

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF WAWA**

**BY-LAW NO. 2741-14**

**BEING A BY-LAW** to regulate Municipal and School Board Election Signs within the Municipality of Wawa.

**WHEREAS** Section 9 of the Municipal, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

**AND WHEREAS** Council of the Municipality of Wawa deems it desirable to have a by-law regulating Municipal Election Signs;

**NOWHEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa enacts the following as a By-Law:

**1. Definitions**

For the purposes of this B-Law:

- 1.1 “**Clerk**” means a person appointed by Council under the Municipal Act or designate, and who is the person responsible for conducting the election in the municipality in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 1.2 “**Jurisdiction**” means the Municipal boundaries for which a candidate is running.
- 1.3 “**Municipal Election Sign**” means any sign, poster or other advertising device posted by or on behalf of a municipal council candidate or a school board candidate.
- 1.4 “**School Board**” means the English Public, French Public, English Catholic or French Catholic school boards having authority over the Municipality of Wawa.

**2. Sign Deposit**

- 2.1 Prior to any municipal or school board election sign being erected within the Municipality of Wawa, candidates shall file a deposit fee of \$100.00.
- 2.2 Deposits must be submitted to the Clerk and may be in the form of cash, money order or cheque payable to the Municipality of Wawa.

- 2.3 Sign deposits are due and payable at the time of the filing nomination papers and prior to the erection of any signs for any municipal or school board candidates.
- 2.4 Election Signs must be removed within five (5) days following a municipal election. If not removed within this timeframe, the Clerk may direct that the signs be removed and the deposit retained by the municipality.
- 2.5 The Clerk's decision to retain the deposit shall be final and not subject to review.
- 2.6 In the event that the deposit fee is not retained, the Clerk shall direct the Treasurer to refund the deposit paid under this By-Law and upon satisfactory removal of all Election Signs.

### **3. Restrictions on Municipal Election Signs**

- 3.1 No Election Sign shall be larger than 4 feet by 4 feet (1.2 metres).
- 3.2 No Election Sign shall be located within 150 feet (45.72 metres) of the Voting Place, including the parking lot, road allowance front of the Voting Place.
- 3.3 No Municipal Election Sign shall be located within 150 feet (45.72 metres) of the Municipal Offices, including the parking area located adjacent to the Municipal Offices at 40 Broadway Avenue.
- 3.4 No Municipal Election Sign shall be erected outside of the jurisdiction of the municipality.
- 3.5 No Municipal Election Sign in the Municipality of Wawa for a candidate of another municipal jurisdiction.
- 3.6 No Municipal Election Sign shall be erected prior to Nomination Day.
- 3.7 No Municipal Election Sign shall be placed on any tree, post, utility pole, fence or wall on any municipal property or road allowance.
- 3.8 No Municipal Election sign shall be placed so as to:
  - 3.8.1 Obstruct the visibility of any pedestrian or driver;
  - 3.8.2 Obstruct the visibility of any traffic sign or device;
  - 3.8.3 Interfere with the vehicular traffic in any manner;
  - 3.8.4 Obstruct openings required for light, ventilation, ingress, egress or fire or medical emergencies;

3.8.5 Constitute a danger or hazard to the general public.

3.9 No Municipal Election Sign shall be posted on private property without the express consent of the owner.

**4. Removal of Signs**

4.1 Where Election Signs have been posted in contravention of this By-Law, the Clerk may notify the owner, candidate or their agent to remove the sign and take the necessary action to ensure that the sign complies with the provisions of the By-Law within 24 hours.

4.2 Where action is not taken under Section 4.1, the Clerk may direct that the signs be removed and the deposit retained by the municipality.

**5. Miscellaneous**

5.1 This By-Law applies only to candidates and signage for Municipal Elections.

5.2 Signs and Advertising Devices other than municipal or school board election signs shall be subject to the Municipality of Wawa's Sign By-Law.

**6. Force and Effect**

6.1 This By-Law shall be called the Election Sign By-Law.

6.2 This By-Law takes force and effective on the date of passage.

7. That the Mayor and Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the by-law and affix thereto the seal of the Corporation.

**READ** a first, second and third time and be finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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LINDA NOWICKI, MAYOR

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CATHY CYR, DEPUTY CLERK