

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 17th of December, 2025.

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

(c) *Candidate* – shall mean a person nominated for mayor or councillor in the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's with their Declaration of Qualification accepted and signed by the Returning Officer.

3. **POLICY STATEMENT**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Candidate 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 in accordance with Development Regulation 77. (2).

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 Permits are not required as per Development Regulation 77. (2).

5.2 Signs (for elections and bi-elections) will be permitted to be put in place on or after the date of the Nomination Day as determined by the Town once the candidate's Declaration of Qualification has been accepted and signed by the Returning Officer.

5.3 Signs are to be checked periodically by the owner for damage and reinstatement.

- 5.4 Dilapidated or unkempt signs on Town Property may be removed by the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's
- 5.5 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."
- 5.6 Government of NL – do not place signage on, or affixed to, GNL infrastructure, e.g. highway signs.

6. **REPEALS**

- 6.1 August 6, 2024, Motion 2024-320 (rescinded policy)

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)
- 7.3 December 17, 2025, Motion 2025-425 (reinstated policy)

8. **INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE / RESOLUTION**

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