



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

**COUNCIL POLICY**

<b>TITLE: Election Signs on Municipal Property</b>	<b>NO. ADMIN - 69</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b> <p>This policy regulates the erection of Election Signs on Municipal properties, including road allowances.</p>	
<b>BACKGROUND</b> <p>The Federal and Provincial Election Acts prevent the Municipality from prohibiting the placement of election signs on municipal properties. However, such signage can be regulated in size and placement location by policy or bylaw.</p> <p>Election Sign means “a temporary sign erected to advertise a political party, or a registered candidate, in a Federal, Provincial or Municipal election”.</p> <p>Election signs shall not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Be placed upon municipally-owned parcels of land such as the Municipal Hall, Recreation Center or Public Parks;</li><li>b) Be placed upon municipal road allowances immediately abutting municipally-owned parcels of land or a public school;</li><li>c) Be placed within landscaped medians or traffic islands located within municipal road allowances;</li><li>d) Exceed 0.37 square metres (4 square feet) in size when placed on a municipal road allowance.</li></ul> <p>Any Election Sign may be removed by the Township:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) forthwith at the direction of the Director of Community Safety Services or Bylaw Management Officer if in their opinion the location of the sign poses a safety hazard; or</li><li>b) if the Election Sign does not comply with the regulations set out above and the candidate or candidate’s representative has failed to remove the Election Sign following 24 hours’ notice from the Township to do so.</li></ul>	

<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 14, 2014	<b>APPROVED BY:</b> Council	<b>REFERENCE</b> ADM-14-031	<b>REPLACES NO.</b> PLAN - 30	<b>PAGE 1 OF 1</b>
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