



BULLETIN

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HSA Political Action Fund still available to support members in upcoming municipal election

HSA members throughout the province who are **running for office or working** in local government election campaigns this fall may apply to HSA for financial support from HSA's Political Action Fund.

Municipal, Board of Education and Regional District elections

1. Members who are **candidates** in a civic election may apply for up to 5 days of wage replacement and/or up to \$200 to cover approved personal expenses incurred to run for office.
2. Members who are **working on a civic election campaign** may apply for 1 day of wage replacement, but must confirm that they are donating at least 20 hours of their own unpaid time to work on the campaign. Additional paid time may be approved by HSA's Political Action Committee, for members in key campaign positions.

Members may apply for support if they are candidates or working in campaigns to elect any of the following civic positions:

- 1) mayor
- 2) councillor
- 3) Board of Education trustee (school trustee)
- 4) regional district electoral area director
- 5) Islands Trust trustee or
- 6) **elected** park board commissioner.

Criteria

HSA is not affiliated with any political party. HSA provides financial support to members to run for office or to work on election campaigns, only where the candidate **and** the party or slate with which the candidate is running – if any – demonstrate support for **all** of the following:

- a) a positive role for the public sector;
- b) the principles of the *Canada Health Act*;
- c) free collective bargaining for public sector employees; **and**
- d) progressive occupational health and safety legislation.

Training

Limited support is also available to assist members to attend training to equip them to run for office or work in election campaigns. Please contact Carol Riviere at the HSA office for information about applying for this support.

Applications

Members applying for support to run or work in a municipal election campaign must complete the attached application (additional copies are available on HSA's website at www.hsabc.org/content.php?id=363). Send completed applications by e-mail, fax or regular mail to Carol Riviere at the HSA office.

Members are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as applications will be considered in the order they are received, while funding remains available. Early application may also assist members approved for leave to actually schedule this time off work.

For further information, please contact Carol Riviere, Communications Officer, at the HSA office (criviere@hsabc.org).

Attachments