



Memo re Election Sign By-law 76-2018

Date: May 1, 2026

To: All 2026 Municipal Election Candidates & Registered Third Party Advertisers

From: Angela Toole, Clerk / Returning Officer

This Memo regarding Election Sign By-law 76-2018 provides a plain-language summary of key requirements under By-law 76-2018, which regulates the placement, size, timing, and removal of election signs within the Town of Kingsville. All Candidates and Registered Third Parties are responsible for ensuring that their election signs comply with this By-law. This Memo is being provided to you for informational purposes only and should not be solely relied upon. Candidates should themselves ensure that they are not contravening Election Sign By-law 76-2018.

General Rules

- Election signs may be placed at a campaign office once a Candidate has filed their Nomination with the Clerk.
- Election signs may not be placed on private property any earlier than 45 days before Voting Day (October 26, 2026). For the 2026 Municipal Election, signs may be placed starting on September 11, 2026.
- All election signs must be removed no later than two (2) days after Voting Day (October 28, 2026).

Prohibitions

The following are not permitted:

- Using the Town of Kingsville's logo, trademarks, slogans, or official marks on election signs.
- Removing, defacing, or damaging another Candidate's election sign.
- Obstructing or interfering with a By-law Enforcement Officer.
- Placing election signs in a manner that contravenes federal, provincial, or municipal election legislation.

Election signs are not permitted in the following locations:

- On public property, including parks, boulevards that abut parks, trees, fences, walls, poles, gates, and public utility poles.



- At or on Voting Places, Ballot Return Stations, or any location where election administration occurs. This includes the street abutting these locations.
- In median strips, roundabouts, roadways, or shoulders.
- Between a roadway and a sidewalk.
- On sidewalks where pedestrian movement is impeded.
- Within three (3) metres of a roadway.
- Within three (3) metres of a crosswalk.
- Within ten (10) metres of another election sign for the same Candidate.
- On private property without the permission or consent of the property owner or occupant.

Sign Design Guidelines

- The maximum permitted sign face area is three (3) square metres.
- Election signs may not be illuminated.
- The size and illumination restrictions do not apply to election signs located on a campaign office or to billboard election signs.
- Signs must be maintained in good condition.
- Signs must not interfere with traffic safety, pedestrian safety, or Town maintenance operations.

Location-based Height Restrictions

- Within an intersection site visibility triangle, the maximum height is 0.8 metres.
- When located between three (3) and eight (8) metres from the roadway, the maximum height is two (2) metres.
- When located more than eight (8) metres from the roadway, the maximum height is four (4) metres.

Signs on Vehicles

- Vehicle signs are permitted if they comply with By-law 76-2018.
- The total area of all election signs placed on or in one vehicle must not exceed 1.5 square metres.



Security Deposit and By-law Contraventions

- A refundable security deposit of \$140 must be paid before placing any election signs for a municipal election.
- Election signs that do not comply with the By-law will be removed by the Town immediately without notice or compensation and are subject to a removal fee of \$20 per sign, which will be deducted from the Candidate's security deposit.
- Election signs that are removed by the Town will be stored for a minimum of fourteen (14) days. During that time, a Candidate or their agent may retrieve their signs.
- Paper election signs may be disposed of immediately; other signs may be disposed of after fourteen (14) days without notice or compensation.
- If the Town's costs to remove election signs exceed the amount of the security deposit, the Candidate will be invoiced for the outstanding balance and must pay within five (5) days of receiving notice.
- Subject to any deductions, security deposits will be refunded within ninety (90) days after Voting Day (January 24, 2027).

Penalties for Non-Compliance

Any person who contravenes the Election Signs By-law 76-2018 commits an offence under the Provincial Offences Act and may be subject to fines upon conviction. Preventing, hindering, or interfering with a By-law Enforcement Officer is a separate offence.

Candidate Responsibility

Candidates are responsible for ensuring compliance with the by-law for all election signs associated with their campaign, including signs placed by volunteers, campaign workers, or agents. Please visit www.kingsville.ca/bylaws to review By-law 76-2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Toole". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Toole, Clerk / Returning Officer
Town of Kingsville