

Proposed regulation of Election Signs in Oakville.

Submission To Council from Chartwell Maple Grove Residents Association (CMGRA)

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Our council is considering revised regulations for Election signage. CMGRA offers the following comments to the Council regarding the proposed regulations.

1. In our view election signs are an essential part of the democratic process of holding elections. This is particularly important for new candidates who may not be known to the electorate. The signs provide a means of publishing their candidacy and affiliation to the voters in their area.
2. We support regulation of signs to address safety, sign wording appropriateness, and housekeeping.
3. The proposed detailed regulations (15 pages) appear to be excessive. Some residents may perceive that the proposed regulations support the view that Municipal government regulation has unnecessary red tape, which of course requires tax funds to prepare, promulgate and enforce.
4. It appears from the proposed regulations that homeowners may not place a sign on their own property without Town approval . Was this the intention of the author?

Signed

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