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Dear Ward 20 By-Election Candidate:

As of November 5, 2023, Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest by-election candidates are allowed to put up and display election signs in Toronto. Elections signs may be displayed on private property, such as lawns and fences, with the consent of the property owner or occupant. Signs may be displayed on public property, such as boulevards or public utility poles on streets and roads; subject to certain restrictions. Detailed information about election sign rules and guidelines is available at www.toronto.ca/ElectionSigns.

The City of Toronto may remove election signs that are in conflict with the [Signs Bylaw \(Article II – Election Signs\)](#). Candidates will be notified by the City and provided information on when and where any confiscated signs can be retrieved. Any signs not retrieved may be recycled, destroyed or disposed of by the City.

The City of Toronto is pleased to offer recycling services for elections signs after the Ward 20 by-election on November 30, 2023. This supports the City of Toronto’s goal to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. The City of Toronto is accepting three (3) types of election signs for recycling, as well as wooden and metal stakes. This includes:

- Corrugated plastic (i.e. Coroplast)
- Fibre based (paperboard)
- Plastic film (i.e. "sleeve" style signs)

In accordance with the Municipal By-law, election signs must be removed within 72 hours following the day of the election. The deadline to remove signs is **Sunday December 3, 2023**.

Please bring any used and surplus election signs to the Bermondsey Transfer Station Drop-Off Depot for proper disposal. Signs will be accepted until **Monday December 18, 2023**. Note the hours for sign drop-off.

Drop-off Location	Hours for Sign Drop-Off	
Bermondsey Transfer Station 188 Bermondsey Road (North York)	Monday – Friday (24-hour operation)	Monday 6:00 a.m. to Friday
	Saturday	7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Disposal instructions:

- Separate all wooden stakes, metal supports and screws from the signs. Dedicated containers will be provided for each material.
- Consolidate plastic sleeve signs in a **clear** plastic bag and tie shut when full.

- Remove all staples from the signs. Staples damage recycling equipment therefore any signs with staples are considered as garbage and the regular fee will be charged.

Please DO NOT:

- Bundle your corrugated plastic signs.
- Mix signs made of different materials.

Disposal costs:

- There is no fee for dropping off separated clean corrugated plastic, paper fibre and plastic film election signs, associated supports and stakes for recycling.
- Unseparated mixed waste that includes election signs will be charged at our regular fee of \$171.25 per metric tonne of material.

If you require further information, please contact 311.

Yours truly,



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