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Corporate By-law Number: [Report Number]

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**TO:** Office of the City Clerk **FILE:**

**FROM:** Krista Power, Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk

**DATE PREPARED:** February 5, 2026

**SUBJECT:** A by-law to amend By-law 56-2022, being a By-law to manage and regulate Election Signs in the City of Thunder Bay, in the District of Thunder Bay.

**MEETING DATE:** City Council - May 5, 2026

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**By-law Description:** A by-law to amend By-law 56-2022, being a By-law to manage and regulate Election Signs in the City of Thunder Bay, in the District of Thunder Bay.

**Authorization:** Resolution – City Council – May 5, 2026

**By-law Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law is to amend By-law 56-2022, being a By-law to manage and regulate the placement of election signs for federal, provincial, municipal and school board elections and by-elections.

**Schedules and Attachments:**

**Amended/Repealed By-law Number(s):**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY  
BY-LAW NUMBER 100-2026

A By-law to amend By-law 56-2022, being a By-law to manage and regulate Election Signs in the City of Thunder Bay, in the District of Thunder Bay.

Recitals

1. The *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, subsection 5(3) provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law.
2. The *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, subsection 10(2) authorizes the municipality to pass by-laws respecting signs.
3. The City of Thunder Bay's Sign By-law was enacted on May 25, 1992, therefore it was necessary to enact a stand-alone by-law that regulates Signs for the federal, provincial, municipal and school board elections.
4. The City of Thunder Bay's Election Sign By-law was enacted on June 27, 2022.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 3. "Definitions" is amended by deleting subsection w) and subsection x).
2. Section 4. "**General Requirements**" is amended by deleting subsection 4.4.
3. Section 6. "**Timing**" is amended by deleting section 6.1 (a):

the Tuesday following Nomination Day of a referendum, a municipal question or a municipal or school board election or by-election; or

and replacing it with:

the day nominations open for a referendum, a municipal question or a municipal or school board election or by-election; or

4. Section 7. "**Locations in general**" is amended by deleting subsection 7.1:

No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign, in any ward that they are not officially nominated or registered in.

and adding the following subsections:

7.4 No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign on any traffic signal or traffic control device;

7.5 No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign that obstructs the City from entering the highway or any portion of it for the purposes of snow removal or any maintenance, installation or repair.

7.6 No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign on City Boulevard lands without the permission of the owner or occupant of the adjacent property.

7.7 No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign on any property without the property owner's or an occupant's consent.

5. Section 8 "**Election signs on private property**" is deleted in its entirety.

6. Section 9 "**Election signs on public property**" is deleted in its entirety.

7. Section 10 "**Election signs near voting locations**" is amended by deleting subsection 10.2:

No person shall, at any time erect, cause or permit to be erected, or maintain an election Sign or vehicle sign within 150 meters of a Voting Location except on Private Property.

and replacing it with:

No person shall, at any time erect, cause or permit to be erected, or maintain an election Sign or vehicle sign off Voting Location property but within 150 meters of a Voting Location except with permission of the property owner.

8. Section 11 "**Campaign office exemptions**" is deleted in its entirety.

9. Section 12 "**Removal or damage of election signs**" is amended by adding subsection 12.7:

The City, a public utility, or their agents may remove or relocate Election Signs in order to exercise any power authorized by law, including but not limited to carrying out municipal maintenance practices, or the construction and maintenance of a public utility, as determined by the City or in a public utility's sole discretion. In all circumstances the costs or losses associated with the replacement of an Election Sign shall be the responsibility of the Candidate.

10. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

Enacted and passed this 5th day of May, A.D. 2026 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

Andrew Foulds  
Speaker

Krista Power  
City Clerk