

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

This information is to be provided to all users of the list of electors

Confidentially of the List of Electors

The list(s) of electors that have been provided to you as a candidate is/are to be used for electoral purposes only. The list(s) cannot be inspected, disposed of or sold; such actions are prohibited and are a subject to possible prosecution [Municipal Elections Act, s. 40(6), s. 156]

Candidates are responsible to ensure that copies of the list(s) of electors are not retained, in any form, whether hard copy, electronic or otherwise. Hard copies (including physical media such as computer disks) of the list (s) of electors are to be returned to the clerk of municipality, and any electronic or other forms of the list(s) is/are to be destroyed or permanently erased

Please note that failure to return all copies of the list(s) of electors in our possession to the clerk on municipality with 7 days of the election, may result in the candidate's deposit being forfeited. [Municipal Elections Act, s.51(6)]

Information Kit for Prospective Candidates

The following is sample of information that can be provided to candidates by the municipality. You may also provide some of this information to prospective candidates, and some following the acceptance of their nomination.

- Candidates Guide
- Nomination form (Forms 11, 11B or 11C, as the case may be)
- Information about any required deposit, including how it is to be paid
- Letter to the candidate outlining significant matters and dates
- Candidate information sheet, which contains
- Identification information
- Contact information
- Any other information determined by the municipality
- Results of last election
- Calendar Guide
- Appointment forms for official agent (Form 17A) and poll agents (form 15)
- candidates campaign contributions Disclosure Statement (Form 40)

- Associations Campaign Contributions Disclosure Statement (Form 41)
- Written description or map (or both) of the polling district (note: for Mayoralty candidates, must provide the information for the whole of the municipality)
- Statistical information, such as the number of dwellings or household in the district (to assist with the distribution of campaign material)
- Confidentiality Notice for List of Electors
- Proxy voting information and applications for proxy votes (Form 21)
- Information about transfer certificate's and applications for the certificates (form 18)
- Information about posting and identification of campaign signs

Information on the posting of signs in public places:

From Bell Aliant

“Bell Aliant would appreciate your support in ensuring public safety by reminding candidates not to post campaign signs on utility poles. While the practice may seem harmless. There are some potential safety concerns to be aware of.

1. The signs themselves present a safety hazard for employees who must climb poles to complete their work.
2. The metal staples or clamps used to put up the signs often remain in the poles long after election is over. These items may cause an employee to lose his or her footing while climbing. This could also be a hazard for the general public who may happen to brush the pole while walking by.
3. These staples or clamps will cause the pole to degrade faster than it should making them more susceptible to damage, required maintenance or possibly replacement”

From Nova Scotia Power

“Nova Scotia power Inc. Does not permit the unauthorized installation of signs, banners or posters on power poles. These attachments, as well as associated

protruding nails and staples pose a safety hazard to our power line technicians, as well as employees with other utilities, who work on these poles”.

From the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has established the following practice regarding election related signage to coincide with the new Advertising Sign Regulations dated July 15, 2001, near provincial roadways.

Controlled Access Highways

(a) Election signs are not permitted within 1000 meters of the center line of a controlled access highway.

(b) Election signs are not permitted within 60 meters of the end of ramps or controlled access connectors onto connector/non-controlled access highways.

Non-Controlled Access Highways (Most Provincial Roads)

Note: The following “common sense” constraints apply:

- Signs should not cause hazard by obstructing sight distance at intersections, parking lots, driveways and to posted traffic control signs.
- Signs should be behind ditch line or minimum three (3) meters behind the curb.
- Sign erectors should have approval of adjacent property owner.
- Signs are not permitted to be attached to Department signs or guardrail/guideposts.

Enforcement Procedure to Be Followed by TIR Staff

(a) The practice as stated will be enforced.

(b) If a large wooden sign (1.2 x 1.2 meters or larger) is found to be in violation of policy, contact must be made with the candidate's office to advise that the sign is in violation and must be removed. For signs smaller than 1.2 x 1.2 meters, the candidate's office will not be contacted.

(c) For signs greater than 1.2 x 1.2 meters, the candidate's office will be advised that if the sign is not relocated within 24 hours, TIR staff will remove the sign. The sign will be taken down with as little damage as possible and stored at the local TIR base for retrieval by the appropriate person.

For signs smaller than 1.2 x 1.2 meters, the sign should be removed and stored at the TIR base until the end of the election period or the appropriate person contacts the Base in regard to collecting signs that may have been taken down.