

Toronto350.org Donation Policy

1. Values

Toronto350.org values freedom and agility. It also values a strong community and equity, and believes in maintaining personal relationships based on trust. This policy is based on these values.

2. Proposing publicly recognized donations

For an individual or organization to be recognized as a donor, a written proposal recommending the donation must be presented by a delegate member of Toronto350.org.

In the case of a donation from an organization, the member making the proposal must have met with one or more of their representatives and be willing to recommend that the donation be accepted.

The proposal shall be circulated to the membership electronically and decided upon at a planning meeting.

A donation shall be considered a major proposal if:

- The one-off amount exceeds \$500;
- The recurrent monthly amount exceeds \$50;
- The donation would create new legal obligations for the group, or those that alter the policies of the group or the powers of executive members, board members, or officers; or,
- The proposal meets another criterion for being considered a major proposal, as defined in the constitution.

A donation proposal that is a major proposal must describe how none of Toronto350.org's criteria for declining donations applies in this case (see below).

In the event of a donation which must be used for a specific purpose, the proposer shall include this information in their written proposal. If the mandated use of the donation meets the criteria for being a major proposal, it must be approved through the major proposals process as well as through the donation policy.

All proposed donations that would receive recognition must be circulated electronically at least 24 hours before the planning meeting where they are considered.

Any delegate member proposing a donation shall declare any conflict of interest which exists or could be perceived to exist involving themselves and the individual or organization that wishes to donate.

The only acceptable financial relationship for a person to advocate for a donation coming from a corporation is that the person be a customer of the corporation. Employees, owners, and board members of the donor corporation may not submit a proposal recommending a donation from that corporation. Instead, such people may attempt to find a delegate member to speak on their behalf.

3. Criteria for declining donations

Toronto350.org shall decline to accept donations if:

1. The donation would help an otherwise environmentally-irresponsible organization to misrepresent their environmental record (greenwashing)
2. The donation would make Toronto350.org appear hypocritical
3. The person or organization is engaged in unethical activity related to climate change
4. The person or organization is engaged in unethical activity unrelated to climate change
5. The donation would carry a serious risk of corrupting Toronto350.org's internal decision-making processes
6. The donation would create ongoing financial dependence, creating a serious risk that Toronto350.org will not be able to decline it if necessary in the future
7. The donation would create unacceptable legal obligations or repercussions

Toronto350.org reserves the right to decline any donation if it is deemed necessary to maintain our values and integrity.

Toronto350.org reserves the right to return donations at any time.

4. Recognition of donors

All donors may be recognized through the inclusion of their name and/or logo on the Toronto350.org website, unless they request otherwise, at the discretion of the Communications Committee.

Donors may request to publicly identify themselves as supporters of Toronto350.org, including by using our logo, to be decided by the Communications Committee.

If a donor wishes to sponsor an event, the matter shall be discussed and agreed upon at a Toronto350 planning meeting before the donor may sponsor the event.

5. Relationships with donors

Toronto350.org volunteers and organizers may make contact with individuals and organizations making both publicly recognized and private donations, for the purpose of developing relationships with the donors.