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Placement of Provincial and Municipal Election Signs

With the upcoming Ontario election on June 7, 2018, and the Municipal election on October 22, 2018, I would like to inform you and your candidates about the ministry's policy on the placement of election signs along provincial highways.

The *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act (PTHIA)* provides the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) with the authority to control signing within 400 metres of a provincial highway.

The placement of election signs along provincial highways, including ramps at interchanges, is subject to the conditions and criteria outlined in the attached Election Sign Policy. It is important to note that election signs are permitted on the right-of-way or adjacent to most King's Highways (e.g. Highways 7, 124) but are not permitted on or adjacent to the right-of-way of a freeway (e.g. QEW, Highways 401, 11, 69). MTO has the authority to remove any signs that are not in compliance with this policy.

Please share this information with your candidates and anyone who will be placing election signs on their behalf. If you or your candidates have any questions about the attached policy, the criteria for a specific highway, or require more information, please contact your local MTO Highway Corridor Management Office. Contact information can be found at:

www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/highway-bridges/highway-corridor-management/index.shtml#HCM-offices

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

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Director

Attachment

Election Signs

An election sign must not be placed upon or adjacent to the right-of-way of a Class 1 Freeway or Class 2 Staged Freeway.

Election signs may be erected on the right-of-way or adjacent to a Class 2 undivided Staged Freeway, a Class 3 Special Controlled Access highway, a Class 4 Major highway or Class 5 Minor highway after an official election has been called.

Signs up to 0.7 m² (8 ft²) in size must be placed a minimum of 4m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement. Signs over 0.7 m² (8 ft²) and up to 3.7 m² (40 ft²) must be placed at the outer limit of the highway right-of-way.

Election signs may be placed on the right-of-way of a highway other than a Class 1 Freeway and Class 2 divided Staged Freeway, but must be placed at least 4m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement.

An election sign must not be affixed to a permanent or an official sign or to the guide rail or other highway structure or facility and must not be placed where it may interfere with visibility, an official sign, traffic signal, or other safety device.

Portable read-o-graph sign trailers are prohibited on the right-of-way of a highway. Such read-o-graph sign trailers may be utilized providing they are erected on private property and meet the requirements of the Ministry for portable read-o-graph signing.

Permits or Letters of Approval for any election signs erected under this policy are not required.

Candidate committees, or workers shall be allowed three (3) working days after election day in order to remove candidate advertising (election signs) from the Ministry right-of-way and adjacent properties.

Signs not retrieved by this time will be picked up by the Ministry patrol forces and stored in a safe place (patrol yard, etc.,) for a period of two weeks. After this time they will be disposed of.