



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

BYLAW NO. 3810

*A Bylaw to provide for regulations of Election Signs and Advertising
for the conduct of civic elections and other voting.*

Whereas the Local Government Act, being Chapter 323 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996 as amended, and particularly Part 3 thereof governs the conduct of Civic Elections in the City;

And whereas it is deemed expedient by the Council to provide certain regulations for the purpose of clarifying and supplementing the Statutory Regulations;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Election Signs Bylaw, 2014, No. 3810".
2. The provisions of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be supplemental and complimentary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act* respecting the conduct of Municipal Elections and not in replacement thereof.
3. **Definitions**

City means the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam.

Election Sign means a sign promoting a political candidate, party or cause in relation to a federal, provincial, municipal, school trustee election or a public referendum.

Election Sign Locations means the areas permitted within this Bylaw as shown on Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this Bylaw that have been dedicated as the only authorized areas, besides private property, where election signs may be located within the boundaries of the City of Port Coquitlam.

General Voting Day means "polling day" under the *Canada Elections Act* or "general voting day" under the *Local Government Act*, *School Act* (BC) or *Election Act* (BC), whichever is applicable.

Political Organization includes:

- a) an "elector organization" within the meaning established in the *Local Government Act*;
- b) a "campaign organizer" within the meaning established in the *Local Government Act*;

- c) a “political party” within the meaning established in the *Election Act (BC) or Canada Elections Act*;
- d) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes the election of a candidate;
- e) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which approves or disapproves of a course of action advocated by a candidate or another political organization;
- f) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes an issue that is the subject of a referendum; and
- g) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes a recall or initiative campaign.

4. Election Signs (Advertising by Candidates & Political Organizations)

Election signs for federal, provincial, municipal, school trustee elections and referendums are permitted, provided that:

- a) the signs are not erected more than 10 days prior to the election or event (30 days for federal and provincial elections) and are removed within three days after the election;
- b) if on public property, the sign may only be permitted in the locations identified in “Schedule A” to this Bylaw;
- c) The number of election signs per candidate, per location, on public property, is restricted to ONE.
- d) On Advance Polling Days and General Voting Day NO ELECTION SIGNS may be posted within 100 metres of an active Polling Station.
- e) the Owners consent is given if the election signs are on private property. (Regulations regarding size, placement and permitted dates for posting Election Signs apply to those posted on private property as well as public) and private property does not include the front of private property being the public boulevard area;
- f) the sign area does not exceed 4ft by 4ft (16 sq.ft.); and no sign shall be above 8 feet in height from the ground including support material;
- g) the sign is not illuminated;
- h) the sign is not unsightly or dilapidated;
- i) the sign is not within one metre of a fire hydrant;
- j) the placement of the sign does not interfere with traffic sightlines at street intersections or with the safety of vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists;
- k) the placement of the sign does not obstruct, simulate or detract from any traffic control device;

- l) election signs are not permitted on any vehicles or trailers attached to vehicles and no advertising shall be undertaken by way of the use of a sound truck, unless that sound truck remains in a stationary position at a rally or meeting, and any authorizations required, have been received.
- m) the sign is not attached in any way to a tree, bush, planter, waste or recycling receptacle, newspaper box, mail box, sign post, bridge or overpass structure, or in any garden, park (unless authorized in Schedule A), boulevard or garden.

5. Removal of Signs

- a) Any election sign, advertising sign or poster which the Chief Election Officer (CEO) has reasonable and probable grounds to believe is erected or in place in contravention of this Bylaw may be removed by the CEO or by persons acting under the CEO's direction.
- b) An unlawful sign fine of a \$150 will be charged to the candidate or political organization in accordance with Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 2743, Schedule 8.

6. Use of City of Port Coquitlam Logo

Other than as authorized in writing by the City, no person shall display on any election sign or other election advertising a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the City.

Read a first time by the Municipal Council this 11th day of February, 2014.

Read a second time by the Municipal Council this 11th day of February, 2014.

Read a third time by the Municipal Council this 11th day of February, 2014.

Certified in accordance with the Bylaw authorizing the revision.

Adopted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam this 24th day of February, 2014.

Mayor

Assistant Corporate Officer

Schedule 'A'

Election Signs – Permitted Areas

- Site #1 - Shaughnessy Street boulevard, north of Nacht Avenue (from traffic 'pull-out' area to 2nd to last street light pole before Nacht Avenue – see attached map).
- Site #2 - Shaughnessy Street boulevard, north of Eastern Drive (between the parallel parking lot and the hydro power box – see attached map).
- Site #3 - Mary Hill Bypass boulevard, south of Pitt River Road (between the two street light poles – see the attached map).
- Site #4 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 1855 Kingsway Avenue (Esco) (from fire hydrant, west to driveway – see attached map).
- Site #5 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 2061 Kingsway Avenue (from fire hydrant, east to driveway – see attached map).
- Site #6 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, from Kelly Avenue north to Wilson Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #7 - Oxford Connector median – see attached map
- Site #8 - Coast Meridian Road boulevard, south of Salisbury Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #9 - Shaughnessy Street boulevard, between Manning Avenue and Lougheed Hwy. (from street light pole to crosswalk – see attached map).
- Site #10 - Westwood Street boulevard, south of Kitchener Avenue (along Sheila Barrett Park – see attached map).
- Site #11 - Maple Street boulevards (one on east side and one on west side), south of Kingsway Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #12 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 1275 Kingsway Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #13 - Coast Meridian Road (north of Coast Meridian Connector), from the path to the hydro box – see attached map.