



District of Lantzville

ELECTION SIGNS - 2026 General Local Election

No District sign permit is required for Election Signs.

Election signs are subject to the District of Lantzville Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 160, 2018, as well as applicable provincial legislation, and the requirements of other agencies as further explained below.

2026 KEY DATES REGARDING ELECTION SIGNS

- Campaign Period begins: Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Advance voting: Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- General Voting Day: Saturday, October 17, 2026
- District sign-removal deadline: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 160, 2018

"Election sign" means any sign installed to support the election of a candidate or political party at a municipal, provincial or federal level or public authority office, or providing information related to an election, political initiative, or referendum.

Election signs must not be placed on public or private property for a local government or school election before the Campaign Period begins. Signs, posters and handbills must be removed within seven days after General Voting Day.

Where signs are not permitted

- On District-owned or District-controlled property, including municipal property, parkland, buildings, fences, structures and landscaped boulevards.
- In a road right-of-way adjacent to a municipal facility, park or trail.
- Where a sign creates a traffic or sightline hazard, damages irrigation or landscaping, or hinders the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles.
- On Telus or BC Hydro poles, traffic-control devices, signposts, flagpoles or trees.
- On private property without the property owner's permission.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Bylaw the following terms have the following meanings:

"election sign" means any sign installed to support the election of a candidate or political party at a municipal, provincial or federal level or public authority office, or providing information related to an election, political initiative, or referendum.

10. SIGNS, POSTERS, PLACARDS & HANDBILLS

10.1 No **election sign**, poster, placard or handbill shall be erected or placed on property owned or under the control of the **District** excluding road right of way, unless:

- a) the road right of way is adjacent to a municipal facility, park or trail
- b) the election sign creates a traffic or sightline hazard as determined by the Director of Public Works.

10.2 A person shall not place, or permit to be placed, an **election sign** on public or private property, except in relation to local government and school elections and by-elections, until the start of the Campaign Period as defined in the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act and shall remove such election sign, posters or handbills within seven days after General Voting Day.



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Signs in a District road right-of-way

The District permits election advertising signs in a road right-of-way **only when all of the following conditions are met:**

- The sign does not limit visibility, create a safety hazard, or hinder pedestrian, bicycle or vehicle movement.
- The sign is not attached to a tree, signpost, traffic-control device, utility pole or flagpole.
- The sign is not illuminated.
- The sign is not placed on a vehicle or trailer parked mainly for advertising.
- The sign does not block access to a business or obscure a business sign.
- The sign is placed a safe distance from the roadway, shoulder edge or face of curb.
- If the sign is within 10 metres of a driveway, it is at least 3 metres from the travelled portion of the road.
- The sign does not obstruct required intersection sightlines.
- The sign is maintained in a safe and tidy condition and is removed by the applicable deadline.

Intersection visibility

At an intersection, signs must not create a visual obstruction within the sight-triangle area. The District's zoning requirements establish a six-metre visibility area measured from the point where the intersecting parcel lines meet. District staff may require a sign to be moved or removed where it interferes with visibility or traffic safety.

Voting place restrictions

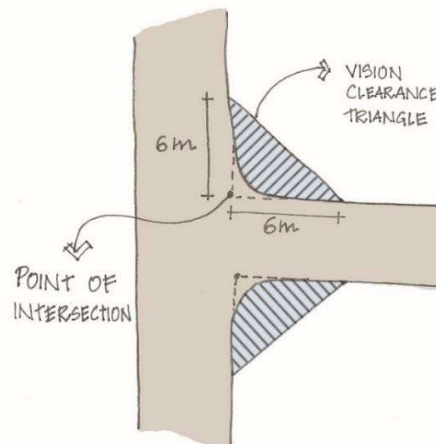
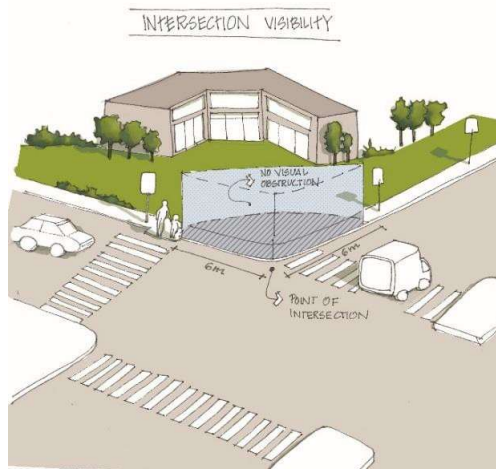
From 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on each voting day, election signs and campaigning are prohibited within 100 metres of Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road. This applies on October 7, October 14 and October 17, 2026.

- Do not display, distribute or wear material that supports or opposes a candidate within the prohibited area.
- Do not leave campaign signs, posters, flyers, buttons, vehicle signage or other advertising within the 100-metre area during voting hours.
- The map in Attachment 1 shows the approximate 100-metre prohibited area.

Maintenance and enforcement

Candidates should check signs regularly. Wind, weather, vandalism or construction activity can cause signs to fall, become damaged or create hazards.

District staff, Bylaw Enforcement or election officials may contact a candidate or sign owner to correct a contravention. Depending on the location and the risk created, a non-compliant sign will be covered or removed. Contact the District promptly to arrange recovery of a removed sign.





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Campaign financing and advertising requirements

Candidates, elector organizations and third-party advertising sponsors are responsible for ensuring that election signs and advertising comply with the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act and Elections BC requirements. Election advertising requires an authorization statement that identifies the sponsor.

- Confirm the required sponsorship wording before printing or installing signs.
- Use campaign funds and accounts in accordance with Elections BC rules.
- Direct campaign-financing, sponsorship and third-party advertising questions to Elections BC.
- Election advertising must not be transmitted to the public on General Voting Day.

Provincial highway rights-of-way

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit has separate requirements for signs placed in provincial highway rights-of-way. Attachment 2 reproduces Technical Circular T-03/18. Provincial rules may use a different removal deadline than the District bylaw, so the stricter or site-specific requirement must be followed.

- Provincial signs must be placed farther from the road than standard traffic signs.
- Signs must not obstruct, imitate or be attached to a traffic-control device.
- Signs must not create a traffic hazard or be placed on bridges, overpasses, tunnels or other highway structures.
- Certain provincial highways prohibit election signs.

Important distinction: sign removal deadlines

Location	Removal requirement
District-regulated locations	Remove no later than Saturday, October 24, 2026 - seven days after General Voting Day.
Provincial highway rights-of-way	Follow the current Ministry requirement for that location; Technical Circular T-03/18 states removal on the day following the electoral event.

Contacts

District of Lantzville Election Office: 250.933.8082 or 250.933.8081 | vote@lantzville.ca

District of Lantzville Planning and Community Services: 250.933.8083

Elections BC: 1.800.661.8683 | electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca

This document is a general guide. Candidates and advertising sponsors are responsible for reviewing and complying with all applicable legislation, bylaws, agency policies and Elections BC requirements.

Enforcement

You may be contacted by District staff or Bylaw Enforcement to correct sign placement contraventions. Dependent on the resulting traffic hazard, location on District property or Voting Day contraventions, District staff, Bylaw Enforcement or election officials will enter the property and remove or cover signs. Contact the District of Lantzville within 7 days to claim your sign. Complaints of *LECFA* sign offences will be forwarded to Elections BC.

Notify Elections BC if you believe someone has committed an advertising-related election offence – such as publishing advertisements without sponsorship information – or a campaign financing and/or election advertising offence. Contact Elections BC at 1.800.661.8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.

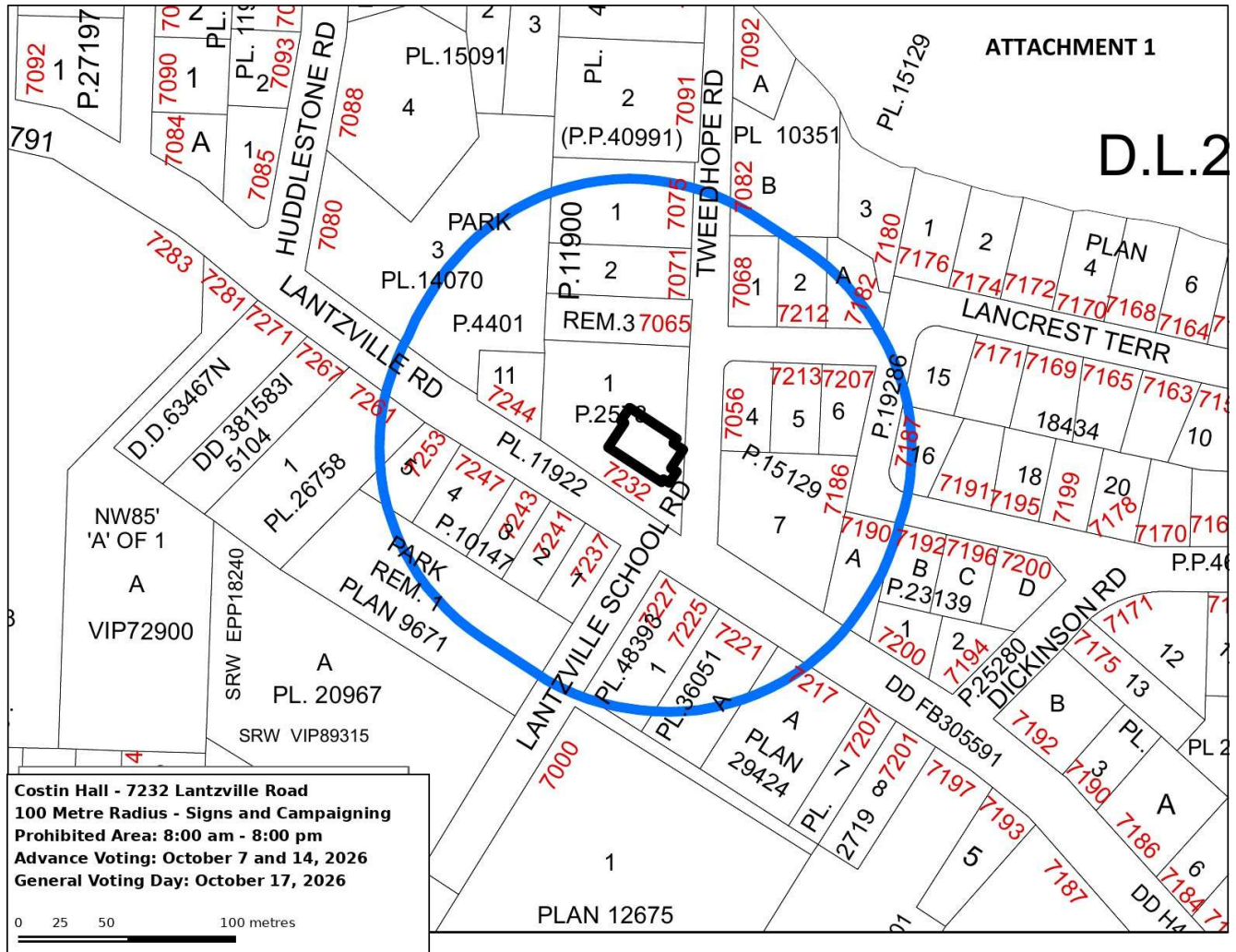


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ATTACHMENT 1

100 Metre Voting Place Prohibited Area

The blue circle shows the approximate 100-metre area around Costin Hall in which election signs and campaigning are prohibited from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on each voting day.



Voting days: October 7, October 14 and October 17, 2026

Date: April 1, 2025

To: All HQ Directors: Operations, Planning & Major Projects
All Regional Directors
All Engineering Directors
All Senior Traffic Engineers
All District Managers Transportation
All Project Managers
Manager, Provincial Sign Program
All MoT Highway Maintenance Contractors

Subject: Election and Referendum Signs and Posters Policy

Purpose:

This Technical Circular supersedes T-03/18 regarding election and referendum signing procedures found within the Policy Manual for Supplemental Signs.

Background:

An election sign for Federal and Provincial elections is a sign, poster or other notice posted during the period between the issue of a writ of election and general voting day, by a political candidate, political party, or election advertising sponsor registered with Elections BC or Elections Canada.

An election sign for general local elections

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections>), including municipality, regional district, specified parks board, local community commission, boards of education or the Islands Trust, is a sign, poster or other notice posted by a registered political party, candidate or election advertising sponsor. Signs may be placed only during the campaign period (campaign period as defined by Election BC) and must be removed on the day following the end of the electoral event.

A referendum sign for Federal, Provincial or Municipal referenda is a sign, poster or other notice posted during the period between the issue of a writ or order of referendum and the polling day for the referendum, by a referendum proponent, opponent, or referendum advertising sponsor registered with a Municipality, Election BC (<https://elections.bc.ca>) or Elections Canada (<https://www.elections.ca/home.aspx>).

A recall or initiative sign for a Provincial recall petition, initiative petition or initiative vote is a sign, poster or other notice posted between the beginning of a recall petition period, initiative petition period or initiative vote period and the end of the respective period as described in the Recall and Initiative Act, by a proponent, opponent, authorized participant, or a recall or initiative advertising sponsor registered with Elections BC.

Policy:

The Ministry conditionally allows signs in relation to election, referendum, initiative vote, initiative petition and recall petition (henceforth collectively referred to as "election signs") on highway rights-of-way, with the exception of any major highway structures and highways specified in the policy. Only individuals and groups registered in accordance with this policy may post signs on highway rights-of-way.

Procedures:

Election signs must:

- ▶ Only be installed by an individual or organization that is registered with a Municipality, Elections BC or Elections Canada to sponsor advertising, such as a political candidate, political party, registered advertising sponsor, a proponent or opponent, or an authorized participant.
- ▶ Identify the owner of the sign, and a BC telephone number or BC mailing address at which the owner may be contacted.
- ▶ Only be installed during the campaign period as established by Elections BC for local elections, or by the drop/issue of a writ for federal/provincial government elections and must be removed on the day following the end of the electoral event.
- ▶ Be further from the road than standard traffic signs.

Election signs must not:

- ▶ Obstruct, simulate or be attached to any traffic control device (e.g. signs, sign posts or traffic signal poles),
- ▶ In any way pose a traffic hazard,
- ▶ Be placed on bridges, overpasses, tunnels or other highway structures,
- ▶ Be placed on the roads/ramps of interchanges interconnected to the highways listed under prohibitions. Some interchanges located on highways found on the prohibition list may be approved for sign placement. Notice of placement approval, if granted, is obtained through the office of the District Transportation Manager where the interchange resides.
- ▶ Belong to unregistered individuals or groups (i.e., any group or individual that is not a political candidate, political party, or other authorized participant registered with Elections BC, Elections Canada, or a Municipality as required).

PROHIBITIONS

Election signs may not be placed on:

- ▶ Highways within Provincial Parks,
- ▶ Highway 1, from Horseshoe Bay to Hope;
- ▶ Highway 5, from Hope to Kamloops;
- ▶ Highway 19, from Duke Point Ferry Terminal to Trans-Canada Highway;
- ▶ Highway 19 - Nanaimo Parkway, from Trans-Canada Highway to Island Highway;
- ▶ Highway 19, Parksville to Campbell River;
- ▶ Highway 91 and 91A;
- ▶ Highway 99, from the US border to Horseshoe Bay
- ▶ Highway 17, from Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal to Highways 1/15
- ▶ Highway 17A, from Highway 17 to Highway 99; and
- ▶ Highway 97C, from Aspen Grove to Peachland

REMOVAL OF SIGNS

Signs in contravention of this policy will be removed from the highway right-of-way by the ministry. After advising the Regional Director of the number and location of the offending sign(s) and the name of the sign owner, if identified, the District Transportation Manager will contact the owner to discuss the reasons for removal and potential proper placement.

The removal of signs in contravention of this policy will be contingent on the workload of the Ministry's Road Area Maintenance Contractors, and how their tasks and available resources are prioritized and scheduled.

Signs not removed by the owners on the next working day following the election, referendum, initiative vote, initiative petition or recall petition will be removed by maintenance contractors. Maintenance contractors will invoice the identified owner for the cost of removal.

LEGISLATION

This policy is supported by the Motor Vehicle Act, Sec. 214 and the Transportation Act, Sec. 62.

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