



City of Port Moody

Bylaw No. 3514

A Bylaw to regulate the date, duration, size, type, form, appearance, and location of election and political signs in the City of Port Moody.

The Council of the City of Port Moody enacts as follows:

1. Citation

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as "City of Port Moody Election and Political Signs Bylaw, 2025, No. 3514".

2. Definitions

2.1 In this Bylaw:

"Assent Voting" means any political process, other than an election, placing a matter, policy or issue for polling or voting by the electorate;

"Balloon Sign" has the meaning as established in the Sign Bylaw;

"Banner Sign" has the meaning as established in the Sign Bylaw;

"Candidate" means a person who is a candidate for election pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, the *School Act* (BC), the *Election Act* (BC), or the *Canada Elections Act*; or a person represented as a candidate on a political sign;

"Candidate Representative" means a person who is appointed by a candidate as a candidate representative for the purposes of the *Local Government Act*, the *Election Act* (BC), or the *Canada Elections Act*;

"Chief Election Officer" means the person appointed by Council as the chief election officer pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, or their deputy, in relation to election or referendum proceedings;

"City" means the City of Port Moody;

"Council" means the Municipal Council of the City of Port Moody;

"Digital Billboard" has the meaning as established in the Sign Bylaw;

"Election" means any federal, provincial, local, or administrative election or by-election;

"Fascia Sign" has the meaning as established in the Sign Bylaw;

“General Voting Day” means general voting day as defined in the *Local Government Act*.

“Mobile Public Address System” means a sound amplification system, either by megaphone or electronically, used while mounted on a motor vehicle, trailer, or other such vehicle to disseminate the spoken word and/or music to the public.

“Offending Sign” means a sign that the Chief Election Officer or designate deemed to be placed in contravention of this bylaw or other enactment.

“Park” means City-owned land or right-of-way used for passive or active recreation including open space, sports fields and facilities, playgrounds, walkways, trails, natural areas, wildlife sanctuaries and conservation areas, greenbelts, and similar land uses.

“Person” includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a society, an association, strata corporation, or any other person under the direction of such an individual or organization, but does not include the City;

“Political Organization” means:

- (a) an “elector organization” within the meaning established in the *Local Government Act*;
- (b) a “campaign organizer” within the meaning established in the *Local Government Act*;
- (c) a “political party” within the meaning established in the *Election Act* (BC) or *Canada Elections Act*;
- (d) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes the election of a candidate;
- (e) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which approves or disapproves of a course of action advocated by a candidate or another political organization;
- (f) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes an issue that is the subject of a referendum or plebiscite; and
- (g) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes a recall or initiative campaign;

“Political Sign” means a Sign identifying any Candidate, Political Organization, issue or any other matter regarding an Election or Assent Voting;

“Roof Sign” has the meaning as established in the Sign Bylaw;

“Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw” means City of Port Moody Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw, 1981 (Bylaw No. 1528) and all amendments thereto;

“Sign” has the meaning as established in the Sign Bylaw;

“Sign Bylaw” means City of Port Moody Sign Bylaw, 1998, No. 2403 and all amendments thereto;

“Sign Owner” means the person or their authorized representatives or agent in lawful control of a sign;

“Traffic Control Device” means a sign, line, meter, marking, space, barrier, or device that is painted, placed, or erected to guide, regulate, warn, direct, restrict, control, or prohibit traffic; and

“Vehicle Sign” has the meaning as established in the Sign Bylaw.

3. General Prohibitions

- 3.1 Any signs that are not expressly permitted in this Bylaw or the Sign Bylaw are prohibited.
- 3.2 No person shall advertise a candidate, assent voting issue, or any other voting issue by way of the use of a mobile public address system, except that a mobile public address system may be used to provide a sound amplification system at an outdoor rally or meeting, provided that the mobile public address system remains in a stationary position.
- 3.3 Other than as authorized in writing by the City, no person shall embed or place on any political sign or other political advertising a logo, trademark, or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the City.
- 3.4 No person shall place a political sign within 100 metres of a building, structure or other place where voting proceedings are being conducted.

4. Political Sign Specifications

- 4.1 No person shall place a political sign in the City, unless the political sign:
 - a) is permitted under this Bylaw; and
 - b) complies with the following specifications:
 - i) has an area not exceeding 1.48m² (16ft²);
 - ii) has an area not exceeding 0.37m² (4ft²) in locations where only small signs are permitted;
 - iii) is not a banner sign;
 - iv) is not a roof sign or fascia sign;
 - v) is not a balloon sign, kite, or inflatable sign;
 - vi) is not a secondary sign attached to a principal sign;

- vii) is not a vehicle sign, including any truck trailer that is parked or stored primarily for the purpose of displaying the political sign;
- viii) is not in any way illuminated, electrified, animated, moving, flashing, projected onto another surface, and has no electrical components or features.

4.2 Two-sided signs are permitted provided that only one image can be seen from any one direction.

5. Placement of Political Signs on Public Property

5.1 No person shall place, or permit to be placed, a political sign on public property, including without limitation:

- a) a City highway or right-of-way;
- b) any City-owned land identified as a park;
- c) any roadway structure or traffic control device;
- d) a tree, utility pole, light standard, flagpole, planter, waste receptacle, newspaper box, or mailbox located on City-owned land; or
- e) on a digital billboard if the political sign relates to a local government election or by-election; and
- f) any other City-owned property, including land, buildings, structures, and equipment.

5.2 As an exception to section 5.1, political signs may be placed on public property at the locations identified in Schedule A of this bylaw.

5.3 No person shall place more than one political sign at each public location identified in Schedule A of this bylaw.

6. Placement of Political Signs on Private Property

6.1 No person shall place a political sign on private property without the express permission of the owner.

6.2 The sign owner and the owner of the private property upon which a political sign is placed must ensure that the sign complies with the provisions of this bylaw or the Sign Bylaw.

7. Hazardous Placement of Political Signs

7.1 No person shall place, or permit to be placed, on public or private property, a political sign:

- a) that overhangs City-owned property;
- b) within 5 meters of a fire hydrant;

- c) in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with sight lines at an intersection;
- d) in a manner that may obstruct, hinder, simulate, detract from, or interfere with a traffic control device;
- e) that is unsightly or dilapidated; or
- f) in a manner that may constitute a hazard to pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles.

8. Time Period for Display of Political Signs

8.1 No person shall place, or permit to be placed, on public or private property, a political sign earlier than:

- a) in relation to general local elections or by-elections, including school district elections, fourteen (14) days prior to general voting day;
- b) in relation to federal or provincial elections and by-elections, the time the writ of election is issued;
- c) in relation to federal or provincial referenda or plebiscites, from the day that the text of the question is approved by the federal parliament or by the provincial legislature;
- d) in relation to local government referenda or plebiscites, from the day that the text of the question is approved by Council by bylaw or by resolution;
- e) in relation to provincial recall or initiative campaign or petition, from the day that the application for recall or initiative is approved by the Chief Electoral Officer for BC.

8.2 Political signs must be removed within seven (7) days after general voting day.

9. Enforcement

9.1 The Chief Election Officer or designate may require a candidate or sign owner to remove a sign that the Chief Election Officer or designate has reasonable grounds to believe is erected or placed in contravention of this bylaw or other enactment.

9.2 The Chief Election Officer or designate will make a reasonable attempt to identify and notify the candidate or sign owner of an offending sign.

9.3 An offending sign must be removed by 10am of the following morning after initial notification from the Chief Election Officer or designate.

9.4 The Chief Election Officer or designate may remove and impound an offending sign where a candidate or sign owner has not removed the offending sign pursuant to section 9.3 of this bylaw.

9.5 The Chief Election Officer or designate may remove and impound a hazardous sign with or without prior notification to the candidate or sign owner.

- 9.6 Political signs removed pursuant to section 9.4 or section 9.5 of this bylaw will be stored by the City until seven (7) days after general voting day, and may be claimed by a candidate, candidate representative, or sign owner.
- 9.7 Political signs removed and stored by the City pursuant to section 9.6 of this bylaw and not claimed after the period set out in section 9.6 of this bylaw will be destroyed or disposed of without further notice and without compensation to the candidate or sign owner.
- 9.8 Political signs that remain in place beyond the seven (7) day period as prescribed in section 8.2 of this bylaw will be removed and disposed of without notice or compensation to the candidate or sign owner.

10. Offences and Penalties

- 10.1 This bylaw may be enforced by the Chief Election Officer or their designate, any member of the City of Port Moody Police Department, any peace officer duly appointed as such by Council for the City, and any Bylaw Enforcement Officer duly appointed as such by the Council for the City.
- 10.2 Offences for which tickets can be issued and fines imposed are prescribed in the Municipal Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw.

11. Attachments and Schedules

- 11.1 The following schedule is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw:
- Schedule A – Permissible Areas for Political Signs on Public Property.

12. Severability

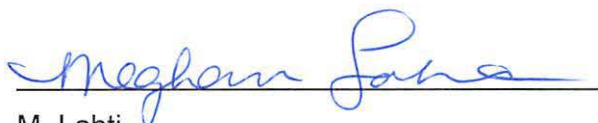
- 12.1 If a portion of this bylaw is found invalid by a court, it will be severed, and the remainder of the bylaw will remain in effect.

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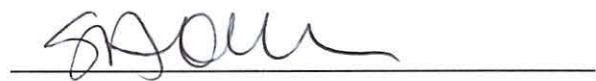
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Read a third time this 25th day of November, 2025.

Adopted this 13th day of January, 2026.



M. Lahti
Mayor



S. Lam
City Clerk

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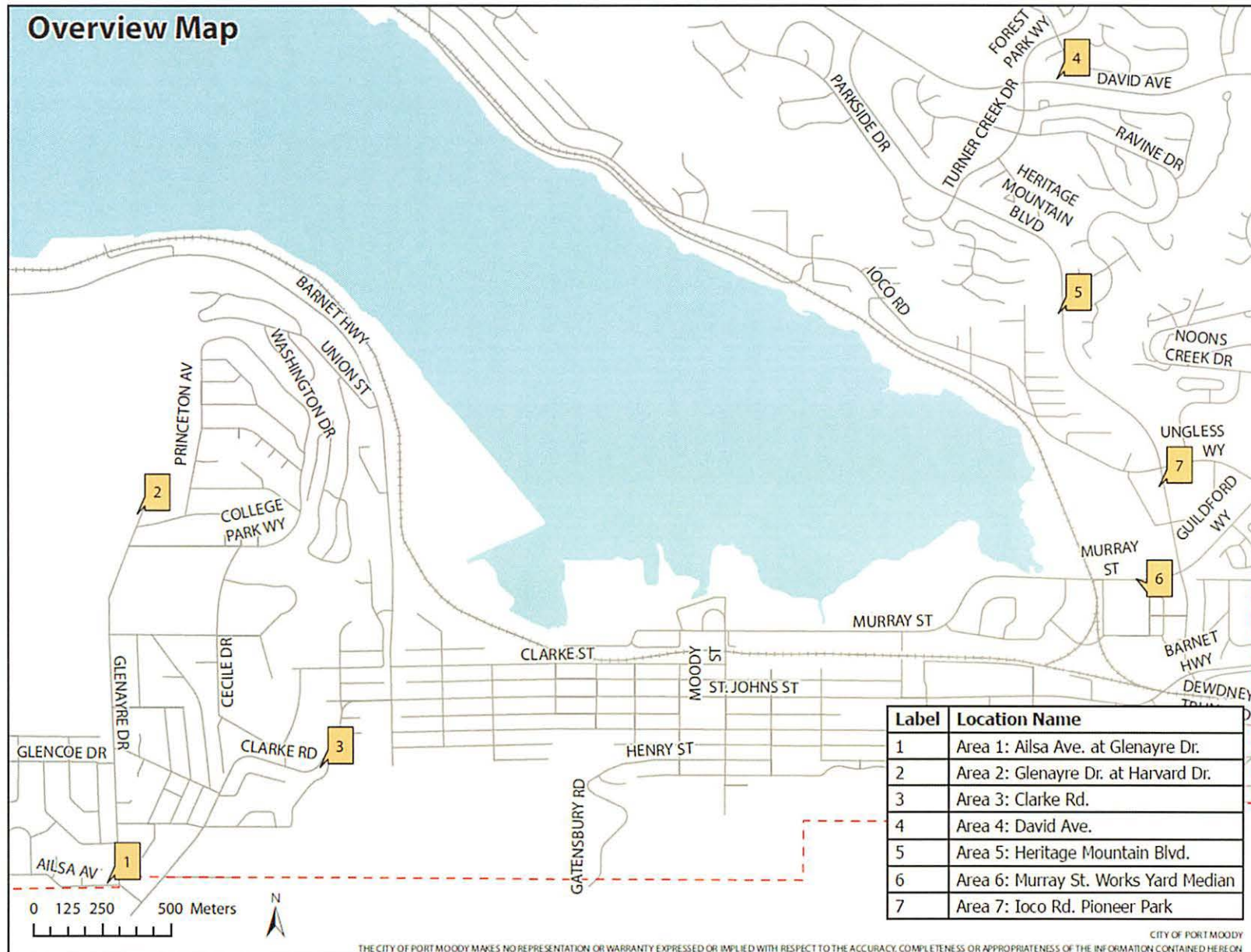
Permissible Areas for Political Signs on Public Property

Table 1: Sign location designations and full descriptions

Location Number	Location Name	Location Description
Area 1	Ailsa Avenue at Glenayre Drive	On the north side of Ailsa Avenue, west of Glenayre Drive. The permissible area is located on the grass boulevard between two community signs towards the east end of Ailsa Avenue.
Area 2	Glenayre Drive at Harvard Drive	The grass boulevard on the west side of Glenayre Drive and north of Harvard Drive, and south of the Westhill Park sign near the entrance to the Westhill Park parking lot.
Area 3	Clarke Road	The boulevard on the east side of Clarke Road, and an area of corresponding width on the opposite side of the sidewalk. The area is bound to the north in line with the end of the concrete traffic barrier.
Area 4	David Avenue	The boulevard located on the north side of David Avenue, between the street lamp with asset tag TSESL-000362 (east of Forest Park Way) and the pedestrian stairs to the east of this lamp.
Area 5	Heritage Mountain Boulevard	The boulevard located west of Heritage Mountain Boulevard, south of Ravine Drive and bound by the transit stop to the south.
Area 6	Murray Street Works Yard Median	The median island dividing Murray Street located east of the Works Yard and west of loco Road.
Area 7	loco Road Pioneer Memorial Park	On the east side of Pioneer Memorial Park adjacent to southbound loco Road. The upper boundary of the permissible area is five (5) meters south of the sunken utility box; the lower boundary is five (5) meters north of the pedestrian path. The permissible area extends five (5) meters West from the sidewalk along southbound loco Road.

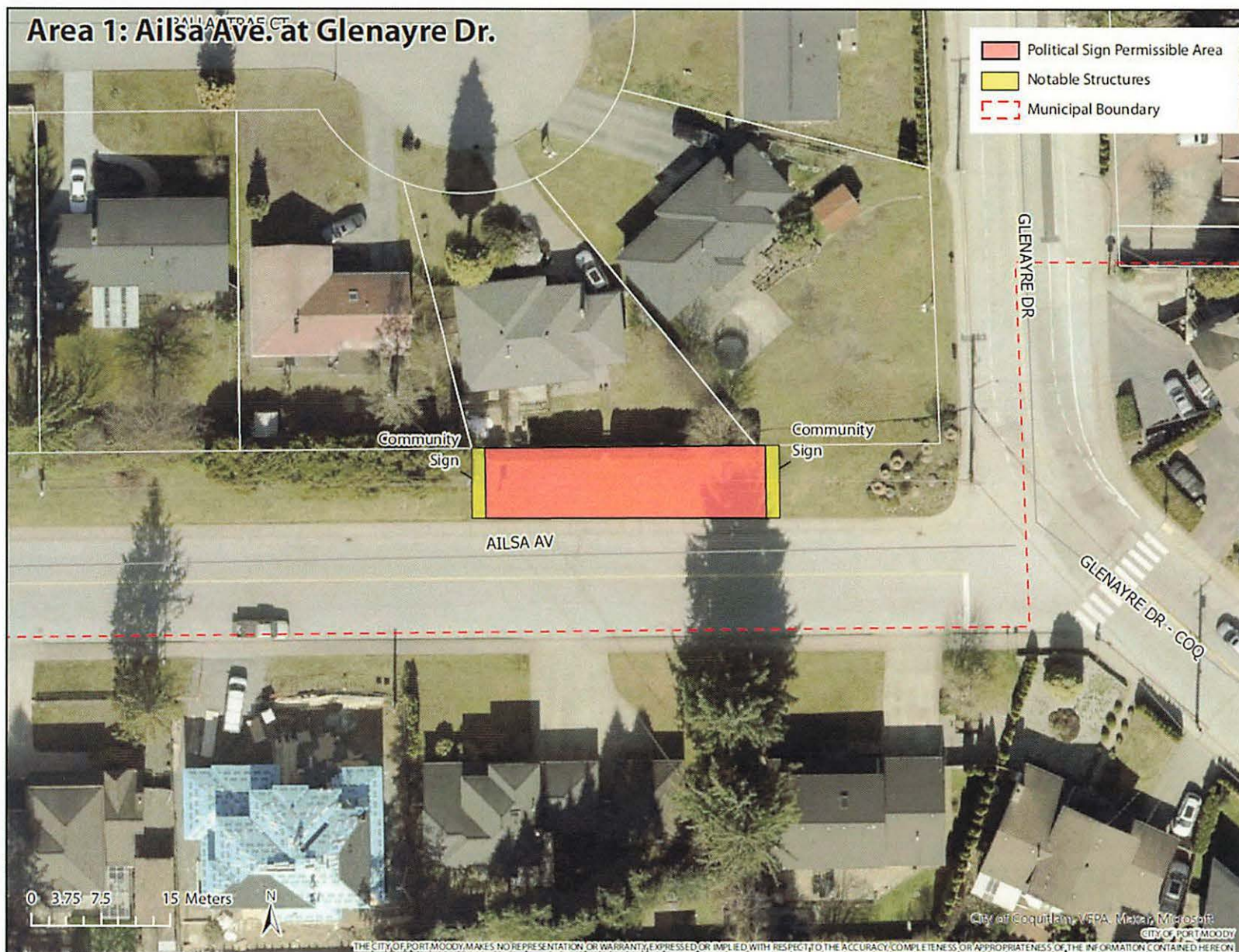
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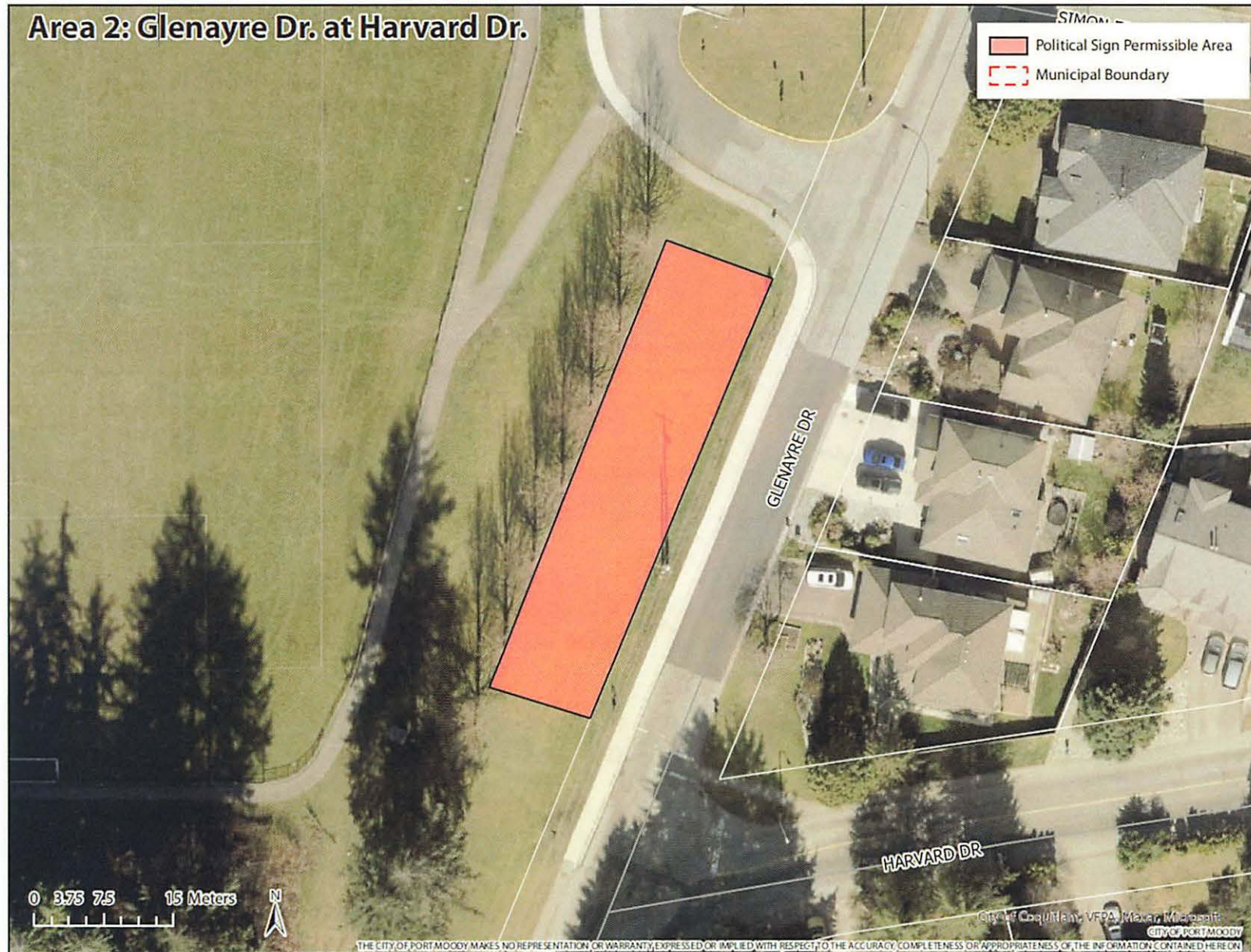
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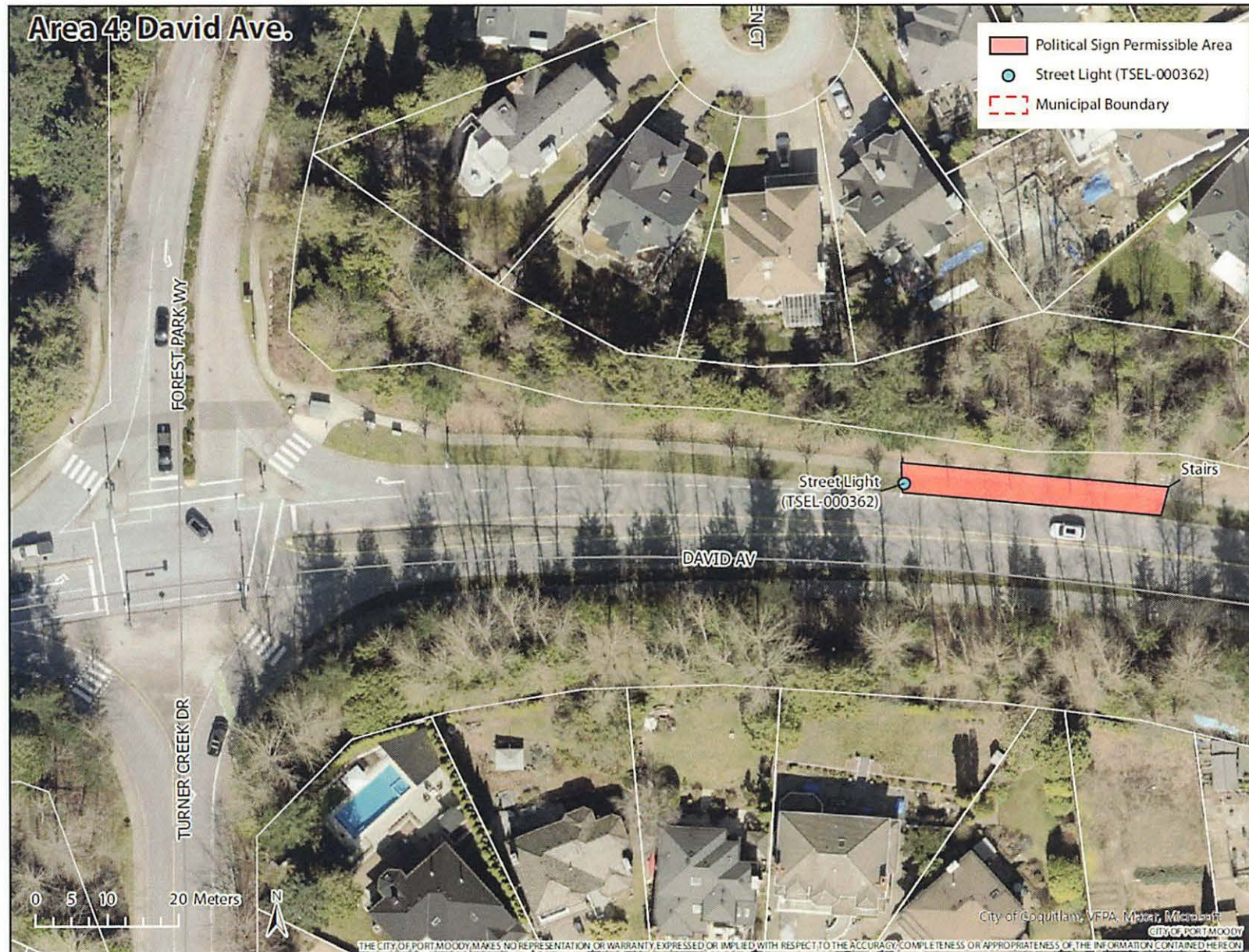
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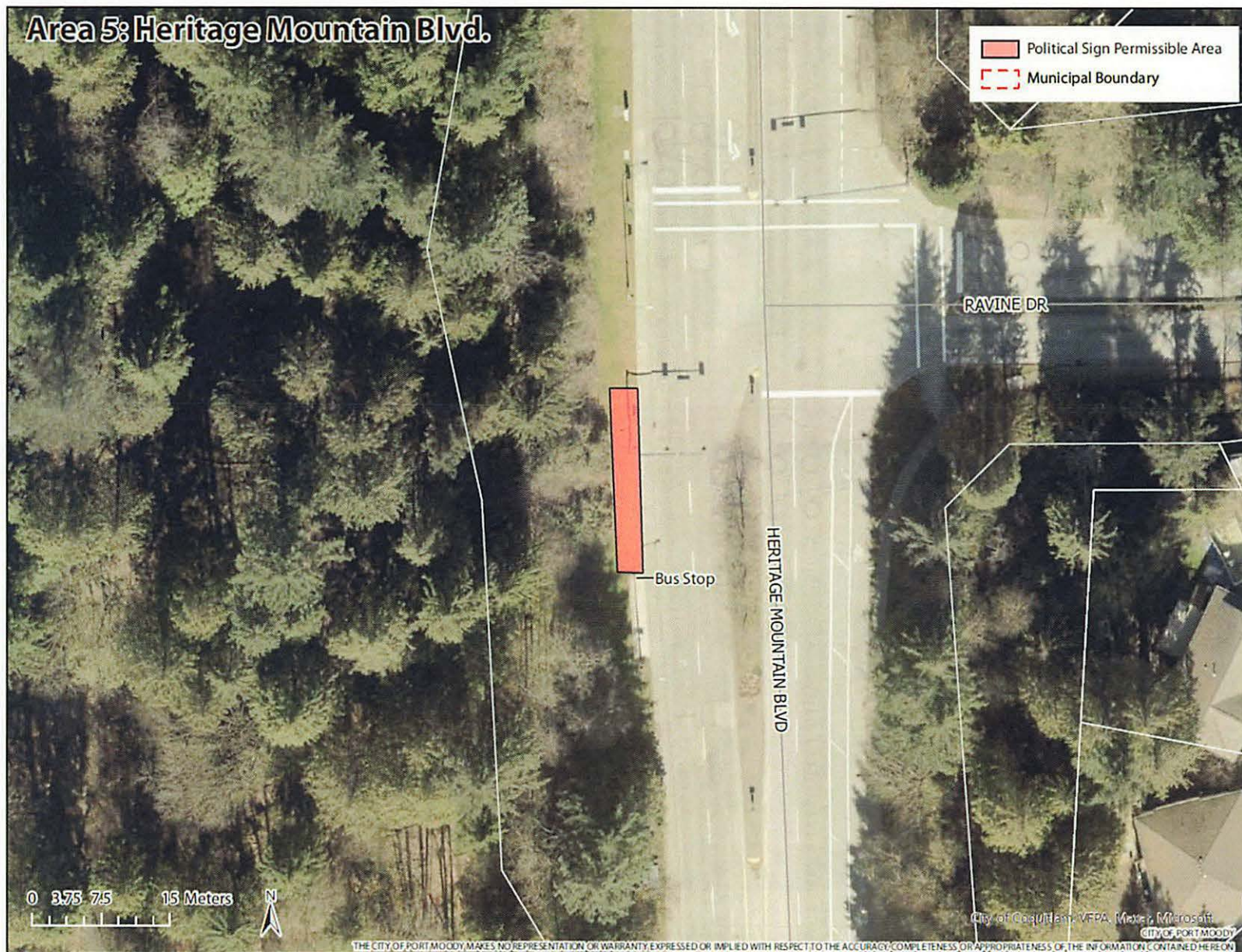
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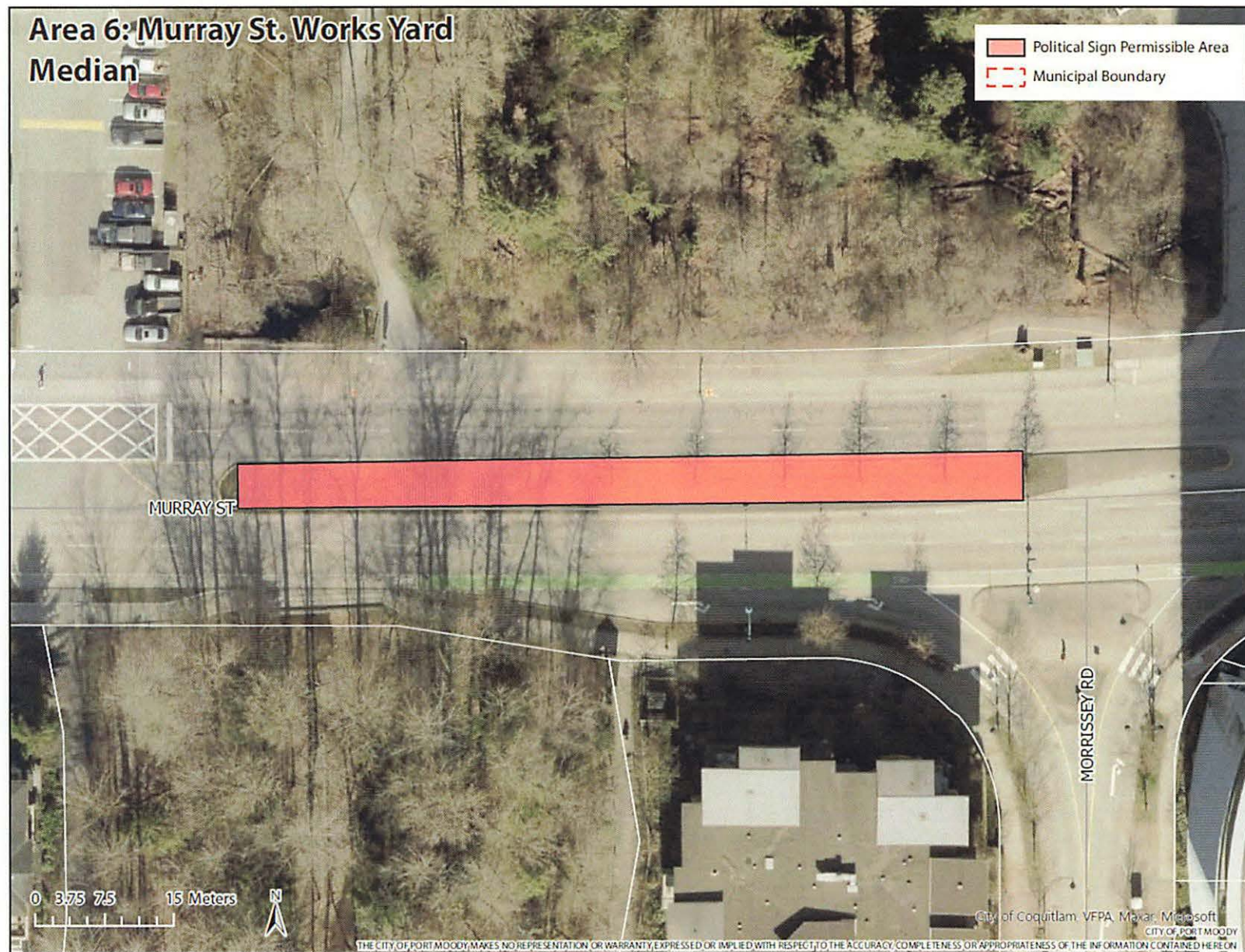
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