

Policy:	AD-023
Coverage:	Town of Stellarton
Council Approval:	January 12, 2026
Effective Date:	January 12, 2026
Amended Date:	



DISPLAY OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

PURPOSE:

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APPLICATION:

Religious organizations/charities that are traditionally and widely recognized by the community. Groups that can make a request are either:

1. A religious charity recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency or
2. If no such charity is recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency representing its interest, that
 - a. Its members have sincerely held beliefs that have a nexus with religion, and
 - b. There is an active religious community sharing those beliefs in Stellarton.

The intent of this policy is to provide a process and guidelines to permit the addition of new displays. All applicants to bear the costs of their religious displays, on a go-forward basis, should those displays require replacement or repair.

POLICY:

1. Religious organizations that are traditionally and widely recognized by the community may, upon request, temporarily display their religious symbols at a designated location on municipal property, in recognition of the diversity of religious faiths in Stellarton and to promote inclusiveness.
2. The display of religious symbols on municipal property must meet the following criteria:

- a. Religious display requests are to be made through an application form found at Town Hall or on the Stellarton website.
- b. Religious organizations may not display more than one religious display per year.
- c. Displays must not be disrespectful of other faiths.
- d. Displays are to be installed for the normal duration of a major observance of faith, for a period not exceeding 45 days.
- e. Displays are to only be installed at locations designated by Town administration.
- f. Town administration must approve the design of the display, ensuring it meets guidelines for safety and size. Staff will oversee the setup of the display to ensure it meets requirements.
- g. More than one religious organization may display their symbol simultaneously, space allowing. If the number of requests for displays for a certain period of time exceeds the available space, applicants will be offered space on alternate dates or will be offered an alternate space.
- h. Applicants are responsible for all associated costs and labour for the display, including purchase of the display, set up and take down, storage, and insurance for theft, damage, and injury.
- i. The Town shall not be responsible for any damage caused to any property displayed pursuant to this policy.
- j. Requests are to be made in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer at least one month in advance of the date of the proposed display and must be approved by Town Council.
- k. Rejected applicants will be provided with reasons for the rejection.

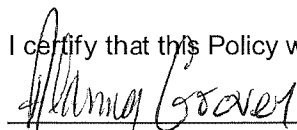
Clerk Annotation for Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent To Consider (Minimum 7 Days):

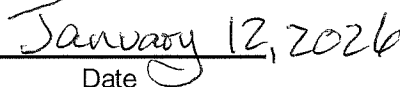
Date of Passage of Current Policy: January 12, 2026

Amendment to the policy:

I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.



Chief Administrative Officer



Date



Display of Religious Symbols on Municipal Property Application

Contact Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Organization Information

Name of Religious Organization _____

Organization Website _____

Contact Email _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Address _____

Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Display Information

Description of Requested Symbol

Requested Date

Start Date _____ End Date _____

I have read the policy and criteria and agree to adhere to all requirements.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

**If approved, applicants must provide copy of insurance details prior to installation of display.*

Office Use:

Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

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