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Description Signs and sandwich boards are addressed through the Land Use By-law and the Municipal Planning Strategy as well as other By-laws. See below.

Notes

Policy Title: PHAC Policy on sandwich boards and off-premises signs on Town property
 Policy No.: 2002-5 Supersedes: N/A
 Effective Date: November 18, 2002 Approval By Council Motion No.: 9

Purpose:
 To ensure that Town signage on Town property reflects and enhances the Town’s culture and heritage.

Definitions:
 PHAC means the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee.

Policy Statement:

1. The attached applications for lease shall be used for all applications for sandwich board or off-premises sign on Town property.
2. This policy shall apply to all applications after the effective date of this policy. Signs under applications preceding the effective date of this policy are not affected.

Bylaw

LUB Section 4.18 Illumination

No person shall erect any illuminated sign or illuminate an area outside any building unless such illumination is directed away from adjoining properties and any adjacent streets

LUB Section 7.1.1 General (SIGNS)

7.1.1 Where this part is inconsistent with the regulations respecting advertising signs on or near public highways made or administered by the Province of Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Communications, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.

LUB Section 7.1.2

No person shall erect a sign without first obtaining a permit and no permit to erect a sign shall be issued unless intention to fulfil all the sign provisions of this By- law is shown.

LUB Section	7.10 Special Requirement: Business Signs for Uses in Residential Zone In the case of a business use permitted in a Residential Light Density (R1) zone or Residential Multiple (R2) zone, one sign which does not exceed 0.5 m ² (5.38 sq. ft.) in sign area, is permitted for each such use unless the use fronts on Saint George Street, in which case one business sign which does not exceed 1 m ² (10.76 sq. ft.) in sign area is permitted. In the case of an inn or a bed and breakfast in a Residential Multiple (R2) zone, one business sign which does not exceed 2 m ² (21.52 sq. ft.) in sign area is permitted or where the lot is in excess of 4,000 sq. m (43,057 sq. ft.) and the sign is set back from the property line at least 3 m (9.84 ft.), one business sign which does not exceed 4 m ² (43.04 sq. ft.) in sign area is permitted.
LUB Section	7.2.1 (Safety & Maintenance) Every sign and all parts thereof, including framework, supports, background, anchors and wiring systems shall be constructed and maintained in compliance with the Building, Electrical and Fire Prevention By-laws.
LUB Section	7.2.2 All signs and all parts thereof shall be kept in a good state of repair and maintenance and shall not be allowed to become unsightly or dangerous.
LUB Section	7.3.1 (Limit on the Number of Signs) For the purpose of this section, where a multiple tenancy building is occupied by more than one business, each business area shall be considered as a separate premises.
LUB Section	7.3.2 Notwithstanding anything else in this By-law or elsewhere, not more than four signs may be erected on any premises at any one time provided that: (a) a double faced sign shall count as a single sign; (b) signs enumerated in Section 7.4 of this Part shall not be counted in calculating the total; (c) not more than one ground sign shall be permitted on any one lot except in the case of a service station, where a maximum of two ground signs shall be permitted; (d) not more than one facial wall sign per wall shall be permitted for each business premises; and (e) not more than one projecting wall sign per wall shall be permitted for each business premises.

LUB Section 7.4 Signs Permitted in all Zones

The following signs are permitted in all zones and a development permit need not be obtained:

- (a) signs identifying name and address of resident and of not more than 0.2 m² (2.15 sq. ft.) in sign area;
- (b) "no trespassing" signs or other such signs regulating the use of property and of not more than 0.2 m² (2.15 sq. ft.);
- (c) real estate signs not exceeding 0.5 m² (5.38 sq. ft.) in sign area in a residential zone and 1.5 m² (16.15 sq. ft.) in other zones, which advertise the sale, rental or lease of the premises;
- (d) signs regulating or denoting on-premises traffic, or parking or other signs denoting the direction or function of various parts of a building or premise provided that such signs are less than 0.5 m² (5.38 sq. ft.) in area;
- (e) signs erected by a governmental body, or under the direction of such a body;
- (f) memorial signs or tablets and signs denoting the date of erection of a structure;
- (g) the flag, pennant, or insignia of any government, or of any religious, charitable or fraternal organization;
- (h) a sign having an area of not more than 4.5 m² (48.44 sq. ft.) incidental to construction and within the area designated for such purposes; and
- (i) signs relating to an election provided they are erected not more than forty five days preceding the ordinary polling date and are removed within seven days after the ordinary polling date.

LUB Section 7.5 Signs Prohibited in all Zones

The following signs shall not be permitted in any zone:

- (a) signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving illumination which varies in intensity or which varies in colour and signs which have any visible moving part, visible revolving parts or visible mechanical movement achieved by electrical pulsations or by actions of normal wind currents;
- (b) any sign or sign structure which constitutes a hazard to public safety or health;
- (c) signs which by reason of size, location, content, colouring or manner of illumination obstruct the vision of drivers, either when leaving a roadway or driveway, or obstruct or detract from the visibility or effectiveness of any traffic sign or control device on public streets and roads;
- (d) any sign which obstructs free ingress to or egress from a fire escape door, window or other required exit way;
- (e) signs not erected by a public authority which make use of words such as "STOP" "LOOK", "ONE-WAY", "DANGER", "YIELD" or any similar words, phrases, symbols, lights, or characters in such manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic along a public road;
- (f) any sign which no longer advertises a bonafide business conducted or a product sold;
- (g) signs on or over public property or public right-of-way, unless erected by a government body, or unless directed or permitted to be so located by order of a governmental body;
- (h) signs painted on a tree, stone, cliff or other natural object;
- (i) signs not related to any business or use located on the lot or premises unless specifically approved by Council;
- (j) portable signs on wheels or metal frames not affixed to the ground; and
- (k) search lights, pennants, spinners, banners and streamers, provided that on occasions such as grand openings, county fairs, public festivals, exhibitions and similar occasions, the same are permitted for a period not to exceed two weeks.

LUB Section 7.6 Projecting Wall Signs

No projecting wall sign shall:

- (a) exceed 2 m² (21.53 sq. ft.) in sign area;
- (b) project more than 2 m (6.56 ft.) from the wall upon which it is attached; and
- (c) hang lower than 2.5 m (8.2 ft.) above grade.

LUB Section	7.7 Ground Signs No ground sign shall: (a) extend beyond a property line or project over a right-of-way, other adjoining lands, daylighting triangles or any driveway or parking space; (b) be set back less than 1 m (3.28 ft.) from any street line, common lot boundary, driveway, aisle or parking area; (c) exceed 10 sq. m (107.64 sq feet); and (d) in the case of sandwich board or folding signs, be wider than one half the width of the sidewalk or 1 m (3.28') whichever is the lesser, and be without sufficient weight to prevent movement of the sign during periods of wind.
LUB Section	7.8 Facial Wall Signs No facial wall sign shall: (a) extend above the wall on which it is placed; (b) extend beyond the extremities of the wall to which it is attached; (c) project more than 40 cm (15.7") from the wall of the building to which it is attached; and (d) exceed 10 m ² (107.6 sq. ft.) in sign area.
LUB Section	7.9 Special Requirement: Roof Signs Roof signs shall be permitted only in a Comprehensive Development District and shall be subject to the following conditions: (a) roof signs must be designed and engineered to have no superstructure; and (b) the sign shall not exceed 1.5 m (4.92 ft.) in height and 15 m (49.21 ft.) in length and shall not project beyond any wall of the building.
MPS Section	22.7 Council shall provide clear signs, attractive entries, and convenient routing to the Town's commercial and tourist sites at all highway entrances to the Town. (also under streets)
MPS Section	23 The Town of Annapolis Royal is interested in the regulation of signs in order to present an attractive and orderly environment in which messages can be effectively conveyed for safety, direction, public information and commercial purposes. The Town has recently had a study on wayfinding completed and Council intends to implement some of its suggestions. Council will allow on-site commercial messages and limited directional and other messages throughout the community.
MPS Section	23.1 Sign requirements shall be included in the sign section of the Land-use By-law which, for public safety and visual appearance reasons, shall include provisions dealing with size, location, lumination, type and number of signs. In addition, certain types of signs, as specified, shall be prohibited completely or prohibited from specific zones, and other types of signs shall be permitted in all zones.

MPS Section 23.2

Signs on Town property or signs that are substantially part of the exterior of registered heritage properties shall be subject to review and recommendation to Council by the Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee. (under heritage as well)
