

Election Signs Amendment Bylaw – First Three Readings


RECOMMENDATION:

That “Election Signs Bylaw, 2014, No. 3810, Amendment Bylaw, 2025, No. 4411”, be given first three readings.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

On June 24th, 2025, Committee of Council supported changes to the Election Signs Bylaw be forwarded to Council for consideration.

OPTIONS (✓ = Staff Recommendation)

	#	Description
	1	Give first three readings to the Bylaw.
	2	Defer first three readings and request staff to provide further information (to be specified).
	3	Decline first three readings of the Bylaw, which will retain the existing Bylaw.

Attachment 1 – Bylaw 4411

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM
ELECTION SIGNS AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2025
Bylaw No. 4411

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw is cited as “Election Signs Bylaw, 2014, No. 3810, Amendment Bylaw, 2025, No. 4411”.

2. ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 The “Election Signs Bylaw, 2014, No. 3810” is amended in section 3, Definitions, by deleting the definition for Election Sign Locations and replacing it with the following:

“Election Sign Locations means the areas permitted within this Bylaw as shown on Schedule ‘A’ attached to and forming part of this Bylaw that have been dedicated as the only authorized areas, besides private property/infrastructure, where election signs may be located within the boundaries of the City of Port Coquitlam.”

- 2.2 The “Election Signs Bylaw, 2014, No. 3810” is further amended by inserting the following new section 4 and renumbering the remaining sections:

4. Sign Specifications (for all signs on public property and private property)

- 4.1 The number of election signs per candidate, per location, is restricted to one sign;
- 4.2 The sign face area does not exceed 16 sq. ft.;
- 4.3 The sign does not have more than two sign faces; and if the sign does have two sign faces, they must be parallel to each other;
- 4.4 A candidate’s sign is not attached to another candidate’s sign or supporting structure unless permission is given by the candidate or agent (Financial Agent for local and provincial elections and Official Agent for federal elections);
- 4.5 The sign must be no more than 2.4 m (8 ft.) in height from the ground including support material;
- 4.6 The sign is not in any way illuminated, electrified, animated, moving or flashing;
- 4.7 The sign is not unsightly or dilapidated;
- 4.8 The sign is not within one metre of a fire hydrant;

- 4.9 The placement of the sign does not interfere with traffic safety (ie. sightlines at street intersections, safety of vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists);
 - 4.10 The placement of the sign does not obstruct, simulate or detract from any traffic control device;
 - 4.11 The sign is not attached in any way to a tree, bush, planter, waste or recycling receptacle, newspaper box, mail box, sign post or any other City fixture; and
 - 4.12 Other than as authorized in writing by the City, no person shall display on any election sign or other election advertising a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the City.
- 2.3 The Bylaw is further amended by adding the following new section 5 and re-numbering the remaining sections that follow:

5. Timing

- 5.1 The sign must not be placed earlier than 7:00 am on the 30th calendar day before General Voting Day; and
 - 5.2 All signs must be removed within three calendar days after general voting day.
- 2.4 The Bylaw is further amended by replacing the section “Elections Signs – Public (City) Property”, with the following:

6. Election Signs – Public (City) Property

- 6.1 An election sign for federal, provincial, municipal, school trustee elections and referendums is permitted on public (City) property, provided that the sign location is within one of the 14 locations identified in Schedule A of this Bylaw; and
 - 6.2 No advertising shall be undertaken by way of the use of a sound truck, unless that sound truck remains in a stationary position at a rally or meeting, and any authorizations required, have been received.
- 2.5 The Bylaw is further amended by replacing the section “Elections Signs – Private Property”, with the following:

7. Election Signs – Private Property

An election sign for federal, provincial, municipal, school trustee elections and referendums is allowed on private property, provided that:

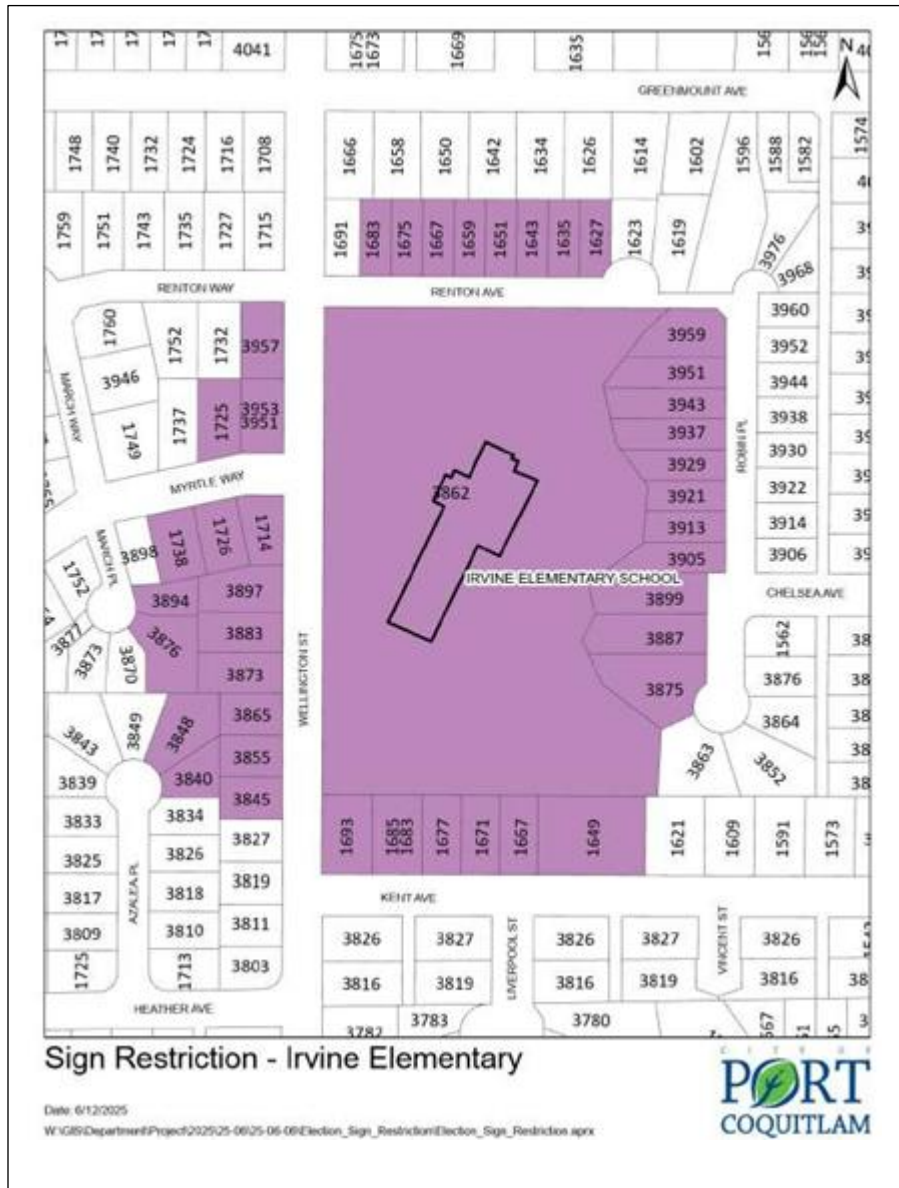
- 7.1 consent from the owner must be obtained prior to placement of the sign;

- 7.2 the sign must not be located on the boulevard, unless;
- i) there is a fence or hedge on, or immediately adjacent to the property line and the fence or hedge exceeds 1.2 m (3.9 ft.) in height; and
 - ii) the election sign is placed within 0.6 m (2 ft.) of the property line adjacent to the fence or hedge.
- 7.3 no advertising shall be undertaken by way of the use of a sound truck, unless that sound truck remains in a stationary position at a rally or meeting, and any authorizations required, have been received.
- 2.6 The Bylaw is further amended by replacing the “Enforcement” section as follows:
- 8. Enforcement**
- 8.1 A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may remove, and the Chief Election Officer may order the removal of, any election sign that is placed or permitted to be placed, in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw.
- 8.2 Election signs removed pursuant to section 8.1 will be stored at the City’s Public Works facility (1737 Broadway Street), back lot entrance before the gate, and may be claimed by a candidate or a person appointed by the candidate, until the fourth day after general voting day. If signs are not picked up by the deadline, they will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the City, without notice to any person.
- 2.7 The Bylaw is further amended in Schedule “A”, Election Signs – Permitted Areas by replacing Site #4 and Site #5 with the following text:
- “Site #4 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 1855 Kingsway Avenue (Saputo) (from fire hydrant, west to driveway – see attached map).
- Site #5 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 2061 Kingsway Avenue (Port Coquitlam Transit Centre) (from fire hydrant, east to driveway – see attached map).”
- 2.8 The Bylaw is further amended in Schedule “A” - Election Signs – Permitted Areas by adding a new Site #14 with the following text:
- “Site #14 - Fremont Connector – see attached map.”
- 2.9 The Bylaw is further amended in Schedule “A”, Election Signs – Permitted Areas by adding the new map for Site #14, as follows:

Site #14 – Fremont Connector



2.10 The Bylaw is further amended in Schedule “B” by replacing the map for Irvine Elementary, as follows:



READ A FIRST TIME this	day of	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME this	day of	, 2025
READ A THIRD TIME this	day of	, 2025
ADOPTED this	day of	, 2025

 Mayor

 Corporate Officer