Township of Langley

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Township of Langley
Bylaw Enforcement Division
20338 – 65 Avenue
Langley, BC V2Y 3J1

Dear Candidate,

Re: 2026 General Local Elections - Election Sign Use and Bylaw Compliance

The Township of Langley ("the Township") understands the need for candidates to reach voters through signage during an election campaign. The temporary placement and installation of political signs, including election signs, is regulated by the Township under Bylaw No. 6118.

This letter serves to provide notice to all political candidates and candidate representatives of the Township's provisions to ensure the Township's Election Sign Bylaw No. 6118 on proper placement, safe locating, and efficient clean-up of signs are adhered to.

We are providing the summarized key points below from our bylaw but strongly encourage you to review the entire bylaw attached with this letter, visit our webpage at tol.ca/electionsignuse, and share this information with your campaign managers, volunteers, and other representatives.

Our Approach

- **Awareness**: we provide the bylaw, information, education, and a process for reporting bylaw violations.
- **Compliance:** all signs are to be placed, located, and cleaned up in accordance with the bylaw.
- **Safety:** bylaw compliance helps ensure the safety of all users, including motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- **Responsiveness:** complaints will be promptly addressed to uphold the bylaw and ensure public safety.
- **Enforcement:** the Township may issue warnings, remove signs, or impose fines for repeated violations.

Timing of Sign Placement

For Township of Langley Local Government and School District No. 35 (Langley) Elections and By-elections, election signs may be erected from 9am on the 21st day prior to general voting day until four (4) days after general voting day. For these general local elections, that is from 9am on September 26, 2026 to the end of the day on October 21, 2026. Read part 3 of the bylaw.

Key Bylaw Points to Follow

- **Signs must meet size criteria** which can be read at tol.ca/electionsignuse or in part 6 of the bylaw.
- **Signs on public property** are strictly prohibited including on highways, sidewalks, boulevards, centre medians, islands, parks, bare land, buildings, and other public locations. Read part 4 of the bylaw.
- **Signs on private property** are permitted but must have the consent of the property owner, occupant, or strata corporation, prior to placement. Signs are self-supporting and are not affixed to any freestanding object, such as a fence, tree, or public utility infrastructure. Read part 5 of the bylaw.

- **Sightline obstruction** is prohibited at critical points such as intersections, driveways, and pedestrian crossings, which could pose safety hazards to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Read part 6 of the bylaw.
- **Obstruction of pedestrian pathways** by signs that block or hinder pedestrian movement on sidewalks or other walkways, causing inconvenience and potential safety risks are prohibited. Read part 6 of the bylaw.
- **Excessive signage** placed in a single area, which lead to visual clutter and safety concerns for drivers or pedestrians may be removed. Read part 6 of the bylaw.
- **Failure to remove signs after the elections** may result in signs being removed and fines being applied by the Township.

Enforcement
To avoid sign removal and possible fines, those who erect signs must follow the bylaw.

- If a violation of the bylaw is found by Township staff and/or a violation complaint is received from the public, private property owners/agents, candidates, or their representatives may be contacted to address the issue.
- Violations, such as those obstructing sightlines or signs placed in prohibited areas (e.g., medians, boulevards, intersections), will lead to the immediate removal of signs without prior notice.
- Violations will result in immediate sign removals and/or fines.
- Read part 7 of the bylaw.

Report a Complaint
To report a violation complaint of the Election and Political Signs Bylaw No. 6118, complete the online form at tol.ca/electionsignuse to ensure we have all relevant information to investigate your complaint.

Sign Retrieval
Signs removed due to a violation of the bylaw will be stored by the Township and can be retrieved by a candidate or candidate representative, or a person authorized by a candidate or candidate representative, at the following location during the outlined days and times.

- **Days:** Monday to Friday (starting September 28, 2026 and ending October 21, 2026)
- **Time:** 9am to 4pm
- **Location:** Township Site, 20570 – 102B Avenue**,** Langley (front of property – see map on our website at tol.ca/electionsignuse)

Election or political signs removed pursuant to the bylaw and not claimed within four (4) days after the period set out in the bylaw, become the property of the Township and may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Township, without notice to any person.

Recycling of Signs After the Election
The Township supports the recycling of election sign materials and is providing a sign drop-off station following the completion of the elections at the following location during the outlined days and times. NOTE: Signs are not accepted for recycling in your blue box. For those who are unable to attend during the designated drop-off days, signs may be disposed in your garbage bin.

- **Days:** starting October 19 and ending October 21, 2026
- **Time:** 9am to 4pm
- **Location:** Township Site, 20570 – 102B Avenue**,** Langley (front of property – see map on our website at tol.ca/electionsignuse)

Other Questions
If you have any questions, visit our webpage at tol.ca/electionsignuse, or contact the Township of Langley Bylaw Enforcement Division by email at electionsigncomplaints@tol.ca or by phone at 604-532-7551.

Yours truly,

Minh Kieu
Senior Officer, Bylaw Enforcement