

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

BY-LAW # 2026-016

Being a by-law to regulate the placement and display of election signs.

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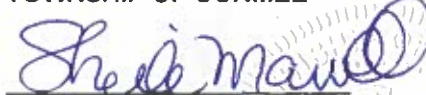
1. Council of the Township of Conmee has authority under the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to regulate matters related to municipal elections.
2. Council recognizes the need to regulate election signs within the Township in a manner that supports public safety, fairness, and orderly municipal operations.
3. Council has an existing policy governing the placement and display of election signs within the Township.
4. Council considers it appropriate to give that policy legal effect through a by-law in advance of a municipal election to ensure clarity and enforceability.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

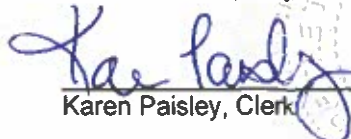
1. Schedule "A", attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, being Policy No. 21 – Election Signs, as amended, is hereby adopted and shall be enforced as a by-law of the Township of Conmee.
2. The Clerk is authorized to administer and enforce this by-law.
3. Schedule "A" may be amended only by by-law of the Council of the Township of Conmee.
4. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

Enacted and Passed this 26th day of May, 2026.

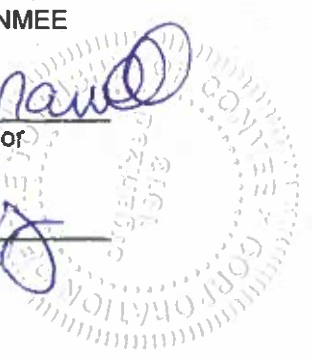
THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE



Sheila Maxwell, Mayor



Karen Paisley, Clerk



SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-016

POLICY NO. 21
ELECTION SIGNS
(As amended January 13, 2015)

Preamble

The Council for the Township of Conmee has determined that there should be a policy regulating the erection of election signs in the Township and on municipal property. This policy will enable the Township to inform the relevant parties of the procedure and allow the Township to remove signs that do not conform.

Scope

This policy applies to all registered candidates for Municipal Elections.

Definitions

"Candidate" - Shall have the same meaning as in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and shall be deemed to include a person seeking to influence another person to vote for or against any question or by-law submitted to the electors.

"Election Sign" - Means any sign advertising or promoting a candidate for municipal council.

"Municipal or Public Property" - Means property owned by the Corporation of the Township of Conmee.

Policy

No person shall erect, attach, place, or display an election sign except as permitted by this by-law.

Election signs shall not:

- be attached to trees;
- have flashing or rotating parts;
- be illuminated;
- simulate any traffic control device.

No person shall deface or wilfully cause damage to a lawfully erected election sign.

No person shall, at any time on voting day, including days when advance voting is held:

- a) place an election sign, or cause an election sign to be placed, on any premises used as a polling station; or
- b) place or cause to be placed an election sign, poster, or placard in or on a vehicle that is parked on any premises used as a polling place if the sign is visible on any voting day.

No person shall display the Township logo or crest, in whole or in part, on any election sign. Mobile signs are not permitted on Township property.

No person shall erect an election sign where it obstructs or interferes with a door or fire escape of any building.

Election signs shall be erected on private property only with the knowledge and consent of the property owner, including absentee owners.

Election Signs Placed on Public Property

No person shall place an election sign on any land or building owned or occupied by the Township of Conmee.

No person shall place an election sign on the public road right-of-way adjacent to any property or building owned or occupied by the Township of Conmee.

Election signs shall be permitted:

- on private property located north of Holland Road across from the Municipal Complex; and
- on the Highway 11/17 corridor adjacent to the Municipal Garage.

For the purposes of this section, the portion of Sovereign Road from the intersection of Holland Road north to the gate of the Conmee Public Landfill is exempt from the prohibition regarding the erection of election signs.

Election signs may be erected or displayed on municipal public highways, including municipal road allowances, provided the signs are not located on a bridge and are not placed so as to create an unsafe obstruction or visual impairment for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Nothing in this policy prohibits utilities that use the public road right-of-way from prohibiting, controlling, or removing election signs attached to utility equipment, including telephone or hydro poles or locator signs.

Timing

All election signs must be removed no later than ten (10) days after voting day.

The official candidate shall be responsible for removal of election signs within the prescribed time frame, regardless of who erected the sign.

Removal of Unlawful Election Signs

If a sign is erected or displayed in contravention of this policy, the sign shall be removed by Township officials.

Candidates shall be notified of the removal as soon as possible and shall have ten (10) working days to retrieve the sign. After ten (10) working days, the sign may be destroyed.

Liability for Damages

The provisions of this policy shall not be construed as relieving or limiting the responsibility or liability of any person erecting or owning a sign for personal injury or property damage resulting from the placement or removal of such a sign.