

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

ELECTION SIGN BYLAW NO. 2463

A Bylaw to regulate the timing, placement, size, form, and appearance of election signs and election event signs within the District of Peachland

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Peachland has authority under the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* to regulate signs;

AND WHEREAS Council considers it desirable to ensure that election signs are displayed in a manner that is safe, orderly, and respectful of public spaces;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the District of Peachland, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts the following:

PART 1 – CITATION, INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as “Election Sign Bylaw No. 2463”.

1.2 INTERPRETATION

1.2.1 A reference to any enactment includes that enactment as amended, revised, consolidated, or replaced from time to time.

1.2.2 Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this bylaw.

1.2.3 If any portion of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the bylaw shall remain in force.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**” means a person appointed by Council to enforce District bylaws.

“**Chief Electoral Officer**” means the election official appointed by Council for an election or referendum and includes their deputy.

“**Council**” means the Municipal Council of the District of Peachland.

“**District**” means the Corporation of the District of Peachland.

“**Election Day**” means the final general voting day for an election, by-election, or referendum.

“**Election Event Sign**” means a temporary sign advertising an election-related event of limited duration, including campaign rallies, all-candidates meetings, voting information, or voting place locations.

“Election Sign” means a sign identifying a candidate, slate, elector organization, political party, or issue in a federal, provincial, local government, or school district election, by-election, or referendum.

“Highway” means a street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct, or any other way open to public use, but does not include an easement on private property.

“Lot” means a legally defined parcel of land, including Crown land.

“Sign” means any visual medium visible from a highway or adjacent property that conveys information or attention, including banners and placards, but excluding flags, interior window displays, and signs on motor vehicles not regularly parked for advertising purposes.

PART 2 – PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

2.1 PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

In accordance with the District of Peachland Sign Bylaw, a permit is not required for Election Signs and Election Event Signs, provided they comply with this bylaw.

PART 3 – PROHIBITIONS

3.1 GENERAL PROHIBITION

All signs not expressly permitted under this bylaw or the District of Peachland Sign Bylaw are prohibited.

3.2 SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Election signs and election event signs must not be placed on or attached to District-owned or District-controlled property except as expressly permitted under this bylaw.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, District-owned or District-controlled property includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) highways;
- b) parks;
- c) curbs, walkways, poles, hydrants, fences, or medians;
- d) traffic control devices or street name signs;
- e) District-owned or maintained tree wells; or
- f) any location that interferes with or creates confusion for traffic or pedestrians.

3.3 EXCEPTIONS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

Despite section 3.2, election signs and election event signs may be placed:

- a) within grass boulevards; and
- b) on District-owned lots specifically identified by the Chief Electoral Officer.

3.4 SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Election signs and election event signs on private property are permitted only with the consent of the property owner and must comply with this bylaw and all other applicable District bylaws.

3.5 SIGNS ON PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Any election sign or election event sign placed within a Provincial Highway right-of-way must comply with all applicable provincial enactments, approvals, and regulations, in addition to the provisions of this bylaw.

3.6 TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SIGHTLINES

No sign shall be placed in a manner that blocks or interferes with visibility for drivers, cyclists, or pedestrians at an intersection, driveway, walkway, or access point.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no sign shall be placed within 8.0 m of the point where two highways intersect, measured from the intersection along the edge of the roadway or property line.

PART 4 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

4.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS

- 4.1.1 Election signs for the purposes of a local government or school district election are permitted only during the election period, commencing on the first day of the nomination period and ending four (4) days after Election Day.
- 4.1.2 Election signs for the purposes of a federal or provincial election are permitted only during the applicable election period, commencing on the date the writ of election is issued and ending four (4) days after Election Day.
- 4.1.3 Election signs for the purposes of a federal, provincial, local government or school district referendum are permitted commencing thirty (30) days prior to Election Day and ending four (4) days after Election Day.

PART 5 – SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

5.1 SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS

5.1.1 Election event signs shall:

- (a) be placed so as not to obstruct, hinder, or interfere with the use of highways or walkways by motorists or pedestrians;
- (b) not exceed an area of 3.0 m² and a height of 2.5 m; and
- (c) remain in place only for the duration of the election event.

5.1.2 Election signs shall:

- (a) be placed so as not to obstruct, hinder, or interfere with the use of highways or walkways by motorists or pedestrians;
- (b) not exceed an area of 1.5 m² and a height of 1.8 m; and
- (c) be removed within four (4) days following Election Day.

- 5.1.3 All election signs and election event signs must clearly display:
- (a) the name and phone number of the person responsible for the sign; and
 - (b) the date the sign was posted.

PART 6 – ENFORCEMENT AND OFFENCES

6.1 GENERAL

- 6.1.1 The Chief Electoral Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officers, and any person designated by Council are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this bylaw.
- 6.1.2 The Chief Electoral Officer may order the removal of a sign which does not conform to this bylaw or any other bylaw of the District and, upon removal, will:
- (a) make a reasonable attempt to identify and notify the candidate or owner of the sign;
 - (b) store the sign for a period of one week; and
 - (c) following the expiration of the one-week period, destroy or otherwise dispose of the sign.
- 6.1.3 Despite section 6.1.2, a sign that creates an immediate safety hazard may be removed immediately without notice.
- 6.1.4 Any person claiming ownership of a sign removed pursuant to this bylaw may retrieve the sign from the District during regular business hours within the one-week storage period, upon providing satisfactory proof of ownership.
- 6.1.5 The District is not liable for any damage to or loss of a sign resulting from the removal, storage, or disposal of the sign pursuant to this bylaw.

6.2 RIGHT OF ENTRY

- 6.2.1 Upon direction by the Chief Electoral Officer, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall have the right of entry and may enter onto any land at all reasonable hours in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this bylaw have been carried out.
- 6.2.2 No person shall interfere with or obstruct the entry of an authorized District representative onto any land to which entry is made or attempted pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw.

6.3 OFFENCE

- 6.3.1 Every person who violates a provision of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) plus costs of prosecution.
- 6.3.2 Each day a violation of the provisions of this bylaw exists or is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

PART 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE

7.1 EFFECTIVE DATE

- 7.1.1 This bylaw comes into force and takes effect on the date of adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME, this 26th day of May, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME, this 26th day of May, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME, this 26th day of May, 2026.

ADOPTED, this 9th day of June, 2026.



Mayor



Corporate Officer

Dated at Peachland, B.C.

This 9th day of June, 2026.