



Regulate Signs Bylaw No. 681, 1996

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

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SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT

BY-LAW NO. 681, 1998

A by-law to regulate signs.

WHEREAS pursuant to section 908 of the Municipal Act a local government may, by bylaw regulate the number, size, type, form, appearance and location of any signs;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District deems it advisable to regulate signage;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Interpretation and Administration

1.1 Title

This By-law may be cited for all purposes as “Sign By-law No. 681, 1998”.

2. Definitions

“Area” of a sign means the surficial extent within the outer edge of the frame or border, or, where there are no borders, the area within the shortest line circumscribing the letters, symbols, objects and things comprising the sign.

“Billboard” is a sign used or intended to be used for the purpose of advertising or calling attention to any person, matter, things, event or property that is not directly related to the business conducted on the parcel on which it is located, or on land within 400 metres of the parcel on which the business is conducted, and includes vehicle mounted signs.

“Board” means the Regional Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

“Community Identifying Sign” indicating only the common or customarily used name of a subdivision or community.

“Contractor’s sign” is a sign indicating only the name of a building under construction and the owner, financier, architectural and other consultants, contractor and sub-contractors involved in the construction of the building.

“Controlled Access Highway means a highway or portion of a highway designated “controlled access” by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

“Electric Sign” means any front-lit or rear-lit sign incorporating electrical lighting.

“Façade” means the area of a building wall facing a street, and for purposes of the calculation of percentage sign coverage, includes the exterior wall area of the first floor (and second floor if commercial space).

“Freestanding Sign” means and includes every sign standing apart from a building, and permanently affixed to the parcel or street.

“Grade” means the average finished ground level or street surface directly underneath a sign.

“Height” means the vertical distance from grade to the top of a sign in respect of its maximum height.

“Parcel” means any lot, block, strata lot or other area in which land is held or into which it is subdivided, but does not include a street.

“Roof Sign” means a sign erected above the roofline of a building.

“Real Estate Sign” is a sign erected or placed on a parcel and indicating that the parcel, or the parcel and other parcels with which the parcel is associated, are available for sale or lease.

“Sign” means any identification, description, illustration or device, which is visible from any street and which directs attention to a product, place, activity, person, institution or business.

“Signage Officer” shall mean the Secretary, Manager of Planning and Development, or the Building Inspector.

“Street” means and includes public places, roads, highways, lanes, alleys, avenues, thoroughfares, bridges, viaducts, squares, courts, courtyards, boulevards, sidewalks and rights of way open to the public.

“Temporary Banner” means a banner designed and placed to notify the public of an upcoming event that is in place for a period of less than twenty-one days.

3. Prohibited Signs

3.1 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are specifically prohibited within 400 metres of a controlled access highway, if erected on or after February 24, 1999:

- a) Billboards;
- b) Any sign having an area greater than eight square metres;
- c) Any sign having a height of greater than 5 metres;
- d) Banners, pennants, bunting, flags (other than temporary banners, national, provincial or municipal flags), balloons and other gas-filled inflatable devices;
- e) Roof signs and signs mounted or supported on the deck of a canopy or on any part of a balcony;
- f) Any flashing, animated, or chasing-border signs, or moving signs of any kind (other than the hands of a clock or temperature indicator);
- g) Changeable copy signs;
- h) Video signs, electronic message signs and any sign which incorporates animated visual messages which are projected on a screen or which changes copy electronically.

4. Special Regulations

4.1 Contractor's Signs

4.1.1 Contractor's signs are permitted subject to the following regulations where erected on or after February 24, 1999 and located within 400 metres of a controlled access highway:

- a) one contractor's sign up to a maximum of 1.0 m² may be erected on the site of a single family dwelling or duplex under construction in a residential area;
- b) one contractor's sign up to a maximum area of 3.0 m², may be erected on the site of a building under construction other than a single family dwelling or duplex in any area of the Regional District.
- c) maximum height of 2.4 m;
- d) all contractor's signs shall be removed within seven days of the owner requesting a final building inspection;

4.2 Community Identification

4.2.1 Community Identification signs are subject to the following regulations where erected on or after February 24, 1999 and located within 400 metres of a controlled access highway:

- a) maximum sign 8.0 m²;
- c) no more than 2 signs per community;

4.3 Real Estate Signs

4.3.1 Real estate signs are subject to the following regulations where erected on or after February 24, 1999 and located within 400 metres of a controlled access highway:

- a) one sign per parcel up to a maximum area of 4.0 m² not more than five signs per development or project;
- b) maximum height of 3.0 m;
- c) not more than one sign may be placed or erected on the parcel to which it relates;
- d) signs shall be removed not later than two weeks after the sale, rental or lease of the parcel(s) or if it is otherwise taken off the market.
- e) may be combined with community identification signs, provided the total area does not exceed 8.0 m².

5. General Provisions and Specifications

5.1 The keeping, placing alteration or erection of any sign shall be in conformity with all of the provisions of this by-law and any other applicable Regional District By-laws.

5.2 If at any time any sign does not conform in every respect with the provisions of this By-law or any other By-law applicable thereto, or if any sign is in the opinion of the Signage Officer, in an unsafe or defective condition or in disrepair, or if the information on the sign has become obsolete due to changed use or occupancy of the parcel, the Signage Officer may give notice to the owner of such sign, or owner or occupier of the parcel or premise upon which it is displayed, to repair or remove the same within the period specified in the notice. It shall be the duty of such owner to repair or remove such sign in accordance with the said notice, failing which the Board may authorize the removal of said sign according to Section 698 of the *Municipal Act*.

5.3 Signs, sign structures and fastenings shall be designed constructed and maintained to comply with the provisions of this By-law and of the *British Columbia Building Regulations* as amended from time to time.

5.4 No sign, guy, stay or attachment thereto shall be erected, laced, or maintained by any person in such a manner as to contact or interfere with any electric light, power or telephone wires or their supports, or the free use of any existing or means of egress.

5.5 Appeals

5.5.1 An appeal may be made to the Board by way of a Development Variance Permit Application for permission to place, erect or maintain a sign that would otherwise contravene this By-law.

5.6 Board Authorization

- 5.6.1 The Board hereby authorizes the Signage Officer to remove, detain, or impound a sign occupying a portion of any Regional District property or right-of-way.
- 5.6.2 Not more than ten (10) days after the removal, detention or impounding of the sign, the Signage Officer shall deliver to an institution or person named on the sign or other person the Signage Officer reasonably believes to have been responsible for placing the sign, a notice of the removal, detention or impounding.
- 5.6.3 A sign removed by the Signage Officer shall be impounded for thirty (30) days and then will be disposed of by sale, auction or demolition with all proceeds being retained by the Regional District.

6. Penalty and Enactment

- 6.1 Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of any of the provisions of this By-law, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this By-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this By-law and, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or six months imprisonment, or both.

READ A FIRST TIME this 10th day of December , 1998.
 READ A SECOND TIME this 10th day of December , 1998.
 READ A THIRD TIME this 26th day of April , 1999.
 ADOPTED THIS 26th day of July , 1999.

Susan L. Gimse
 Chair

R. A. Beauchamp
 Secretary-Treasurer

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Sign By-law No. 681, 1998, as adopted July 26th, 1999.

R. A. Beauchamp
 Secretary-Treasurer