

Notice of Motion

Banning Municipal Election Signs on Regional Roads

Date

June 12, 2017

Moved By

Councillor David Pickles

Seconded By

Councillor Shaheen Butt

WHEREAS the use of municipal election signs on public road boulevards can create traffic and pedestrian safety concerns by blocking the line of vision, impeding traffic and pedestrians and signs blowing on to the roads. Signs also include iron bars, wooden sticks and wire that can create safety concerns even long after campaigns are over;

WHEREAS these signs are also viewed as aesthetically unpleasing as they are often vandalized and occur in large numbers for long periods of time and are grouped at intersections;

WHEREAS the City of Pickering passed a by-law in 2013 prohibiting campaign election signs on City of Pickering boulevards (along roads); therefore, the City of Pickering does not permit municipal election signs on its property and boulevards;

WHEREAS although there are Region of Durham by-laws in place to regulate election signs on Regional property and roads it is not a ban and given the size of the Region and availability of Regional resources to enforce by-laws, violations are frequent and long occurring thus presenting traffic and safety issues;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Pickering Council request the Region of Durham through the implementation of a by-law to ban municipal election signs from Regional property in the City of Pickering, including its roads and boulevards;

NOW THEREFORE this by-law be in place for the 2018 municipal elections;

NOW THEREFORE be it further resolved that this motion be sent to the Region of Durham and all Region of Durham municipalities.

Carried	