

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH**

**By-Law 04- 2022**

Being a by-law to regulate Election Signs

WHEREAS Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (“the Municipal Act, 2001”), provides that the Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to a) enable municipalities to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate and, b) enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues

AND WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that a single tier municipality may pass by-laws within the spheres of jurisdiction set out therein, inter alia structures, including fences and signs;

AND WHEREAS Section 99 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides the rules which apply to a by-law of a municipality respecting advertising devices, including signs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the “Municipal Election – Signs/Advertising” policy, attached as Schedule “A” to this bylaw and forming part of this bylaw, be hereby adopted.
2. That this by-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

Read in its entirety, approved, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

Original Signed by: Angela Friesen

Reeve, Angela Friesen

Original Signed by: Cheryl Marshall

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Marshall

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**SCHEDULE "A" to By-Law 04 - 2022**

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION - SIGNS / ADVERTISING POLICY**

NO posters or similar campaign material may contain the Township logo or in any way infer an official Township status.

No campaign material or posters shall be permitted on any municipal property (including the website) with the only exception being along municipal road allowances. This includes the following, which is not meant to be a complete and exhaustive list:

NO campaign material, posters, etc. will be permitted in municipal parks, vacant lands, municipal buildings and structures.

Posters or similar campaign material shall be permitted along municipal road allowances providing the following conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Clerk and/or Roads Department:

1. NO posters or similar campaign materials will be permitted on road allowances fronting voting places including the entire building, lot and road allowance fronting 31 William Street.
2. That the visibility of intersections or private entrances is not obstructed and that an unsafe condition is not created.
3. That the poster or similar campaign material is of sufficient texture and of proper installation that weather conditions will not displace the material and create a safety hazard on municipal roads.
4. NO campaign materials on the road allowances will be permitted to obstruct municipal roads operations, including roadside mowing, grading and construction operations.

Posters or similar campaign material that will be installed on provincial roads will require the permission of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

Posters or similar campaign material that will be installed or affixed to poles belonging to Hydro One Network, Bell Canada or other public utilities will require the permission of these respective approving authorities. Election signs shall not be placed on a utility pole that has traffic control attached thereto.

The Township of McMurrich/Monteith or any of its municipal employees or agents will not be responsible for investigating or prosecuting for any acts of vandalism to the poster or campaign material of the candidates.

Should any posters or campaign material be located on municipally owned property or be located on municipally owned road allowances which do not comply to the provisions of this section, the same shall be removed forthwith and stored at the Municipal Garage located at 2455 Highway 518 West, until October 31, 2022.

Should any material be removed pursuant to above paragraph, the candidate will be contacted immediately to pick up any such posters or campaign material so removed. The candidate to whom the Election Sign relates shall be responsible for the erection or display of the Election sign.

All candidates will be required to remove all posters and campaign material along municipally owned road allowances prior to October 31, 2022.

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