

Candidates' - Frequently Asked Questions

Campaigning

Q. *When can I start campaigning door to door?*

A. Candidates can begin campaigning once they have filed their nomination paperwork with the Clerk's Office. The campaign period begins once all the required forms and declarations have been signed in the presence of the Clerk or Clerk's designate.

Q. *When can I start advertising my campaign? (Flyers, Print Media, Letters etc.)*

A. Candidates can begin advertising their campaign in flyers, print media, letters or in a similar manner once their campaigning period begins. The campaigning period begins once a candidate has filed their nomination paperwork with the Clerk's Office.

Please Note: This does not include campaign election signs (i.e. lawn signs). Campaign election signs may only be placed during the designated period in the City of Orillia [Sign By-Law \(Chapter 832\)](#).

Q. *Do I require a canvassing form to campaign in apartment buildings, gated communities or condominiums?*

A. *Candidates do not require a canvassing form to campaign in apartments buildings, condominium buildings, non-profit housing cooperatives or gated communities. Candidates can campaign in these locations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. as per the Section 88.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.,*

Q. *Is my family allowed to campaign alongside me? Are they required to fill any forms to do so?*

A. Friends and family can assist your campaign as volunteers as soon as you have filed your nomination paperwork. There is no legislative requirement for volunteers to file with the City of Orillia to volunteer.

Q. *Am I able to use the City of Orillia logo in advertisements or while campaigning?*

A. No candidate shall use the City's logo, crest, slogan, etc., on any campaign materials or be included on any election campaign-related websites as per the City of Orillia's [Municipal Resource Policy \(1.11.9.4\)](#).

Q. *Am I able to campaign on Municipal Property? (Parks, Recreation Centres, City Centre, etc.)*

A. NO. Candidates are not permitted to campaign on Municipal Property. Candidates using Municipal Property for campaigning purposes will be contriving the City of Orillia's [Municipal Resource Policy 1.11.9.4](#). This includes Municipal parks, Recreation Centres, City Centre and other Municipal properties. If you are unsure on the ownership of the property please contact the Municipal Elections Assistant at kgill@orillia.ca for clarification.

Campaign Signs

Q. *When am I able to place campaign election signs?*

A. Candidates may place public campaign election signs 60 days prior (August 25, 2022) to the Election Day (October 24, 2022) in designated locations as per the City of Orillia [Sign By-Law \(Chapter 832\)](#).

Municipal election signs may be placed at campaign offices up to 90 days prior (July 26, 2022) to the Election Day (October 24, 2022).

Q. *Am I able to place campaign election signs in different wards?*

A. Campaign signs are not restricted to the Ward a Candidate is running in. Candidates are able to place campaign election signs in all wards, as long as they comply with all restrictions as per the City of Orillia's [Sign By-Law \(Chapter 832\)](#).

Q. *Can I display campaign election signs in my businesses' window?*

A. Campaign election signs are permitted to be placed in the windows of local businesses' beginning on August 25, 2022.

Q. *What should my campaign election sign include?*

A. Campaign election signs should explicitly state the individual who is nominated for office, as well as the office they are running for.

Ex. Joe Smith for Ward 3, Sarah May for Mayor of Orillia.

Q. *Can I place a campaign election sign on my vehicle? (Sticker, Window Covering, Signage etc.)*

A. Campaign election signs may be placed on vehicles beginning on August 25, 2022.

Q. *Am I able to place Election Signs on Public Property? (i.e. public parks, Recreation Centres, City Centre)*

A. No. Campaign Elections Signs are **NOT** permitted on any Municipally owned properties. This includes public parks, recreation centres, City Centre and other municipally owned properties. If you are unsure of the ownership of a property (public or private) please contact the Municipal Elections Assistant at kgill@orillia.ca for clarification.

If you have a question that has not been answered in this document and you would like clarification, please contact the Municipal Elections Assistant via email at kgill@orillia.ca or via telephone at 705-558-9546.