

Candidate Frequently Asked Questions and Resources

In the interest of transparency, this document will be updated with responses to questions that are deemed relevant to those interested in running for office or those who are candidates in the municipal election. Following the close of the nomination period on August 19th, responses to questions and relevant resources will be provided via email to all registered candidates.

1. When can I begin to collect endorsement signatures (Endorsement of Nomination - Form 2)?

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing recognizes that many candidates will tend to look for their 25 endorsement signatures prior to registering and thus deem the practice of collecting endorsement signatures prior to May 2nd as acceptable.

2. MEMO: Campaign Office Signage under Non-Permit Sign By-law 08-4432

In response to an inquiry received regarding interpretation of the Non-Permit Sign By-law. Staff are issuing the following memo outlining our interpretation of the provisions of the by-law as they pertain to the erection of signage at a Campaign Office.

Section 5.6.5. of the Non-Permit Sign By-law states the following:

"No election sign associated with a municipal election shall be erected, located, or displayed earlier than ~~twenty-eight (28)~~ thirty six (36) days* prior to voting day, with the exception of signage at a Campaign Office.

In coordination with the Chief Building Official, staff offer the following comment on election campaign signage as it pertains to a Campaign Office:

1. Election Signage as it relates to a Campaign Office may be erected prior to 36 days before voting day so long as the signage indicates that the location is a campaign office. The signage may also indicate to which office the candidate is seeking election.
2. Campaign offices are permitted to be located within residential units.
3. A candidate may not have more than one (1) Campaign office.
4. Election signs fall under the non-permit sign by-law; however all candidates who intend to erect campaign office signage that does not conform to the election sign dimensions as established under section 5.6.2 of the by-law are to coordinate with the Chief Building Official to ensure compliance with the Building Code.

*thirty six days per by-law 18-4999 amending by-law 08-4432.

Questions about this memo or the Non-Permit Sign By-Law may be forwarded to the Clerk or Chief Building Official, Mike Donnelly, cc'd on this email.