



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall

Regular Meeting of Council

By-law 2026-19

Department: CAO
Division: Clerk Services
By-law Number: 2026-19
Report Number 2026-14-CAO
Meeting Date: February 23, 2026
Subject: By-law 2026-19 to Regulate the Placement of Election Signs within the City of Cornwall.

WHEREAS, The Municipal Act, 2001 authorizes municipalities to regulate signs; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Cornwall deems it necessary to regulate the placement of Election Signs; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

Election Sign: Any sign promoting or opposing a candidate, registered third party, or ballot question.

Candidate: A person nominated under the Municipal Elections Act.

Public Office: Any elected position at Federal, Provincial, Municipal, or School Board levels.

Road Allowance: Full limits of a public road including shoulders, ditches, boulevards, and sidewalks.

2. General Provisions

1. This By-law applies to all Election Signs within the City of Cornwall.
2. No permit required; compliance with this By-law is mandatory with no exceptions.
3. Stricter provisions apply where conflicts exist with other By-laws.
4. Nothing in this by-law permits signs were prohibited under the Streets By-law 056-2003.

3. Placement Restrictions on City Roads

1. No Election Sign shall be placed within any road allowance.
2. Signs must be at least 2 metres from the travelled roadway.
3. No signs within 15 metres of intersections.
4. Signs must be placed behind fire hydrants, utility poles, and sidewalks, minimum 20 feet from the road edge.
5. Prohibited Locations: sidewalks, traffic signs, guardrails, municipal trees, parks, buildings, walkways, and boulevards.
6. Private property signs require owner permission and must comply with Zoning By-law.

4. Placement on County Roads

Election Signs must:

1. Be on back slopes of ditches or near fence lines.
2. Maintain clear sightlines.
3. Avoid interference with maintenance operations.

5. Timing of Election Sign Placement

Municipal Elections

1. Signs allowed after filing nomination and not before September 1.
2. Federal & Provincial Elections
 - o Signs allowed after writ issuance or official notice.
3. Removal of Signs
 - All signs must be removed within 72 hours after Voting Day.

6. Voting Place Restrictions

Election Signs are prohibited:

1. Inside a voting place;
2. On surrounding municipal property including parking lots and walkways.

7. Size, Condition & Safety

1. Signs must be secure and not hazardous.
2. Must be in good repair.
3. Illuminated/animated signs are prohibited on public property.
4. Signs must not be placed within a sightline for vehicular or pedestrian traffic

8. Enforcement & Penalties

1. The city may remove signs placed in violation.
2. Costs of removal may be charged to responsible parties.
3. Fines may be applied for repeat or deliberate non-compliance.

9. Administration

The Clerk's Office administers this By-law and may provide interpretation.

10. Effective Date

This By-law comes into force upon passage and repeals all inconsistent provisions.

That the preambles above are true and are hereby incorporated into this By-law;
and

That Bylaw 2008-154 and Bylaw 2005-000 any other By-law inconsistent with this By-law are hereby repealed.

Read, signed and sealed in open Council this 23rd day of February 2026.



Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Interim City Clerk

Electronically signed on this 24th day of February, 2026

Justin Towndale
Mayor