

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

BY-LAW No. 21-2018

BEING a by-law to regulate Municipal and School Board Election signs within the Township of North Glengarry.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, c. 25 SS. 5 (1) provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its council;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, c. 25 SS. 5 (3) provides that the powers of every council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it advisable to have a by-law regulating Municipal Election Signs.

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

For the purpose of this by-law:

- 1.1 “Candidate” means, in relation to an election in a municipality or school board, an individual that is registered in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the Education Act, 1990.
- 1.2 “Clerk” means a person appointed by Council under the Municipal Act, or designate and who is the person responsible for conducting the election in the lower tier municipality in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 1.3 “Municipal Election Sign” means any sign, poster or other advertising device posted by or on behalf of Municipal Council Candidates, Registered Third Party Advertisers or School Board Candidates.
- 1.4 “Municipal Law Enforcement Officer” means the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of North Glengarry.
- 1.5 “Registered Third Party Advertiser” means, in relation to an election in a municipality, an individual, corporate or trade union that is registered in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 1.6 “School Board” means the English Public, French Public, English Catholic and French Catholic school boards having authority over the Township of North Glengarry

2. Restrictions and Enforcement

- 2.1 No Municipal Election Sign or advertising device shall be larger than 2.97 square meters or 4 feet X 8 feet).
- 2.2 Only Candidates, Registered Third Party Advertisers, or their agents are permitted to erect Municipal Election Signs.
- 2.3 No Municipal Election Sign or advertising device shall be located within 100 meters of, or on any voting location property, including the parking lot and road allowance in front of any voting location property. This includes mobile signage.
- 2.4 No Municipal Election Sign or advertising device shall be posted in the Township of North Glengarry for a Candidate in another municipal jurisdiction.
- 2.5 No Municipal Election Sign or advertising device shall be placed on any municipal property, including but not limited to, parks, trails, or sites with municipal buildings. For example, the fire halls, libraries and/or North Glengarry Seniors’ Support Centre. This includes mobile signage.

- 2.6 Notwithstanding Section 3.6 above, when a municipal building is secured within the provisions of the Township’s Use of Corporate Resources During an Election Policy, Municipal Election Signage is permitted on the inside of building as long as it is not visible from the outside.
Furthermore, all Municipal Election Signage and associated campaign material must be removed at the end of the event.
- 2.7 Municipal Election Signs must be removed within five (5) days following the Municipal Elections. If not removed within five (5) days, the Clerk may direct that the signs be removed and the deposit retained by the municipality.
- 2.8 No Municipal Election Signs shall be placed so as to:
 - a) Obstruct the visibility of any pedestrian or driver;
 - b) Obstruct the visibility of any traffic sign or device;
 - c) Interfere with vehicular traffic in any manner;
 - d) Obstruct openings required for light, ventilation ingress, egress or fire or medical emergencies; or
 - e) Constitute a danger or hazard to the general public.
- 2.9 No Municipal Election Sign shall be posted on private property without the express consent of the owner.
- 2.10 All other provisions included in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended shall apply. It is the responsibility of Candidates and Registered Third Party Advertisers to ensure compliance with applicable legislation.

3. Removal of Signs

- 3.1 Where Municipal Election Signs have been posted in contravention of this by-law, the Clerk or Municipal Law Enforcement Officer may notify the owner, Candidate or their agent to remove the sign and take the necessary action to ensure that the sign complies with the provision of this by-law within 24 hours of notice.

4. Severance

- 5.1 If any sections, sections of part of a section of the by-law are found by any Court to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such sections or section of part of a section shall be deemed to be severable and all other sections of parts of section of this by-law shall continue in full force and effect.

5. Force and Effect

- 5.1 The By-law shall be called the Municipal Election Sign By-law.
- 5.2 This by-law takes force and effect on the day of passing.

READ a first, second, and third time and enacted in open Council this 23rd day of April, 2018.

Clerk / Deputy Clerk

Mayor / Deputy Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of By-law No. 21-2018 duly adopted by the Council of the Township of North Glengarry, on the 23rd day of April 2018.

Date Certified

Clerk / Deputy Clerk