



Date: November 4, 2010

To: All Registered Candidates – Federal Election 2010

Re: **Candidate Sign Information**

By virtue of section 325 of the *Canada Election Act*, electoral signs of political parties, candidates and third parties are subject to municipal regulations. This letter provides information regarding the erection of election signs within the City of Vaughan. You will need to be aware of the regulations put in place by the other applicable jurisdictions.

Please be advised that City of Vaughan Sign bylaw 203-92 section 4-4.1(f)(i) requires that all candidates wishing to display Election signs must pay a fee of **\$300.00** per candidate running for Federal Office. This fee can be paid to the Clerk's Department, City of Vaughan at 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive. Payment may be made by cash, debit card, cheque, or credit card.

The City Clerk will provide all candidates, free of charge, with a city-wide map showing the road allowance locations where election signs are permitted.

#### **Election Signs – City of Vaughan**

By-law Numbers 12-2010, 154-2009 and 275-2006, being by-laws to amend City of Vaughan by-law number 203-92, as amended, govern the erection of signs under the jurisdiction of the City of Vaughan. Candidates are responsible for following the sign by-law and its amendments

The following are some points that candidates may find helpful:

- Signs can be erected following the close of nominations on **November 8th, 2010** at 2:00 p.m.
- There is a non refundable deposit required before candidates can erect election signs. The deposit must be submitted to the City Clerk on or before **November 8th, 2010**
- \$300.00 per candidate running for the office of Mayor, Regional and Local Councillor or for Provincial **or Federal Office**.
- Election signs cannot exceed a maximum sign area of 5.0 square metres.
- Signs must be set back a minimum of 1.0 metres from all street lines and can be erected following the close of nominations on **November 8th, 2010** at 2:00 p.m.
- Signs must be set back a minimum of 1.5 m from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot
- not be located within a daylighting triangle.
- Signs must be located on private property and no person shall cause or permit the erection of election sign on municipal property under the jurisdiction of the City of Vaughan.
- No person shall cause or permit the erection of election signs on all City of Vaughan public road allowances.
- Signs are stored for a period of seven days and if not retrieved, the sign(s) will be destroyed or otherwise recycled or disposed of by the City.
- Election signs must be removed within forty-eight hours after Election Day, December 2, 2010 at 12:01 a.m.
- No person shall cause or permit the erection of election signs on municipal property under the jurisdiction of the City of Vaughan.
- No person shall cause or permit the erection of election signs on all public road allowances.
- The deposit is not refundable. The fees help defray the costs in administering and enforcing the election sign provisions of sign by-law 203-92, as amended.

Campaign office signs are in addition subject to the general provisions of the Sign Bylaw. Information is available from the Building Standards Department at 905-832-8510.



### **Election Signs - The Regional Municipality of York**

Candidates are responsible for following the Regions' sign by-law and its amendments.

The following are some points that may be helpful however the by-laws No. R-1232-2000-044, a by-law regulating signs on regional roads and By-law No. R-1232(a)-2006-074, a by-law to amend By-law No. R-1232-2000-044.

- No candidate shall place more than one sign per corner of each permitted intersection.
- Election signs shall be permitted only during a six (6) week period immediately prior to any election and shall be removed within 72 hours following the close of polls on Election Day.
- The requirement for a permit and fee shall be waived for election signs.

Election signs will be removed from Regional Road allowances by Regional Staff.

### **Election Signs – City of Toronto (Steeles Avenue)**

City of Toronto sign information within the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 693-5 to 693-15, Article II is available on the City of Toronto's election web-site available at [www.toronto.ca/elections](http://www.toronto.ca/elections). Candidates are responsible for following the City's municipal code.

The following is a summary of some important points to be advised of. Candidates should review Chapter 693 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code in its entirety.

The entire road allowance of Steeles Avenue is under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto.

Candidates who wish to place signs on public property **must** pay a \$250 sign deposit by cash, certified cheque or money order. No deposit is required to place signs on private property.

Any person who contravenes the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 693, Article II is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, is liable to a fine or penalty (see Set Fines for Elections Signs in the 'By-laws, Procedures and Forms' section).

Any candidates who wish to erect election signs on the north side of Steeles Avenue must abide by the provisions of the City's Municipal Code including a requirement for a \$250 deposit. Further information may be obtained from Municipal Licensing & Standards at 416-395-7010.

If a candidate has any questions or concerns regarding elections signs, or wishes to report an infraction, contact Municipal Licensing and Standards at 416-395-7010. These rules are under the jurisdiction of and are enforced by Municipal Licensing and Standards.

Please be sure to pick up a map from the Clerk's Department for specific information regarding election sign placement.

Since campaign workers may not be familiar with the laws, we are requesting your cooperation in distributing this information to those placing signs on your behalf.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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City Clerk