

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL**

BY-LAW No. 2026-14

**BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE ELECTION SIGNS
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws regulating signs for safety, nuisance control, and protection of municipal property;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel wishes to establish clear, simple rules to protect public safety, maintain municipal neutrality, and safeguard municipal infrastructure during elections;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this By-law:

“Election Signs” means any sign, poster, banner, or device intended to promote or oppose any candidate or question in a municipal, provincial, or federal election.

“Municipal Property” means land, buildings, parks, facilities, or infrastructure owned or controlled by the Township of Evanturel.

“Intersection” means the area where two or more roads meet and includes a 6-metre sight triangle measured from the point of intersection along the edges of the roads.

“Polling Station” means the location designated for voter to cast their ballots on election day.

2. PROHIBITED LOCATIONS

2.1 No election signs shall be placed:

- a.** On Municipal Property: Municipal buildings, parks, facilities, or any municipal infrastructure.
- b.** On Poles and Devices: Hydro poles, utility poles, streetlight poles, and traffic control devices and signage.
- c.** At Intersections:
 - i.** Within a 6-metre sight triangle at intersections
 - ii.** In a location that obstructs sightlines
 - iii.** In a manner that interferes with safe vehicle or pedestrian movement

3. POLLING STATION PROXIMITY (ELECTION DAY ONLY)

- 3.1** On the day of an election, no election sign shall be located within **100 metres** of the polling station. The Township of Evanturel currently has **one polling station**, located at **414269 Brayan’s Road, Englehart, Ontario**.
- 3.2** Any such sign must be removed, **regardless of whether it is located on private property or a road allowance**.

- 3.3 Refer to Schedule A – Polling Station Proximity Map for the restricted area.

4. SIGN REMOVAL

- 4.1 All election signs must be removed within 48 hours, starting at 6:00 a.m. the day after the election.

5. ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1 The Clerk may have any election sign removed that does not comply with this By-law, without notice, and the owner will not be entitled to compensation.

6. EXEMPTIONS

- 6.1 Election signs placed on private property with the consent of the property owner, subject to safety restrictions, are permitted.
- 6.2 No additional regulations regarding sign size, number of signs, deposits, fees, or permit requirements are imposed.

7. ADMINISTRATION AND SEVERABILITY

- 7.1. The Clerk shall be responsible for the administration of this By-law.
- 7.2. The Clerk may establish procedures, forms, and instructions as may be necessary to implement and administer this By-law.
- 7.3. The Clerk may report to Council regarding any recommended amendments or improvements to this By-law.
- 7.4. If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this By-law is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such section, subsection, clause, or provision shall be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of this By-law shall remain in full force and effect.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE

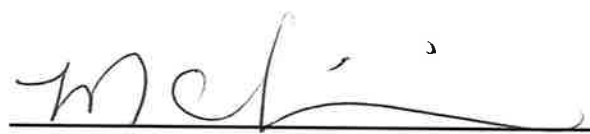
- 8.1. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its third and final reading.
- 8.2. All by-laws or resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this By-law are hereby repealed

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME, READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2026.





Derek Mundle, Reeve



Melissa Chenier, Clerk

Schedule A – Polling Station Proximity Map

