

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

BY-LAW NO. 2008-56

BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE CERTAIN SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

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WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 11. (3), authorizes Council to pass by-laws with respect to structures, including fences and signs;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Severn deems it expedient to provide regulations for certain signs throughout the Township of Severn;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Definitions**

For the purpose of this By-law:

- 1.1 **"Sign"** shall mean any design or object intended for commercial or advertising purposes, creating a design and intended to be erected, located or affixed on any property. This shall include signs, flags, banners, pennants or lights. A sign required by federal or provincial statute or municipal by-law is exempt. Real estate subdivision signs, directional signs, open house, and for sale/sold signs are exempt.
- 1.2 **"Council"** shall mean the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Severn.
- 1.3 **"Municipality"** shall mean The Corporation of the Township of Severn and its officers or employees appointed to administer the provisions of this By-law.

2. **Regulations**

- 2.1 No sign shall be affixed or attached to trees, utility poles, streetlight poles, posts, or fences on any Township of Severn road allowance, right-of-way or municipally owned property.
- 2.2 Notwithstanding Section 2.1, signs advertising commercial/industrial or site specific uses approved under the Comprehensive Zoning By-law are permitted on site.
- 2.3 Council may, from time to time, arrange for the installation of community notice boards of various sizes, which may be made available for a fee or at no charge to businesses and community groups/associations for the purpose of advertising businesses or events.
- 2.4 Council may, from time to time, provide authorization in writing for community groups to assist in the removal of signs affixed or attached to trees, utility poles, streetlight poles, posts, or fences on any Township of Severn road allowance, right-of-way or municipally owned property.
- 2.5 No person shall erect any sign in a location, which obstructs or interferes with the normal flow of pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

2.6 This By-law does not include signs located on private property.

2.7 Property owners and business owners have 30 days from the passing of this By-law to remove existing signs which do not conform to this By-law.

3. **Penalty**

3.1 If any property owner or business owner contravenes any portion of this By-law by affixing or attaching signs to trees, utility poles, posts, or fences within 8 metres of any Township of Severn road allowance, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers are hereby authorized to remove the sign and dispose of same.

4. **Title**

4.1 That this by-law shall be known as the "**Sign Regulation By-law**".

5. **Force & Effect**

5.1 That this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

By-law read a first and second time this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2008.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2008.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

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MAYOR

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CLERK-TREASURER