



## **Memorandum**

**Corporate By-law Number:** 100-2026-City Manager's Office-Office of the City Clerk

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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:** Report 101-2026 (City Manager's Office – Office of the City Clerk) – 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**Amended/Repealed By-law Number(s):**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 adding the following paragraph to subsection 3.1:
  - o.1) "Municipal Building" means any structure owned, leased, or occupied by the City for the purpose of providing services, administration, or operations. This includes, but is not limited to, City Hall, fire stations, libraries, community centres, recreational facilities, and public works depots.

2. Section 4. "**General Requirements**" is amended by deleting subsection 4.4.

3. 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 Roadway, Sidewalk, median, traffic island, traffic signal or traffic control device;

7.5 No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign that obstructs anyone from entering a Highway or a portion of it, or obstructs the City or a public utility from carrying out snow removal or any maintenance, installation or repair.

4. Section 8 **“Election signs on private property”** is amended by deleting subsections 8.2 and 8.3.

5. Section 9 **“Election signs on public property”** is amended by deleting subsection 9.1:

No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign on any Public Property, including City boulevards and highways.

and replacing it with:

No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign on any Park or, at or within 150 m of Municipal Buildings.

6. Section 9 **“Election signs on public property”** is amended by adding the following subsections:

9.2 No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign on a Boulevard abutting Private Property without the permission of the owner or occupant of the abutting Private Property.

9.3 Where not otherwise restricted by this by-law, no person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign on Public Property without the permission of the owner.

7. 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.

8. 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

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Speaker

Krista Power

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City Clerk