# CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PLYMPTON-WYOMING

## BY-LAW Number 92 of 2015

Being a by-law to regulate signs within the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and may be cited as the "Sign By-law".

**WHEREAS** Section 15(1) and (4) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, authorizes the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming to pass by-laws to regulate signs within the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming (hereinafter referred to as the "Town") deems it necessary and expedient to enact a by-law to regulate signs within the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming enacts as follows:

- 1. DEFINITIONS For the purposes of this by-law, the following definitions shall apply:
  - 1.1 "**Abandoned sign**" means a sign that no longer identifies or advertises an activity, business, product or service, or identifies or advertises an activity, business, product or service which is no longer conducted or available on the premises on which the sign is located.
  - 1.2 "Banner" means a sign of non-rigid material displaying a message in words or symbols, but shall not include a flag.
  - 1.3 "Commercial" refers to any sign that pertains to a business operating on Commercial lands.
  - 1.4 "Day Light Triangle" means a triangle area formed within a corner lot by the intersecting street lines or the projections thereof and a straight line connecting them 6.0 meters from their point of intersection. A corner lot is a lot situate at the intersection of, and abutting, two streets, or parts of the same street.
  - 1.5 "Election Sign" means any sign advertising or promoting a candidate in a federal, provincial or municipal election, including an election of a local board or commission.
  - 1.6 "**Home Occupation**" refers to any business operating in compliance with the zoning regulations of the Town.
  - 1.7 "Owner" refers to the person, company, corporation or agency who is in lawful control of the premises that has a sign location.
  - 1.8 "Premises" represents the specific location for the installation of a sign.
  - 1.9 "Sign" means any identification, description, illustration or device which directs attention to, or advertises, any person, business, commodity, service or use.

### 2. REGULATIONS

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- 2.1 All proposed signage specifications including size, colours and location shall be approved by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. Signs shall be constructed of quality materials, able to withstand seasonal outdoor conditions and have a high-intensity finish. Signs proposed to be installed on buildings that are specified to be larger than ¼ of the main exterior wall of the building shall be subject to Council approval.
- 2.2 Maintenance of the sign(s) shall be the responsibility of the owner. Should any sign be in damaged or worn condition, the Town will notify the applicant in writing and request the necessary repairs shall be made, at the owners cost, within 30 days from the date of notice.

#### 3. PROHIBITED SIGNS

- 3.1 Any signs that create a traffic hazard or obstruct the view of motorists at any intersection.
- 3.2 No banner, stringer or advertising device shall be placed on any municipal property including road allowances without first having been approved by the Town.
- 3.3 Posters adhered to poles or the advertising of the like of garage sales may be placed only on wooden poles, not on metal or concrete poles.
- 3.4 No sign shall be located in or over municipal property except in the case of a building or structure having 0 metre lot line setback, in which case any sign shall be attached to the main wall of said building or structure.

### 4. BANNER SIGNS

- 4.1 Banner may be erected and maintained subject to the following provisions:
  - 4.1.1 all canvas/nylon banner are to be temporary signs at any given time;
  - 4.1.2 the banner shall be firmly anchored to a building face or other stable structure;
  - 4.1.3 the banner may project over a Town sidewalk or highway from one side of the road allowance to the other with Town approval;
  - 4.1.4 no banner shall be put in place for more than twenty-one (21) days preceding the event it advertises and it shall be removed within five (5) calendar days following the event.

## 5. TEMPORARY SIGNS

5.1 All temporary signs will not encroach upon public lands unless permission has been granted by the Town.

### 6. ABANDONED SIGNS

6.1 The owner of land on which a sign is erected shall remove the sign or cause the sign to be removed within fourteen (14) days of the sign becoming an Abandoned Sign. In the event that the sign(s) is (are) not removed within this time period, the Town or its agent(s) may enter upon the property and carry out the removal of the sign(s) at the expense of the owner.

### 7. ILLUMINATION/EXTERIOR LIGHTING

7.1 Lighting used to illuminate signs shall be arranged to direct light away from adjacent premises and streets.

#### 8. ELECTION SIGNS

8.1 Election signs may be located on municipal lands along the property line provided they do not interfere with permanent signs, traffic signals or other safety devices or day light triangles.

# 9. CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT/REAL ESTATE SIGNS

9.1 A sign having an area of no more than 9 sq. ft. (.8 sq.m) incidental to building, construction or real estate development shall be permitted on property where such construction or development is to take place and shall comply with the setback requirements for structures as delineated in the Town's Zoning Bylaw 97 of 2003.

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#### 10. HOME OCCUPATION

10.1 A sign displaying a business permitted as a home occupation shall comply with the regulations as delineated in the Town's Zoning By-law 97 of 2003.

# 11. ENFORCEMENT

- 11.1 The Town reserves the right to remove any sign found to be in violation of any part of this by-law and the cost to do so will be charged back to the owner accordingly.
- 11.2 A sign or signs erected on property owned by the Town without consent of the Town may be removed and disposed of by the Town, with or without prior notice, at the expense of the owner of the sign.
- 11.3 The owner constructing a sign under this by-law shall comply with all terms and conditions outlined in this by-law and any other applicable regulations.

## 12. BY-LAWS REPEALED

12.1 That all other by-laws or parts of by-laws inconsistent with this by-law are hereby repealed.

# 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

13.1 This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

By-Law read a first time, second and third time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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