

Lethbridge City Council

Adopted Resolution

City Council Meeting held
Tuesday, March 21, 2023



6.2. Election Signs within Road Right of Way

Councillor Crowson/Councillor Carlson:

WHEREAS the City of Lethbridge allows the installation of election signs within the public road right-of-way as outlined in an Administrative Guideline;

AND WHEREAS the election sign guidelines are designed to:

- Maintain safety for citizens using the right of way;
- Protect and maintain the life of public infrastructure within the right-of-way; and
- Ensure the right-of-way remains neat and orderly in appearance;

AND WHEREAS the number of signs creates visual clutter and unsafe distractions along the public road right-of-way;

AND WHEREAS hundreds of election signs were illegally placed in the right-of-way in the last municipal election and confiscated, requiring an additional fulltime employee during the election period just to manage the collection and distribution of the signs;

AND WHEREAS the Council and the City received complaints from the community about the signage;

AND WHEREAS the majority of the temporary election signs are made from single-use corrugated plastics which are not accepted for recycling in the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre, thereby generating additional volume of waste in the landfill;

AND WHEREAS the Land Use Bylaw permits the temporary use of signs on private property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council direct the City Manager to amend the Administrative Election Sign Guidelines to prohibit the installation of election signs within the public road right-of-way, effective immediately.

Prior to a vote on the Main Motion, the following referral motion was introduced:

Councillor Dodic:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this matter be referred to the Governance Standing Policy Committee meeting of April 27, 2023 for a fulsome discussion and public input.

In Favour: Mayor Hyggen, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Crowson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Paladino

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Parker, Acting Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Middleton-Hope

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