



Town of The Blue Mountains

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RE: Notice to Candidates and Registered Third Party Advertisers in the Town of The Blue Mountains regarding the placement of Election Signs.

The placement and display of election signs in the Town of The Blue Mountains is regulated by the Town's Sign By-law 2016-71, as revised, and summarized below:

PLACEMENT OF ELECTION SIGNS

In accordance with the Town's Sign By-law 2016-71, the placement of election signs must be in accordance with the following provisions:

Municipal Elections:

- 3.4(3)(b) Notwithstanding this By-law, nothing shall apply to prevent the posting of any election proclamation or notice pursuant to a Provincial Act or Regulation or any Voter's List, nor the display of election signs by candidates during any municipal election, provided that such signs are erected in accordance with the following provisions:
- (i) election signs shall not be erected on private property without the owner's consent;
 - (ii) election signs shall not be erected on Town property;
 - (iii) election signs shall not exceed 1.0 square metre in area;
 - (iv) not more than fifty (50) election signs may be erected or displayed in or on the public right-of-way at any time provided:
 - (1) such signs are not erected on roadways, lanes, sidewalks, walkways, trails, paths, and/or shoulders of the road;
 - (2) such signs are a minimum of 50 cm from a sidewalk, or where there is no sidewalk, within 2.0 metres of the roadway or within 50 cm of the edge of the shoulder;
 - (3) such signs are not erected fronting or flanking Town property; and,
 - (4) such signs have a permit sticker issued by the Town Clerk;

- (v) no candidate or registered third party advertiser shall erect or display, or cause to be erected or displayed, any such signs prior to the date which is sixty (60) days before the fixed date for the election

(NOTE: election signs may be erected or displayed no earlier than August 25, 2022 for the 2022 election);

- (vi) all election signs must be removed no later than five (5) days following the date of the election; and,
- (vii) Section 3.4(4)(4) is complied with.

3.4(4) No person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an election sign or permit an election sign to be affixed, erected or otherwise displayed:

- a) on or over any Town property except as specifically provided for in this By- law;
- b) on a utility pole or light standard;
- c) on any official sign or official sign structure;
- d) within a sight triangle
- e) on the property of a polling station or the front façade of the building which contains the polling station; and
- f) on a sound barrier wall or fence.

It should be noted that the Town will remove any sign that is in contravention of the above provisions.

It is recommended that you contact the County of Grey, Transportation and Public Safety Department, 519.376.7337 and/or the Government of Ontario, Ministry of Transportation, 519.376.7350 regarding the placement of election signs within the Grey County or Government of Ontario Right-of-ways.

If you have any questions respecting the above, please contact Enforcement Services at 519.599.3131 extension 249