



Township of
Leeds and the
Thousand Islands

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Vanessa Latimer, Clerk, Returning Officer
DATE: August 16, 2018
SUBJECT: Placement of Election Signs

The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands does not have a by-law governing the placement of election signs. We ask that the signs not be placed too close to the edge of the road, if putting a post in the ditches be mindful of underground utility lines. Election signs on private property, please ensure you have the permission of the property owner for the placement of the sign.

County Roads and intersections, the County has a stipulation that the signs are not placed such that it impedes the line of sight.

The Ministry of Transportation has an Election Sign Policy, a copy of which is attached.

Municipal Elections are administered by the Municipal Clerk, who acts as the Returning Officer under the authority of the Municipal Elections Act. Should you have any questions regarding the information on this website or the 2018 Municipal Election, please contact:

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Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands
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Election Sign Policy

Under the authority of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act the Ministry through the issuance of a permit controls all visible signing upon or within 400 metres of the provincial highway right-of-way.

Election signs placed by, or on behalf of, a candidate or a political party and signs designed to encourage citizens to vote must follow these restrictions governing election signs that are visible from a provincial highway system.

1. An election sign **must not** be placed upon or adjacent to the right-of-way of a Class 1 - Freeway or a Class 2 - Staged Freeway (i.e. Hwy 417, 416, etc). See attached typical diagram for freeway/staged freeway interchange election sign placement.
2. Election signs may be erected on the right-of-way or adjacent to a Special Controlled Access, Major or Minor Highway (i.e. Hwy 15, Hwy 34) **after an official election has been issued** or for **municipal elections** in accordance with any By-Law outlining a time frame for the placement of municipal election campaign signs.
3. Signs up to 0.7 m² (8 sq. ft.) in size **must be** placed at least 4 m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement. Signs over 0.7 m² (8 sq. ft.) and up to 3.7 m² (40 sq. ft.) **must be** placed at the outer limit of the right-of-way (i.e. fence line). Election signs **must not** exceed 3.7 m² (40 sq. ft.).
4. An "election sign" **must not** be affixed to a permanent or an official sign or to guide rail or other highway structure or facility and **must not** be placed where it may interfere with visibility, an official sign, traffic signal, or other safety device.
5. Portable read-o-graph sign trailers **must not** be placed upon a provincial highway right-of-way. Portable read-o-graph sign trailers may be utilized providing they are erected on private property that is zoned commercial and meets all the requirements of the ministry for portable read-o-graph signing.
6. A Sign Permit or a Letter of Approval for any signs erected under these instructions is not required.
7. Election signs **must be** removed from the Ministry right-of-way and adjacent properties within three (3) working days after Election Day.

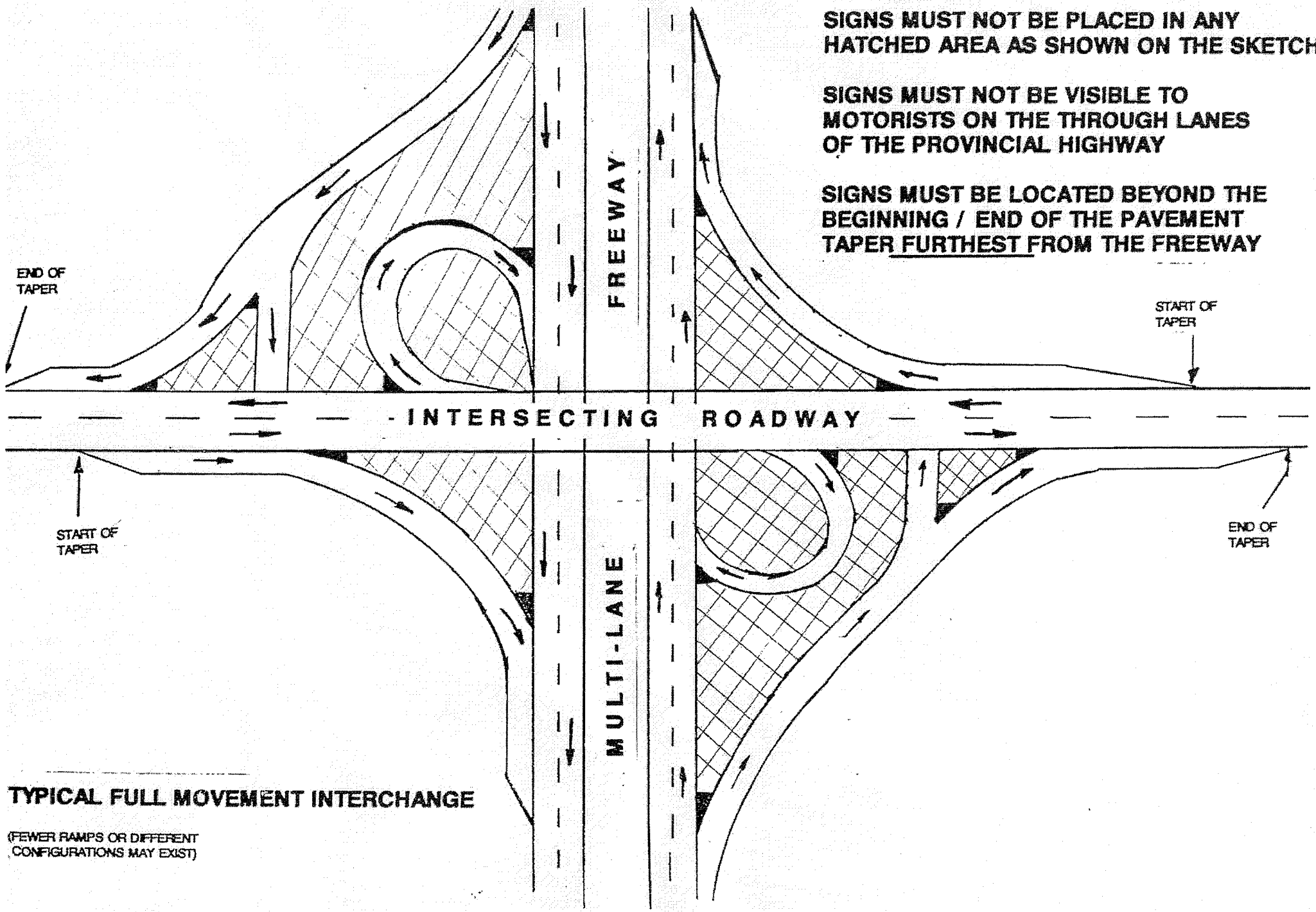
Please contact a Corridor Management Officer in your area, with the telephone numbers provided below, to obtain additional information. Thank you for your co-operation.

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SIGNS MUST NOT BE PLACED IN ANY HATCHED AREA AS SHOWN ON THE SKETCH

SIGNS MUST NOT BE VISIBLE TO MOTORISTS ON THE THROUGH LANES OF THE PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY

SIGNS MUST BE LOCATED BEYOND THE BEGINNING / END OF THE PAVEMENT TAPER FURTHEST FROM THE FREEWAY

TYPICAL FULL MOVEMENT INTERCHANGE

(FEWER RAMPS OR DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS MAY EXIST)