



Elections Sign Policy (Form MW02)

(Effective April 30, 2018)

In order to protect public safety and public amenities in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, yet allow a candidate or political organization in a local, provincial, or federal government or school board election campaign to place signs for election purposes, the following policy applies:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Sign permits are not required.
- Signs must not be visible from any voting place.
- Signs must not be illuminated, animated, rotating, flashing or have moving lights or other electrical features.
- Signs must meet the requirements of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended.
- Elections signs for municipal or school board trustee elections or by-elections are permitted only within the municipal election period.
- Election signs for provincial or federal elections or by-elections are permitted only within the respective election period.
- Election signs for the purposes of a municipal or school board election are permitted once a candidate's nomination has been filed.
- Signs must be removed with three (3) days after the election period closes.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

Signs are prohibited on:

- Any municipally-owned property;
- Any public or private property that:
 - Are within one (1) metre of a fire hydrant;
 - Obstruct or detract from any traffic control device or signage;
 - Obstruct the line of vision at an intersection; or
 - Are placed in a manner that may constitute a hazard to pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles.

GENERAL ENFORCEMENT

- Signs installed in prohibited areas will be removed by Village of Merrickville-Wolford staff.
- Where there are immediate safety concerns or damage to municipal property, Village of Merrickville-Wolford staff will immediately remove the signs.
- The Village of Merrickville-Wolford will assume no responsibility for any damage to election signs where they are removed by Village of Merrickville-Wolford staff in prohibited locations.

ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Any damage to underground utilities or services as a result of election signs being placed on municipal property is the responsibility of the candidate(s) and their agent(s).
- Candidates and their agents are liable for any damage done to Village of Merrickville-Wolford property in placement of election signs on municipal property.
- Candidates and their agents should also reference applicable Provincial and Federal statutes and regulations for additional restrictions or requirements.