

TOWN POLICY NUMBER: 006/2010

REFERENCE:

ADOPTED BY:
Council

SUPERSEDES:
008/2006

PREPARED BY:
Administration

EFFECTIVE DATE:
July 20, 2010

TITLE: Election Signage

POLICY STATEMENT

To establish a written policy, as approved by Council, regarding election signage guidelines. The Town of Rocky Mountain House wishes to ensure that election signs are placed in a manner that regards the amenities of existing developments, the respect of other candidates and the safety of the traveling public.

GUIDELINES AND POLICY PROCEDURES

1. Definitions

“Election Sign” means any sign used to promote a candidate or party during a municipal, provincial, or federal election, or any election held pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act.

2. Municipal Guidelines

- a) Election signs may be placed on private or public property (with the approval of the owner/public authority) provided that they shall not obstruct the view of or be liable to be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device or otherwise pose a potential hazard to traffic.
- b) Election signs must be placed in a manner so as to not obstruct signs placed by other candidates.

- c) Candidates shall remove their election signs from public property within 48 hours after the close of the voting stations on Election Day and ensure that the site is cleaned up and that the holes are filled with a mixture of topsoil and grass seed. If a candidate fails to remove his or her election signs, the Town of Rocky Mountain House may remove them and the candidate may be liable for the cost of the removal.
- d) When an election sign interferes with work being carried out by the Town work crews or contractors doing work on behalf of the Town, the crews may remove such signs. The Town will store these signs at the operations yard until 48 hours after the close of voting stations on Election Day. After this period, the Town will dispose of any signs which have not been picked up by the candidates.
- e) An election sign shall not exceed 3.0 square meters. **There is no permit requirement for these signs.**
- f) Election signs shall not be permitted at any time inside or on the outside of a building where an election or advance vote is taking place (**as stated in section 152(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act and amendments thereto**).
- g) Election signs must not be attached to trees, utility poles or any municipal structures.

3. **Provincial Highway Guidelines**

The Province provides information regarding regulation for signage on their highways. Please refer to these guidelines.