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## The Deep River Public Library

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# Rules for the Library and Political Elections

The Deep River Public Library strives to support the democratic process, freedom of expression, and informed discussion on political issues, while acting in non-partisan ways at all times.

The following rules provide guidance for the public, library staff, the library Board, and library volunteers in respect to advocacy and participation in municipal, provincial, and federal elections.

### Definitions:

1. **Library or Town resources** means real property, goods and/or services owned, controlled, acquired, and/or operated by the library or the Town of Deep River including but not limited to: materials, branding or visual identity, equipment, facilities, technology, Town databases, intellectual property and supplies.
2. **Campaigning** means any activity by or on behalf of a candidate or a political party meant to elicit support during the election period.
3. **Campaigning materials** means any materials used to solicit support during an election period, including but not limited to literature, banners, posters, pictures, buttons, clothing, or other paraphernalia. Campaign materials include materials in all media, i.e. print, physical and digital displays, advertising, and online platforms including websites and social media.

### Campaigning and Campaign Material:

1. Election campaigning or the distribution/posting of election campaign material at the library (as a municipal facility) is not permitted.
2. No person shall at any time erect a campaign sign on any Town property. Please refer to Town of Deep River bylaw 25-2015 for details.
3. The use of library or Town resources by Candidates for election purposes is not permitted.

**Town Facilities:**

1. No facility or Town property shall be rented or used for any election campaign purpose by any members of the public, Council, Candidates, Registered Third Party or function.

**Town and Library Resources:**

1. To ensure fair and consistent treatment so as to ensure the integrity of the electoral process and a fair and unbiased election, the library cannot make contributions to a candidate or a registered third party.
2. No Town or library resources are to be used for or by, or for the benefit of, any candidate or registered third party for their campaign activities, including, but not limited to, the use of:
  - a. Branding material or logos;
  - b. The Town or library's IT resources, including websites and social media;
  - c. Any Town or library function, whether on municipal property or not;
  - d. Photographs or videos owned by the Town or library.
3. Use of the library's resources, including computers, printers, and internet, as per regular library services is permitted. Normal fees apply and staff may assist within the scope of their regular library duties.

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