

May 2018

To all Candidates – 2018 Municipal Election

Re: Election Signs

The City of Cornwall has a By-law which regulates the placement of notices and signs on City streets and public property (walkways, parks, etc.). Violations of the By-law expose both the offender and the City to possible legal actions from a third party.

Generally speaking, By-law 056-2003 regulates the posting or erecting of any signs, posters, or notices within the right-of-way. This includes posting same on trees, posts, fences, etc., or erecting and/or placing signs on walks, boulevards and parks which are the property of the City.

This “Streets By-law” does not affect private properties which are subject to the Signs By-law and zoning restrictions as enforced by the Chief Building Official. The “Streets By-law” is designed to protect the public, utilities and utility workers from the hazards of indiscriminately placed or installed signs, posters and notices.

As well as the third party aspect, a penalty clause is incorporated in the By-law. Subsequently, in the past, when the Department of Municipal Works has been forced to take necessary steps to correct situations related to improper posting and placement of election signs, the offending individual(s) has been billed for any costs incurred by the City.

Sincerely,

The Corporation of the City of Cornwall

Manon L. Levesque  
City Clerk