



## The Corporation of the Township of McGarry

### By-law No. 2026-20

#### Being a by-law to regulate Election Signs within the Township of McGarry

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws regulating signs for safety, nuisance control, and protection of municipal property;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry wishes to establish clear, simple rules to protect public safety, maintain municipal neutrality, and safeguard municipal infrastructure during elections;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry enacts as follows:

#### 1. Definitions

In this By-law:

- **“Election Signs”** means any sign, poster, banner, or device intended to promote or oppose any candidate or question in a municipal, provincial, or federal election.
- **“Municipal Property”** means land, buildings, parks, facilities, or infrastructure owned or controlled by the Township of McGarry.
- **“Intersection”** means the area where two or more roads meet and includes a **6-metre sight triangle** measured from the point of intersection along the edges of the roads.
- **“Polling Station”** means the location designated for voter to cast their ballots on election day.

#### 2. Prohibited Locations

No election signs shall be placed:

**On Municipal Property:** Municipal buildings, parks, facilities, or any municipal infrastructure.

**On Poles and Devices:** Hydro poles, utility poles, streetlight poles, and traffic control devices and signage.

#### At Intersections:

- Within a 6-metre sight triangle at intersections
- In a location that obstructs sightlines
- In a manner that interferes with safe vehicle or pedestrian movement

### **3. Polling Station Proximity (Election Day Only)**

On the day of an election, no election sign shall be located within 100 metres of the polling station. The Township of McGarry currently has one polling station, located at 1 – 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Virginiatown, Ontario.

Any such sign must be removed, regardless of whether it is located on private property or a road allowance.

Refer to Schedule A – Polling Station Proximity Map for the restricted area.

### **4. Sign Removal**

All election signs must be removed within 48 hours, starting at 6:00 a.m. the day after the election.

### **5. Enforcement**

The Clerk may have any election sign removed that does not comply with this By-law, without notice, and the owner will not be entitled to compensation.

### **6. Exemptions**

- Election signs placed on private property with the consent of the property owner, subject to safety restrictions, are permitted.
- No additional regulations regarding sign size, number of signs, deposits, fees, or permit requirements are imposed.

### **7. Administration and Severability**

1. This By-law may be administered by the Clerk-Treasurer or their designate.
2. If any section or provision of this By-law is declared invalid, it shall be severable and the remaining provisions shall remain in force.

### **8. Effective Date**

This By-law comes into force and effect upon third and final reading.

**READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

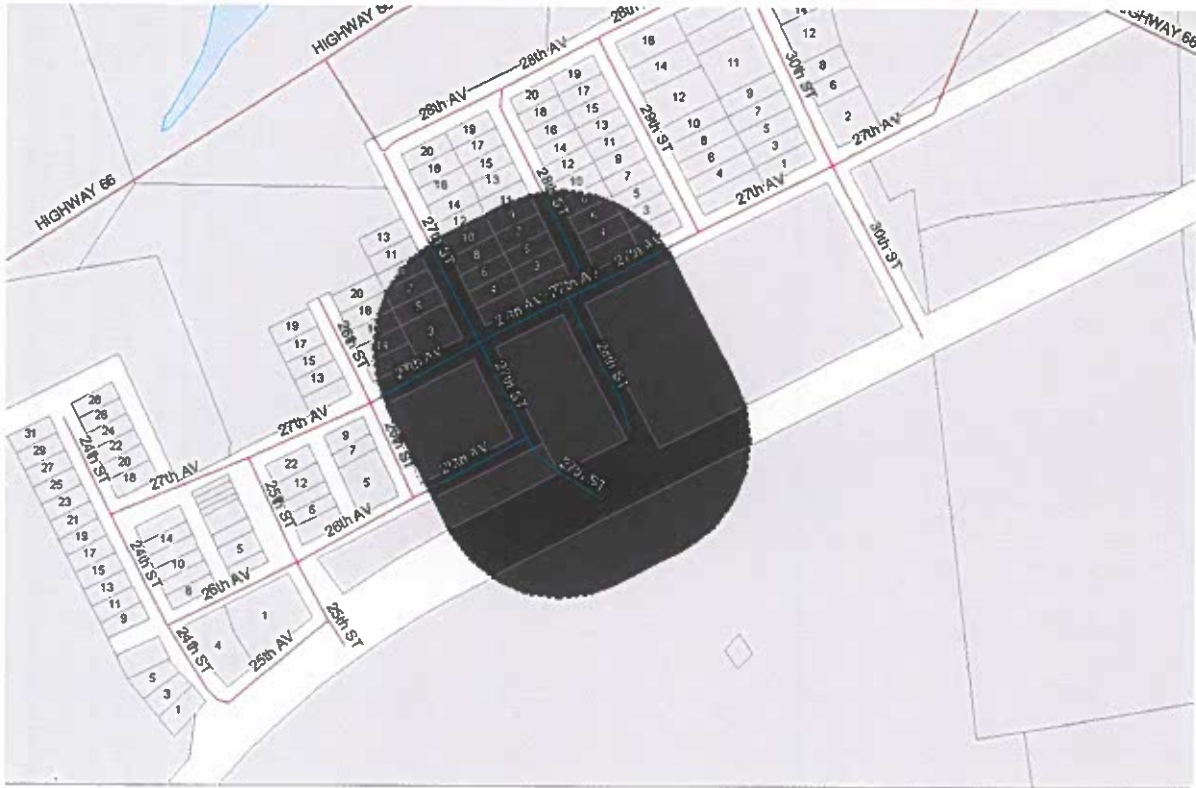
**READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk-Treasurer

## Schedule A – Polling Station Proximity Map

Title: Election Sign Restriction Area – Polling Station 1 – 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Virginiatown,



### Notes:

1. The 100-metre circle is measured from the lot line of the polling station property.
2. On election day, no election signs are permitted within this black circle, including on private property or road allowances.
3. The Township may remove any election sign that does not comply with this By-law, without notice.