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Knack pledges higher standard in campaign disclosure

Ward 1 City Council candidate Andrew Knack is promising to exceed standards set in the provincial government's new law governing donations to municipal election campaigns.

"Elected representatives should always strive to go above and beyond minimum expectations," Knack said. "Because of that, I have decided to disclose all contributions, no matter the value."

The legislation requires that candidates report donations in excess of \$100. The voting public normally would not receive such information until well after the election – on March 1st, 2011.

Knack will publish the names of all people contributing to his campaign on September 21st, the day after nominations are officially registered. He will continue to update the list on his website, <http://www.andrewknack.com>, until the polls close on October 18th.

"I want to be completely open with Edmontonians. By having all campaign contributions listed prior to the election, there's an assurance there won't be a surprise after the ballots are cast."

Added Knack: "People who support this campaign want their contributions made public before October 18th, in the hope that their openness will attract even more supporters."

Further to build transparency and avoid any future appearances of conflict of interest, Knack will only accept individual donations, declining offers of financial support from businesses and unions.

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