



Staff Report CL2021-036

Title of Report: CL2021-036- Election Sign By-law No. 2017-129
Amendment
Department: Clerks
Branch: Legislative and Council Services
Council Date: December 1, 2021

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CL2021-036 for information; and
That Council receive the Election Sign By-law draft amendments as information and provide comments to staff on the draft amendments; and
That Council direct staff to bring back a formal amendment to the Election Sign By-law for approval at the December 15, 2021 Council meeting.

Background:

Council approved the [Election Sign By-law No. 2017-129](#) at the October 17, 2017 regular Council meeting and the by-law is currently in effect.

Staff Comments:

Currently, the election sign by-law has provisions in Section 2 that prevent any election signs being erected on municipal property, which includes municipal road allowances.

Section 2.2 currently states the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this by law no person shall, affix, erect or otherwise display an election sign or permit an election sign to be affixed, erected or otherwise displayed:

b) within a sight triangle;

d) v.) is located on any municipal property;

Staff are proposing the following amendments to those two provisions:

~~b) within an intersection sight line triangle~~ Distance from Corner: All signs shall be placed in the none travelled portion, not less than a distance of 25 metres measured from the intersection corner at the edge of the travelled portion of one road and following down the other roadway. Setback Distance from Road: All signs shall be installed not less than 4 meters back from the edge (gravel, pavement or curb) of the travelled portion of the roadway;

d) v.) is located on any municipal property; except on a municipal road allowance permitting that any sign erected does not obstruct the view of any pedestrian or driver of a motor vehicle or obstruct the visibility of any traffic sign or device or where it may interfere with vehicular traffic potentially endangering any person and is in accordance with section 2.2 (b);

No other amendments to the by-law are being proposed by staff at this time. Staff believe the current by-law is quite restrictive in not permitting signs on municipal road allowances at all when that is the most common place that election signs are erected. Further, staff cannot effectively enforce the current by-law by removing signs that are placed in the road allowances during an election period.

Staff will continue to collect the sign deposit as per the By-law from all candidates whose intention it is to display signs. We haven't run into any issues in the past with candidates not picking up their signs following the election, so would like to continue this practice.

Staff would like feedback on the proposed amendments and direction from Council if further amendments should be explored.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications to the municipality as a result of this report.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments:

That Council receive Staff Report CL2021-036 for information and that Council receive the Election Sign By-law draft amendments as information and provide comments to staff on the draft amendments and that Council direct staff to bring back a formal amendment to the Election Sign By-law for approval at the December 15, 2021, Council meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

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CAO Approval: Original Signed By
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Attachments: None