

Election Campaign Materials (Federal and Provincial Elections)

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Policy Statement

To provide documentation on when and where Federal and Provincial Election Signage and Campaign Materials may be permitted with the Township.

Purpose: This policy will provide guidance to staff and information to the public and candidates for Federal and Provincial elections on the placement of elections signage within the Township.

Application: This policy extends to all facilities and property owned by the Municipality.

Definitions:

Appropriate Election Date – The date of the Federal or Provincial Election to which the signage or campaign material is concerning.

Exclusions:

- Municipal Election Signage; a policy regarding Municipal Election Signage will be in accordance to the Municipal Elections Act.

References & Related Policies: None

Consequences of Non-Compliance:

- Improperly posted Federal and/or Provincial Election Signage or Campaign Materials will be removed by the Municipality at the discretion of the Manager of Public Works or Clerk or designates.
- Signage/Campaign Material that has been removed may be collected up until 30 days following the appropriate election date.
- Signage/Campaign Material not picked up within 30 days of the appropriate election date will be disposed of by the Municipality.

Review Cycle: This policy will be reviewed on an as needed basis.

Procedures

The following steps shall be adhered to in order to implement this policy:

1. No Federal or Provincial Election Signage and/or Campaign materials may be displayed on property owned by the Township of Douro-Dummer, save and except for:
 - Federal or Provincial Election Signage and/or Campaign Materials may be displayed in the room within a facility that has been rented by/for a candidate/election party. No Signage or Campaign material will be permitted outside of the room that has been rented.
 - If a room at one of the community centres has been rented by/for a candidate/election party, the large outdoor community centre sign may display information regarding the rental, as per other events held at the community centres.
 - Placement of Election Signage within municipal road allowances is permitted provided visibility at intersections and for the ingress and egress of private driveways is not obscured in any manner.
2. Signs should not exceed 0.56 metres square (6 square feet) and are to be erected as close to the fence line as practicable. They are not to be erected between the edge of the pavement and the centre-line of the ditch and not within 46 metres (150 feet) of any intersection.
3. Any Election Signage and/or Campaign materials that are found to be placed in contravention of this policy will be removed at the discretion of the Clerk and/or Manager of Public Works or designates. Municipal Staff will try to contact the owner of the signage and/or material to notify them that it was displayed incorrectly.
4. Signage/Campaign Material that has been removed may be collected up until 30 days following the Appropriate Election Date by contacting the Municipal Office (705-652-8392) to make arrangements for pick up.
5. Signage/Campaign Material not picked up within 30 days of the Appropriate Election Date will be disposed of by the Municipality.