

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE
BY-LAW NO. 2014-32

BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE ELECTION SIGNS POLICY. THIS POLICY WILL
REGULATE THE PLACEMENT OF ELECTION SIGNS WITHIN
CERTAIN ROAD ALLOWANCES AND ANY OTHER PROPERTY OWNED AND
OPERATED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE.

WHEREAS Section 11(1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, states that the municipality may pass by-laws respecting structures, including fences and signs;

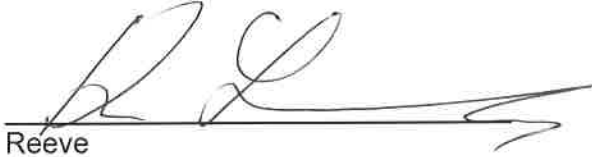
AND WHEREAS Section 99(1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, states that the municipality shall give notice of its intention to pass the by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that, for the purpose of aesthetics and public safety, it wishes to prohibit the placement of election signs on, over, in or under any public highway, road allowance, sidewalk, bridge or other Township of Prince property Under its jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Prince, the ELECTION SIGN POLICY; and

FURTHER, that Schedule 'A', being the ELECTION SIGN POLICY, forms part of this by-law.

Read three times and passed on this 12th day of August, 2014.


Reeve


Administrator

Schedule 'A' to By-Law 2014-32

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

POLICY NAME: ELECTION SIGN POLICY DATED: August 2014
DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION – ELECTIONS POLICY NO: EL-01

SCOPE

This Election Sign Policy is being provided in order to ensure public safety on highways during an election period, and to protect the rights of property owners.

Election Signs shall be a self supporting sign or advertising device including, but not limited to posters, placards, bulletins, banners, notices, pictures or any combination thereof which advertises or promotes a candidate in a municipal, provincial or federal election or by-election.

The Township of Prince reserves the right to erect, place or display signs or advertising devices which provide information concerning the election or any part of an election process.

Any Election Sign erected or installed in contravention of this policy may be removed by an employee of the Township of Prince under the direction of the Clerk. The candidate may be liable for the cost of removing the signs and any related costs.

It is a criminal offence to remove, deface or wilfully damage a **lawfully erected** Election Sign.

PLACEMENT OF ELECTION SIGNS

In accordance with Sec. 48(2) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, no person shall:

- a. Place an Election Sign, or cause an Election Sign to be placed on any premises used as a voting place for elections, or on any Highway adjacent to the voting place; or
- b. Place or cause to be placed in or on a vehicle that is parked on any premises used as a voting place for elections an Election Sign that is visible from outside the vehicle.

Election Signs shall not be located, erected or displayed:

- b. Election Signs may only be placed on a Highway adjacent to a residential property with the consent of the owner or occupant of the adjacent residential property.
- c. Election Signs relating to a Municipal Election shall not be erected or displayed more than 45 days before the Municipal Election (Nomination Day).
- d. Election Signs relating to a federal or provincial election shall not be erected or displayed until the day that the writ of election is issued.

DEFINITIONS

- a. "Highway" shall have the same meaning as in the *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.H.8*, as amended.
- b. "Public Property" means property owned by or under the control of the Township or any of its agencies, boards or commissions, including Highways under the jurisdiction of the Province.