the rich diversity of people in our community. We are guided by the principle that embracing diversity enriches the lives of all people. We all share the responsibility for creating an equitable and inclusive community and for addressing discrimination in all forms.

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Sharon Froud

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, February 16, 2023 4:34 PM

To:

Angila Bains; Sharon Froud

Cc:

EBC Investigations EBC:EX

Subject:

(External Email) Local Elections Campaign Financing Act section 61 notice - failure to file

disclosure statement

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Dear Angila Bains,

As required by section 61(1)(b) of the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECFA), this is notice that the following candidate failed to file their disclosure statement and late filing fee as required under LECFA by February 13, 2023:

J. Charles Lamb

The candidate:

- Is disqualified from being nominated for, elected to or holding office on a local authority until after the next general local elections on October 17, 2026, as required by section 64(2)(b) and
- Has been notified of their penalties.

These penalties are required by LECFA and Elections BC has no ability to waive or alter them. The candidate was notified that these penalties would apply if they failed to meet their filing obligations under the Act.

The disqualification list will be available on the Elections BC website at https://elections.bc.ca/localelections/local-candidates/disqualification-lists/.

Section 61(2) of LECFA requires that your authority prepare a report respecting the section 61(1)(b) disqualification notice, and present it at an open meeting as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at investigations@elections.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Adam Barnes

Director, Investigations **Elections BC**

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