



## **ELECTION SIGN GUIDELINES**

### **PURPOSE**

These guidelines are provided by the Office of the City Clerk to ensure that election signs do not compromise public safety, interfere with municipal operations, or damage public property.

### **TIMING RESTRICTIONS**

**Municipal Elections:** Signs may only be erected starting 60 days prior to Voting Day.

**Federal/Provincial Elections:** Signs may be erected only after the official writ has been issued.

**Removal:** All election signs must be removed within 72 hours (3 days) following the close of polls on Election Day. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure all stakes and fasteners are also removed..

### **PLACEMENT ON PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**Private Property:** Signs are permitted on private property only with the consent of the owner or occupant.

**City Property (Prohibited):** To maintain municipal neutrality, signs are strictly prohibited on any land or building owned or leased by the City of Elliot Lake, including:

- City Hall and Administrative Offices
- Fire Halls and Public Works Yards
- All Municipal Parks, Arenas, and the Civic Centre
- Municipal Parking Lots

**Voting Places:** Signs are prohibited on the property of any location serving as a Voting Place. On Voting Day, no signs may be placed within 100 metres of the entrance to a Voting Place.

## **SAFETY AND ROAD ALLOWANCES**

**Sightlines:** No sign shall be placed where it obstructs the visibility of drivers or pedestrians, particularly at intersections or driveways (the "Sight Triangle").

**Infrastructure:** Signs must not be attached to utility poles, traffic light standards, bridge railings, or official traffic signs.

**Highway 108 (MTO Jurisdiction):** Candidates must strictly adhere to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) letter provided in the candidate package. The City of Elliot Lake does not have the authority to grant exemptions for signs placed along the Highway 108 corridor.

## **SIGN DIMENSIONS**

Maximum size for standard election signs should not exceed 1.2m x 1.2m (4ft x 4ft).

Large "billboard" style signs are only permitted on private property with appropriate setbacks from the roadway.

## **ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL**

**Unauthorized Signs:** Any sign placed on City Property or in a location deemed a safety hazard will be removed immediately by City Staff without notice.

**Storage & Retrieval:** Removed signs will be taken to City Hall. Candidates may retrieve their signs during business hours.

**Disposal:** Any signs not retrieved within 7 days after the election will be destroyed or recycled.