THE TOWNSHIP OF JOLY

BY-LAW 2026 – 020

Being a By-law to Regulate Election Signs
In the Township of Joly

WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by By-law;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 11(3), paragraph 7 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes the Township of Joly to pass By-laws respecting signs;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 63(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a By-law may prohibit or regulate the placing or standing of an object on or near a highway, and may provide for the removal and impounding or restraining and immobilizing any object placed or standing on or near a highway;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved the Council for the Township of Joly hereby enacts as follows:

1. No posters or similar election campaign material may contain the Township logo or in any way infer an official Township status.

2. No election campaign material, posters, etc. will be permitted on any municipal property (including website) with the only exception being along municipally maintained roads.

3. No election campaign material, posters, etc. will be permitted in municipal parks, vacant lands, municipal buildings and structures.

4. Posters or similar election campaign material shall be permitted along municipally maintained roads providing the following conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Clerk and/or Roads Department:

   a) That the visibility of intersections or private entrances is not obstructed and that an unsafe condition is not created.

   b) That the poster or similar campaign material is of sufficient texture and of proper installation that weather conditions will not displace the material and create a safety hazard on municipal roads.

   c) No election campaign materials along the municipal roads will be permitted to obstruct municipal roads operations, including roadside mowing, grading and construction operations.

5. Posters or similar election campaign material installed or affixed to poles belonging to Hydro One Network, Bell Canada or other public utilities will require the permission of these respective approving authorities.

6. The Township of Joly or any of its municipal employees or agents will not be responsible for investigating or prosecuting for any acts of vandalism to the election campaign material or posters of the candidates.

7. Should election campaign materials or posters be located on municipally owned property or on municipally owned road allowance which do not comply to the provisions of the By-law, the same shall be removed forthwith and stored at the Municipal Garage located at 871 Forest Lake Road and stored for one month.

8. Should any material be removed pursuant to the above paragraph, the candidate will be contacted immediately to pick up any such election campaign materials or posters. If the candidate fails to claim the material(s) within one month, the materials shall be disposed of by the Township.

9. All candidates will be required to remove all election campaign materials and posters along municipally maintained roads within one week of election day. Should such material not be removed, it will be considered refuse.

10. Candidates who are considering future election campaigns are encouraged to retain their signs for reuse.

11. That this By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing.

Read in its entirety, approved,
signed and the seal of the Township
affixed thereto and passed in Council
this 14th day of April, 2026.

Original signed
Mayor

Original signed
Clerk