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Region of Durham Election Sign Information

The following information is an excerpt from the Region of Durham's Candidate Manual, regarding election signs.

Election Signs

Area Municipalities

The eight area municipalities each have Sign By-laws regulating election signs within their respective municipality. It is important to note that election signs may not be placed prior to the dates as outlined in each area municipal by-law. Candidates must contact the Clerk of each area municipality for a copy of their Sign By-law which sets out the rules and regulations specific to the municipality. Any questions with respect to the Sign By-law for an area municipality can be directed to the Clerk of that municipality. The contact information for each of the area municipal Clerks' can be found starting on page 5 of this Guide.

Regional Municipality of Durham

The placement of election signs on Regional Roads is governed by By-law #76-2017. A copy of this By-law is included in the Candidate Information Package.

Election signs shall not be placed on Regional roads until the later of 42 days in advance of voting day, or the first date on which an area municipal by-law permits election signs to be erected within that area municipality. Where an area municipal by-law is more restrictive than the criteria set out in Schedule 'A' of By-law #76-2017, the provisions of the area municipal by-law will apply to Regional Roads within that municipality. Signs shall be removed within **48 hours** of the last polling day.

Any person placing a sign must have on their person at the time that the sign is being placed a copy of Schedule 'A' to By-law #76-2017, which provides a list of applicable criteria, and all such persons must be familiar with the criteria.

If a sign contravenes the By-law requirements, Regional Works Department staff may remove the sign immediately without notice. Signs that have been removed by the Regional Works Department staff and stored for more than 15 days may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Region without notice and without compensation. The charge for removal of a sign by the Region will be \$60.00 and a charge of \$5.00 per day will be charged for storage of the sign. Charges incurred by the candidate are payable to the Region within 30 days of receipt of notice of same, or when the candidate is picking up the signs.

The contents of this document are intended only as a guide to certain relevant information, and it is not meant to cover all information required by a candidate in a municipal election. Candidates should refer directly to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for specific provisions and additional details. Candidates must satisfy themselves that they are qualified to be elected and not disqualified by law.

As of June 18, 2018

The provisions of By-law #76-2017 may also be enforced by the Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers in each of the area municipalities.

A complete list of Regional roads and associated map are included in the Candidate Information Package.

Please contact the Regional Works Department - Traffic Engineering and Operations Division for any matters pertaining to election signs on Regional Roads by email at trafficdispatch@durham.ca or by telephone: 905-666-8116 or toll-free 1-866-786-8116.

Election Sign Recycling

On April 27, 2011, Durham Regional Council approved a program to recycle all temporary signs in the Regional Municipality of Durham. Acceptable signs include all election signs and any other temporary signs made from corrugated plastic, plastic film or paperboard. Wooden stakes and wire mounts are also accepted. Durham's Sign Recycling program provides candidates, residents and local municipalities the opportunity to recycle dedicated loads of signs free of charge. This does not include signs found in violation of By-Law #76-2017. Signs may be dropped off at any of Durham Region's three waste management facilities:

Brock Waste Management Facility

Sideroad 17, Brock
(south of intersection at Sideroad 17 and Hwy. 48)
Telephone: 705-437-2933
Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 8 AM – 4 PM

Oshawa Waste Management Facility

1640 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa
(south of Ritson Road and Conlin Road intersection)
Telephone: 905-433-2050
Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 8 AM. – 4 PM

Port Perry Waste Management Facility

1623 Reach St., Port Perry
(west of Simcoe Street and Reach Street intersection)
Telephone: 905-985-7973
Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 8 AM – 4 PM

Please note that loads of acceptable signs delivered mixed with other waste materials are subject to the regular disposal fee.

Candidates who are considering future campaigns are encouraged to retain their signs for reuse.

For more information on this initiative please visit durham.ca/waste