

# Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

## Election Signage Policy

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Council of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, the following policy was adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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### 1. **TITLE**

This policy shall be known and cited as the *Election Signage Policy*.

### 2. **INTERPRETATIONS**

(a) *Council* – shall mean the Town Council of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's

(b) *Community* – shall mean the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's

### 3. **POLICY STATEMENT**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that election signs are used effectively and fairly within town boundaries, while not taking away from the esthetics of the community.

### 4. **APPLICATION**

This policy shall apply to all election signage that will be erected within Town boundaries.

### 5. **POLICY PROCEDURE**

These conditions shall apply only to political signage erected on a temporary basis and solely for the purpose of election promotion.

5.1 Signs will be permitted to be placed on Public Property only, or on private property with the expressed permission of the owner.

5.2 Maximum size of this class of sign shall be no more than 3.0 square meters.

5.3 Permits are not required.

5.4 Signs (for elections and bi-elections) will be permitted to be put in place on or after the date of Nomination Day as determined by the Town.

5.5 All signage shall be removed immediately within two days following the election. Any signage still in place at that time will be removed by the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's at the owner's expense.

- 5.6 Signs are to be checked periodically by the owner for damage and reinstatement.
- 5.7 Dilapidated or unkempt signs on Town Property may be removed by the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's
- 5.8 All election signs must be endorsed by a candidate, or political party, clearly on every sign. Failure to do so can result in removal of signage by the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's.
- 5.9 Election signs shall not be located as to cause obstruction to the traveling public or the work of the Council.
- 5.10 Election signs shall not be affixed or attached to existing municipal buildings, structures, or signs.
- 5.11 Newfoundland Power Notice – Candidates are advised to respect the requirements and notices from Newfoundland Power on the placement of election signs. Newfoundland Power issued a statement on election signage and advised that "signs or other obstructions or hazards are not allowed on or in close proximity to poles upon which workers are required to work."

6. **REPEALS**

- 6.1 None

7. **AMENDMENTS**

- 7.1 August 13, 2013, Motion 2013-298 (article 5.4 amended)
- 7.2 August 18, 2020, Motion 2020-183 (added articles 5.9 - 5.11)

8. **INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE / RESOLUTION**

- 8.1 March 12, 2013, Motion # 2013 - 107