



Re: MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ELECTION SIGNS

The following is an outline of the ministry's policy and regulations regarding the placement of election signs for Federal, Provincial and ***Municipal*** elections.

Election signs are prohibited on or adjacent to portions of the Highway 11/17 and Highway 61 (also known as the Thunder Bay Expressway) within the City of Thunder Bay, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and Shuniah Township. This prohibition also pertains to signs placed along all fences adjacent to the highway. **No election signs, whether on private property or not, are allowed to face the Thunder Bay Expressway.** These sections include;

- Highway 61 from Chippewa Road to the Harbour Expressway.
- Highway 11/17 from the Harbour Expressway to Lakeshore Drive.
- Highway 11/17 from the Harbour Expressway to 100 m west of Highway 130.

Once an election date has been called (official announcement) election signs may be placed on all other Provincial Highway rights-of-way but must adhere to the guideline listed below;

1. Election signs must be located no closer than 4 metres (12 feet) from the edge of pavement or beyond the ditch line, whichever is greater.
2. Election signs must not be affixed to any official signs placed by the ministry, to any guide rail or any other highway structures or fences and must not be placed where they interfere with an official sign, traffic signals, or any other safety devices including impeding visibility from entrances or sideroads.
3. Signs on the ministry right-of-way must not exceed 0.7 square metres (8 square feet) in size. Election signs on private property facing the highway must not exceed 3.7 square metres (40 square feet).
4. Portable or movable signs/trailers are prohibited on the right-of-way of a highway. Such sign/trailers may be utilized providing they are erected on private property and meet the requirements of the ministry for portable or movable signs/trailers.
5. Flashing, intermittent, or actuated lighting of any kind is not permitted.
6. All Election signs must be removed within three (3) working days of the Election Day.

Signs not retrieved by this time or are in violation of Ministry policy shall be removed/disposed of by ministry personnel...Costs incurred by the ministry will be charged back to the offending candidate/party.

Sign Permits will not be required for any election signs erected under the above instructions.

Candidate cooperation in this matter is most appreciated. Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Hanson @ 473-2089 or Kevin Ellis @ 473-2003.