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General Guidelines for Election Signs

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Election signs placed by or on behalf of a candidate or a political party, and signs designed to encourage citizens to vote, may be placed on the right-of-way of a highway after an official election has been issued, or for municipal elections in accordance with any by-law outlining a time frame for the placement of municipal election signs, subject to the following conditions:

An Election sign must <u>not</u> be placed upon or adjacent to the right-of-way of a Class 1A Freeway, Class 1B Staged Freeway and Class 2A Principal Arterial Highway (i.e. Highway 400, Highway 11 and Highway 69).

Election signs may be erected on the right-of-way or adjacent to a Class 2B Undivided Arterial Highway, a Class 3 Collector Highway or Class 4 Local Highway after an official election has been called.

Everyone has the right to place an election sign on their private property no matter what Class of Highway. A maximum of two election signs are permitted upon any one property. Any election sign over 3.7 m² (40 ft²) require a sign permit.

Election signs up to 0.7m^2 (8 ft²) in size must be placed a minimum of 4m (12 ft) from edge of pavement. Election signs over 0.7m^2 (8 ft²) and up to 3.7 m^2 (40 ft²) must be placed at the outer limit of the highway right-of-way.

Election signs must not be affixed to any permanent or official highway sign, a guide rail or other highway structure or facility. They must not be placed where they may interfere with visibility, official signs, traffic signals, or other safety devices. They must not be placed on a safety island at intersections.

An election sign must not exceed one sign facing in each direction of travel on the right-of-way on any 2.0 km section of a provincial highway.

Portable read-o-graph sign trailers are prohibited on the right-of-way of a highway. Such read-o-graph sign trailers may be utilized, providing they are erected on private property and meet the requirements of the ministry for portable read-o-graph signing.

Permits or Letters of Approval are not required for any election signs erected under the Ministry of Transportation's Corridor Signing Policy. A Sign Permit will be required for any signs in excess of 3.7 m² (40 sq. ft.) in size and they must be placed on private property.

Any signs contravening this policy will be removed by the Ministry of Transportation.

Candidate committees, volunteers and/or workers shall be required to remove all candidate advertising (election signs) from the Ministry of Transportation right-of-way and adjacent properties within three (3) working days following Election Day.

Signs not retrieved by this time will be picked up by the Ministry of Transportation patrol forces and stored in a safe place (patrol yard, etc.) for a period of two (2) weeks. After this time the election signs will be disposed of.

