



CANDIDATE GUIDELINES

Signs

Caledon, like many Ontario municipalities, has established regulations regarding election signs and campaign material. The Town wishes to take this opportunity to advise all municipal candidates within the Town of Caledon of some of these regulations as they relate to municipal properties, facilities and events. If you require further information, please contact us at 905.584.2272 x.4287

ELECTION SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CALEDON

General overview of the By-law provision relating to the display of election signs:

Campaign messages are not allowed on municipal property. The **Municipal Election Sign By-law** states no person shall display an election sign on municipal property. Municipal property is defined to include land or buildings owned by the Town of Caledon, the Region of Peel, or a local board (including public library, conservation authority, and school board).

There are two exceptions to this. Both exceptions are applicable only after September 13, 2010 (six weeks before Election Day), and must meet the following:

- (a) the sign must be attached to a poster sleeve if placed on a public highway;
- (b) the sign must be placed within the road allowance, under restricted conditions.

Signs and Campaign Material on Motor Vehicles:

- A motor vehicle displaying election advertising is considered campaign material and is not permitted on municipal property.
- Additionally, the **Municipal Sign By-law** states that no person shall use, or permit to be used, a motor vehicle as a sign or sign structure.
- In the event that any sign is found to be creating a safety hazard in any way, it is important to note that Town staff reserve the right to remove the sign immediately.

Signs and Voting Places:

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996, states that no person shall display campaign material or literature in a voting place. A “voting place” is any place in the vicinity of the voting locations designated by the Town Clerk – including buildings, parking lots, road allowances and sidewalks. “Campaign material” includes, but is not limited to, signs.