

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BILL NO. 74

BY-LAW NO. R-1232-2000-074

A by-law regulating signs on regional roads

**WHEREAS** Section 308.3 of the *Municipal Act* provides that the council of a municipality may pass by-laws permitting any person to place objects on highways under its jurisdiction, and for prescribing the terms and conditions upon which such objects are to be placed;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 32 of the *Regional Municipalities Act* provides that in respect of the roads in the regional road system the Regional Corporation has all the powers conferred upon the council or corporation of a city by the *Municipal Act* in respect of highways;

Now, therefore, the Council of The Regional Municipality of York HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In this by-law,

- (a) “**area municipality**” means the municipality or corporation of the Town of Aurora, the Town of Georgina, the Town of Markham, the Town of Newmarket, the Town of Richmond Hill, the City of Vaughan, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Town of East Gwillimbury, and the Township of King;
- (b) “**Director**” means the Region’s Director of Transportation Operations;

- (c) “**intersection**” means the intersection of a regional road with another regional road or with a road under the jurisdiction of another municipality;
- (d) “**new home development**” means a new residential building project which is the subject of one draft plan of subdivision or plan of condominium;
- (e) “**person**” means any individual, firm, corporation, association or partnership;
- (f) “**regional road**” means a road forming part of the regional road system under Part III of the *Regional Municipalities Act*; and
- (g) “**sign**” means any device for the purpose of direction, information, identification, advertisement, or business promotion.

## **2. GENERAL**

- 2.1 This by-law shall not apply to any sign placed by or under the direction of the federal or provincial government, a municipality, the Region, a public utility or a transit authority, or any other sign prescribed by statute.
- 2.2 This by-law shall not apply to temporary signs advertising charitable or community events, provided that such signs comply with policies adopted by Regional Council from time to time.
- 2.3 No person shall erect or display any sign on a regional road unless:
  - (a) a permit for the sign has been issued under Section 5 of this by-law; and
  - (b) the sign is placed in compliance with the provisions of this by-law.
- 2.4 Despite Section 2.3 of this by-law, no person shall erect or display a sign at those intersections listed in Schedule “A” to this by-law.

**3. PERMITTED SIGNS**

3.1 A sign may be placed on a regional road provided that:

- (a) the area of the sign does not exceed 1.49m<sup>2</sup> (16 square feet); and
- (b) the height of the sign does not exceed 1.22 metres (4 feet); and
- (c) the width of the sign does not exceed 1.22 metres (4 feet); and
- (d) the sign is displayed no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on any Friday and removed by no later than 6:00 a.m. of the following Monday, provided that where a statutory holiday falls on a Friday, the sign shall be displayed no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the preceding Thursday, and where a statutory holiday falls on a Monday, the sign shall be removed by no later than 6:00 a.m. on the following Tuesday; and
- (e) the sign is not placed in a location which impairs or obstructs the visibility or movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or the visibility of warning devices, railway, traffic or municipal street signs; and
- (f) the sign has affixed to it a sticker issued by the Region as evidence that a permit has been obtained under Section 5 of this by-law; and
- (g) the sign is located within 50 metres (164 feet) of the intersection of the road with the centre line of the intersecting road; and
- (h) the sign is not located on any centre median, traffic island, or centre boulevard within a road allowance; and
- (i) the sign is not located within a 5 metre (16.4 feet) distance from a fire hydrant, a transit shelter or a bus stop; and
- (j) the sign is not located within a 3 metre (9.8 feet) lateral distance from the edge of a road pavement; and
- (k) the sign is not located within a 10 metre (32.8 feet) lateral distance from a driveway pavement edge; and
- (l) the sign is maintained in a proper state of repair.

**4. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNS**

4.1 Subject to Section 2.4 of this by-law, the maximum number of signs permitted at each intersection shall be:

- (a) in the case of those intersections listed in Schedule “B”, eight (8) signs, with no more than two (2) signs permitted on any one corner; and
- (b) in the case of all other intersections, twenty (20) signs, with no more than five (5) signs permitted on any one corner.

4.2 In the event that the number of signs placed at any corner or any intersection exceeds the maximum number permitted under Section 4.1 of this by-law, the Region shall have the right to remove all the signs placed at such intersection or corner, without notice or compensation, notwithstanding that a permit has been issued in respect of such signs.

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS**

5.1 The Director is hereby authorized to issue permits for the erection and display of signs on regional roads.

5.2 Each applicant for a permit shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the Region and shall:

- (a) identify and describe in detail the sign for which the application is made;
- (b) agree to indemnify and save harmless the Region from and against any cost, claim, damages or loss whatsoever which arises from the issuance of the permit or the use or occupation of the regional road or anything done or neglected to be done in connection with such use;
- (c) provide and maintain in full force and effect public liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 naming the Region as an additional insured, and containing a cross liability clause, and the applicant shall produce evidence of such insurance upon request by the Region; and
- (d) submit the applicable fee as set out in Schedule “C”.

5.3 No more than twelve (12) permits shall be issued to any person.

- 5.4 In the case of a new home development, no more than forty (40) permits shall be issued in respect of each new home development.
- 5.5 A permit shall expire six (6) months after the date of issuance.
- 5.6 Upon expiry of a permit, the permit may be renewed for successive six (6) month periods upon payment of a further fee as set out in Schedule “C”.

**6. REVOCATION OF PERMIT**

- 6.1 A permit may be revoked by the Region without notice or compensation if:
- (a) the sign is not in compliance with the provisions of this by-law; or
  - (b) the sign does not conform to any regulation, law or requirements of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the area where the sign is placed.

**7. REMOVAL OF SIGNS**

- 7.1 A permit holder shall immediately remove or repair any sign which in the Director’s opinion is in a dangerous or defective condition, or which interferes with maintenance or construction operations.
- 7.2 Any sign placed in contravention of the provisions of this by-law may be removed by the Region, without notice. Any sign so removed shall be stored for thirty (30) days, during which time the permit holder may redeem such sign upon payment to the Region of the sum of \$50.00. Where a sign has been removed by the Region and stored for a period of thirty (30) days and has not been redeemed, such sign may be forthwith destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Region, without notice or compensation.

**8. ENFORCEMENT**

8.1 The provisions of this by-law may be enforced:

- (a) by a police officer;
- (b) by a by-law enforcement officer duly appointed by the Council of an area municipality; or
- (c) by any person appointed for the purpose by the Region.

**9. OFFENCE**

9.1 Every person who contravenes this by-law is guilty of an offence, and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, as amended from time to time.

**10. SCHEDULES**

10.1 Schedules “A”, “B” and “C” shall form part of this by-law.

**11. REPEAL**

11.1 By-law No. R-844-87-34 is hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 31st day of August, 2000.

Denis Kelly  
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Clerk

Bill Fisch  
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Chair

SCHEDULE "A"

Intersections where no signs are permitted:

Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) and Garden Avenue/Highway 7 Off-Ramp  
Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) and Carrville Road/16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Y.R. 73)  
Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) and Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25) East/West  
Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) and Wellington Street (Y.R. 15) East/West  
Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) and Eagle Street (Y.R. 5)/Eagle Street West  
Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) and Davis Drive/Highway 9 (Y.R. 31)

Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3) and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Y.R. 71)  
Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3) and Highway 7 (Y.R. 7)

Gorham Street/Water Street (Y.R. 5) and Prospect Street (Y.R. 34)

Keele Street (Y.R. 6) and Major Mackenzie Drive West (Y.R. 25)  
Keele Street (Y.R. 6) and King Road (Y.R. 11)

Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8)  
Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Leslie Street (Y.R. 12)  
Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Bayview Avenue Connection Road  
Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Yonge Street Connection Road  
Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Langstaff Road (Y.R. 72)  
Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Weston Road (Y.R. 56)  
Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Islington Avenue (Y.R. 17)

Mount Albert Road (Y.R. 13) and Yonge Street (Y.R. 13)/Queen Street  
Yonge Street (Y.R. 13/51) and Bradford Street (Y.R. 130)/Thompson Drive

Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) and Highway 7 Connection Road  
Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) and Carrville Road/Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73)

Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65) and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Y.R. 71)/Alden Road

Ninth Line (Y.R. 69) and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Y.R. 71)

16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Y.R. 73) and Highway 48/Main Street

SCHEDULE “B”

Intersections where a maximum of eight (8) signs are permitted, (two (2) per corner):

Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) and King Road (Y.R. 11)

Keele Street (Y.R. 6) and Highway 7 (Y.R. 7)

Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Jane Street (Y.R. 55)

Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Pine Valley Drive (Y.R. 57)

Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and McCowan Road (Y.R. 67)

Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65)

Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) and Bathurst Street Connection Road

Dalton Road (Y.R. 9) and High Street (Y.R. 9)

Leslie Street (Y.R. 12) and Davis Drive (Y.R. 31)

Leslie Street (Y.R. 12) and Mt. Albert Road (Y.R. 13)/Civic Centre Entrance

Leslie Street (Y.R. 12) and Farr Avenue/Mount Albert Road (Y.R. 13)

Leslie Street (Y.R. 12) and Queensville Sideroad (Y.R. 77)

The Queensway (Y.R. 12) and Metro Road/Morton Avenue (Y.R. 78)

Wellington Street West (Y.R. 15) and Dufferin Street (Y.R. 53)

Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) and Creswick Road/Highway 7 Ramp

Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) and Centre Street (Y.R. 71)

Pine Valley Drive (Y.R. 57) and Langstaff Road (Y.R. 72)

SCHEDULE "C"

FEES

Per sign for six (6) month permit	\$100.00
Per sign, each additional six (6) month permit	\$100.00