



POLICY MANUAL

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX		
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SUBJECT: ELECTION SIGNS POLICY		EFFECTIVE DATE: May 3, 2010
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1.0 OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for election signs for candidates running in municipal, provincial and federal elections while ensuring public safety on the roads and highways during an election period. Election sign means a temporary sign erected in connection with a Municipal, Provincial or Federal election by or on behalf of a candidate.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

This policy applies to all municipal, provincial and federal election candidates, their campaign staff and scrutineers.

3.0 ELECTION SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

No person shall at any time place an election sign or cause an election sign to be placed in any public park owned or occupied by the Town of Essex or any local board.

No person shall at any time place an election sign or cause an election sign to be placed on any municipally owned or occupied lands, including municipal road allowances.

No person shall attach an election sign to a public utility pole, light standard, any official sign or official sign structure, utility box, planter, bench, waste receptacle, newspaper box or mailbox on a road allowance.

No person shall place an election sign in a location that interferes with a fire hydrant.

4.0 GENERAL

Election signs shall not:

- be erected on private property without the owner's or tenant's consent
- be attached to trees
- be placed on any premises used as a polling place for elections
- be placed in or on a vehicle that is parked on any premises used as a polling place for elections if the sign is visible
- display the Town of Essex logo, crest or seal in whole or in part

No person shall pull down, remove, deface or cause damage to any election sign lawfully erected without the consent of the property owner, tenant or candidate who placed the sign.

5.0 REMOVAL OF UNLAWFUL ELECTION SIGNS

Any election signs erected or installed in violation of this policy shall be removed under the direction of the Clerk.

6.0 TIMING FOR REMOVAL OF SIGNS AFTER ELECTION DAY

Candidates must remove all municipal, provincial and federal election signs within one week (7 days) following the date of the election.

7.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____ acknowledge that I have read and understand the Election Signs Policy of the Town of Essex. I agree to adhere to this Policy.

Candidate Name (please print)

Candidate Signature

Date