

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA

BY-LAW NO. 2004 - 15

Being a By-law to repeal By-law 2004-13 and to regulate the number, location and size of Municipal Election Signs within the Township of Essa.

WHEREAS The Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a Council of a municipality may pass a by-law for the prohibition or regulation of the erection of signs and other advertising devices;

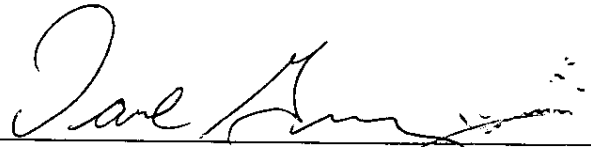
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Essa deems it advisable to have a by-law regulating the number, location and posting of municipal election signs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa enacts as follows:


- 1) Prior to any election sign being erected within the Township of Essa, a \$100. deposit must be submitted to the Township Clerk from any candidate wishing to post election signs. The \$100.00 deposit will be refunded upon satisfactory removal of all election signs. All candidates will be advised of this by-law and procedures upon filing their nomination papers with the Clerk.
- 2) The number of election signs that may be posted on public property will be limited to 150 for Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral candidates; 50 for each Ward Councillor candidate. There are no restrictions on the number of signs that may be posted on private property, with the consent of the owner.
- 3) No election sign will be larger than 4ft. x 4ft.
- 4) Where election signs have been posted in contravention of this by-law, the Township may:
 - a) Notify the owner, candidate or their agent to repair or remove the sign, or take the necessary action to make the sign comply with the provisions of this by-law within 24 hours; or
 - b) Remove the sign(s) and charge the owner, candidate or agent a fee in accordance with Item 1. Recurring offenders will waive their right to have the deposit returned.
- 5) No election sign may be located within 150 feet of any polling station, including the parking lot and road allowance in front of any polling station.
- 6) No election sign shall be located within 300 feet (150 feet in either direction from the driveway) across the frontage of the Essa Administration Centre.
- 7) No election sign shall be erected prior to Nomination Day.

- 8) Election signs must be removed within five (5) days following a municipal election. If they are not removed within this time frame, Township staff will remove the sign(s) and the deposit will be retained by the municipality.
- 9) No election sign shall be placed on any tree, post, utility pole, fence or attenuation wall on any municipal property or road allowance, and shall not:
 - a) obstruct the visibility of any pedestrian or driver, or obstruct the visibility of any traffic sign or device, or interfere with vehicular traffic in any manner;
 - b) obstruct openings required for light, ventilation, ingress, egress, or firefighting;
 - c) constitute a danger or hazard to the general public.
- 10) This by-law applies only to candidates and signage for Municipal Elections.
- 11) Signs may not be erected on private property without the express consent of the owner.
- 12) By-law 2004-13 is repealed and replaced by this by-law, public notice having been given in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 and By-law 2002-69, being the Provision of Notice by-law.
- 13) This by-law takes effect on the day of passing.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this the Third day of March 2004.



David Guergis, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk