

**ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
(Ottawa)**

BETWEEN:

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION and MAEVE ROCHE

Applicants

- and -

PARLIAMENTARY PROTECTIVE SERVICE

Respondent

AFFIDAVIT OF

Sworn February 25, 2025

I, [REDACTED], of the [REDACTED], in the Province of [REDACTED],
SOLEMNLY AFFIRM as follows:

My background at the Parliamentary Protective Service

1. I have approximately 18 years of experience in security services on Parliament Hill. My roles have encompassed working as a front-line protection officer as well as various managerial roles overseeing virtually every role within the operations in the Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS). I currently hold the rank of superintendent — I am responsible for and oversee all the operational personnel in the PPS.

2. The PPS was formed in 2015. I started working on Parliament Hill in 2007 as a constable for the House of Commons. From 2010 – 2013, I worked on a team devoted to the Prime Minister’s close protection. After that, as part of PPS, I moved into the following management roles:

- Corporal in charge of an operational team;
- Sergeant in charge of an operational team;
- Sergeant in charge of overseeing security in 39 / 40 buildings of the parliamentary precinct;
- Inspector overseeing security for all of the House of Commons buildings;
- Inspector overseeing the Exterior Operations Division; and
- Associate Chief of Operations at the superintendent rank — my current role since October 2022, overseeing all of the operational employees.

3. I also hold a Critical Incident Commander designation from the Ontario Provincial Police. This designation allows me to oversee any critical or high-risk security incidents.

The background and purpose of the Rules of the Use of the Hill

4. The *General Rules for the Use of Parliament Hill* (“the Rules”) are a set of guidelines and principles that need to be respected on the Parliament Hill grounds. PPS protection officers are responsible for enforcing the Rules on the Parliament Hill grounds. The Rules apply to everyone who attends the Hill.

5. The Committee on the Use of Parliament Hill drafted the rules. The Committee was created by Order-In-Council in 1942 to coordinate activities and ensure the security of the general public on Parliament Hill as well as maintain the integrity of the Hill. Up until 2018, this Committee was led by the Department of Canadian Heritage. In 2018, the leadership was transferred to Committee as it currently stands today.

6. The Committee's authority comes from the leaders of both houses of Parliament — the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons. Both speakers are responsible for the Committee and their designates chair the Committee. The Committee is comprised of representatives of the Senate, the House of Commons, the PPS, the National Capital Commission, the Privy Council Office, and the departments of Canadian Heritage and Public Works and Government Services.

7. From 2015 - 2018, Royal Canadian mounted Police (RCMP) members were stationed outside on the grounds of Parliament Hill. PPS protection officers from 2015 – 2018 were stationed inside the parliamentary buildings and did not enforce rules on the grounds of Parliament Hill. PPS protection officers began enforcing the Rules in 2018. The RCMP transitioned out from being stationed on the grounds of Parliament Hill from 2018 until the Fall of 2020.

8. The Rules under the current Committee, which PPS protection officers are responsible for enforcing, were first publicly posted in 2018 and updated on May 3, 2023. The update Rules were posted online publicly on May 9, 2023. The Rules were posted online to codify the safety and security measures for the PPS protection officers to enforce and for the public to know prior to attending Parliament Hill. The 2018 Rules are attached as **Exhibit "A"** to my affidavit. The 2023 Rules are attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

9. The Rules are enacted to ensure safety and security on Parliament Hill. For example, some of the rules are concerned with ensuring evacuation — such as prohibitions on bringing vehicles and setting up tents, chairs, and tables. Some of the rules are concerned more with safety risks — such as prohibitions on what materials can be used for signs/banners and their handles. PPS

protection officers have to be mindful that anything brought onto the Hill could be used by that person, or taken by someone else, to injure another.

10. Event or demonstration organizers can apply to the Committee for a permit if they wish to bring in certain items that would otherwise be prohibited — such as chairs or tables — or use certain equipment — such as speakers. Permits are considered on a case-by-case basis. Permits are not mandatory to attend Parliament Hill for an event or demonstration. In 2022, approximately 200 permits were given. In 2023, approximately 240 permits were given.

11. Rule changes are communicated to front-line PPS protection officers by email. The Rules are publicly posted on Parliament's website once they have been translated. The rules are publicly accessible on a webpage entitled "Organizing an event on Parliament Hill? Start here!": <https://hill-colline.parl.ca/en/>. We have approximately 2500 events on Parliament Hill in a year, including gatherings for various activities (such as fun runs or yoga), demonstrations for various causes, high level presidential visits, and celebrations. These routinely occur without any issue.

12. Many people visit Parliament Hill on a daily basis. In my experience, approximately half of the visitors to Parliament Hill are families and tourists. School groups of varying ages visit at least weekly throughout the year. We see a large increase in school-aged children in May and June. There are generally hundreds of children daily at Parliament Hill in May and June. The lawns of the Hill are treated as a public park where all should feel welcome and able to enjoy, whether they are demonstrating or picnicking.

The Rule prohibiting messages that are obscene, offensive, and/or promote hatred

13. One of the Rules the PPS enforces on the Parliament Hill grounds is the rule prohibiting

messages that are obscene, offensive, and/or promote hatred. The wording of this rule slightly changed between the 2018 and the 2023 versions — but the core of the rule remained the same. The 2018 rule read “[m]essages that are obscene, offensive, or that promote hatred are prohibited”. The 2023 rule reads “[o]bscene messages or messages that promote hatred or violence are prohibited”. The 2023 rules also added an additional rule: “signs or banners that display explicit graphic violence or blood is [sic] prohibited”. My understanding is that these changes were updates and were not in response to any particular event. As a result, the 2023 rules did not meaningfully change the way PPS protection officers approached images/messages depicting graphic aborted fetuses. Either set of rules would prohibit showing these images on Parliament Hill. Demonstrators wanting to show images that are prohibited are not turned away from the Hill. They are allowed to demonstrate, just within the rules that everyone must abide by — which is not showing the signage during their demonstration.

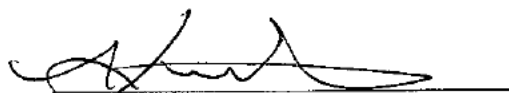
14. The Rules allow the PPS some discretion to balance the twin goals of respecting individuals’ right to peacefully protest on Parliament Hill and maintaining safety and security for all the people who visit and work on the Hill. The PPS protection officers applying the rule prohibiting messages that are obscene, offensive, and/or promote hatred are trying to protect people’s free expression while ensuring that the public — including women, children, and tourists — are not subjected to images that may negatively impact their physical, emotional, and psychological safety and security.

15. The prohibition on the types of messaging captured by the Rules is in part to prevent violent outbreaks by those on opposing sides of a debate. Where there are two opposing groups protesting a divisive issue, tensions often run high. Messages that are obscene, offensive, and/or promote hatred or that show graphic violence or blood could inflame those tensions to the point of violence.

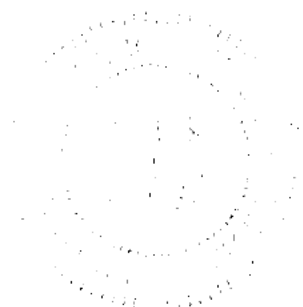
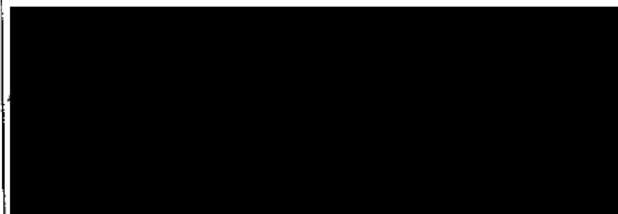
The PPS has denied demonstrators in the past who have not complied with the messaging Rules — such as individuals displaying Nazi imagery during the Freedom Convoy demonstrations. Recognizing the heightened safety risk of opposing protesters, the PPS often provides a cordoned off area for anticipated counter-protesters. For example, a cordoned off area was provided for the last two years for the Freedom Convoy demonstrations, Israeli and Jewish demonstrations, Gaza and Palestinian demonstrations, and the March for Life demonstrations. It is common for PPS protection officers to employ methods such as cordoning off areas and denying demonstrators who refuse to comply with the Rules.

16. The Rules help ensure that Parliament Hill is a place all feel welcome, safe, and secure.

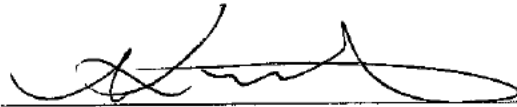
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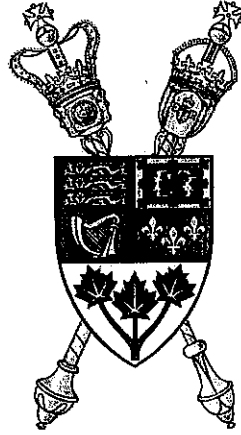
**Karima Toulait, a commissioner
of oaths (LSO#: 67629L)**



This is **Exhibit "A"** referred to
in the Affidavit of [REDACTED]
sworn before me this 25 day of February, 2025



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General Rules for the Use of Parliament Hill

Last updated 2018-10-22

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General Information

Parliament Hill is a focal point of public life in Canada where individuals are free to visit and express their views. These general rules apply to organized activities and events on Parliament Hill.

The objectives of these General Rules are to:

- Support the Committee in the effective management of the use of Parliament Hill;
- Provide guidance to the public and event organisers so that they may gather to express their political views in the form of peaceful demonstration or otherwise hold events;
- Preserve Parliament Hill as a safe and dignified space where parliamentarians and other participants in parliamentary business, or those on their way to such business, will not be obstructed; and
- Provide all users of Parliament Hill with the information they need to assist in preserving the physical integrity, historical value and the parliamentary prestige that this property is owed.

Organizing Events on Parliament Hill

Parliamentarians, government departments and agencies as well as members of the public must apply for a permit to hold an event on Parliament Hill by completing and submitting the online application form. It is recommended that the form be submitted at least 10 working days prior to the date of the event. Greater notice is required for more complex events.

Permits for the use of Parliament Hill are issued by the Committee on the Use of Parliament Hill, a multi-jurisdictional group composed of key stakeholders from the Parliament of Canada and the Government of Canada.

Permits for events recurring daily may be issued for a maximum of 3 months to individuals or groups no greater than 20.

The Committee may contact event organizers seeking further clarification of their application.

The Committee will notify the event organizer in writing with respect to the status of the application, with authorizations granted or denied.

The Committee on the Use of Parliament Hill reserves the right to change the conditions included in the authorization at any time and without prior notice. It can also cancel all activities for security reasons. The Parliament of Canada is not liable for any loss or inconvenience which may result from any changes or cancellation.

The following are key considerations for event organizers on Parliament Hill.

Hours of operation

Events on Parliament Hill are to be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., including set-up and tear-down times.

Noise levels

Noise levels may not exceed 87 dBA in compliance with the Canada Labour Code, Part II (R.S.C. 1985, c. L-2).

Use of amplifiers during the Changing of the Guard (during the summer time, daily, from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) or during the Dominion Carillonneur musical concert (from September through June, Monday to Friday, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. and in July and August, Monday to Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) is prohibited.

Litter

It is the responsibility of the event organizer to ensure that any litter generated as a result of the event is picked up.

Positioning

Events may only be held within the confines of the main walkway between the Centennial Flame and the base of the main stairs so as not to block pedestrian traffic.

For events with a large number of participants, the Committee on the use of Parliament Hill ("Committee") may grant access to the grassed areas of the East and West lawns of the forecourt.

Activities wishing to be held on the front steps leading up to the Peace Tower must be pre-authorized by the Committee.

A map of Parliament Hill is provided in Attachment A.

Signs

In order to protect the safety and security of visitors to the Hill, protect the integrity of the lawns, and maintain line of sight for security personnel, certain restrictions apply to the use of signs.

All signs must be hand-held and may not be left on Parliament Hill unattended.

Signs or banners, other than plastic foam core signs, must be made of cardboard or cloth/nylon. Plastic foam core signs must be limited to 1.0 cm (0.4 in) in thickness, 41.0 cm (16.1 in) in width, and 61.0 cm (24 in) in length.

All types of signs or banners must be supported by cardboard or softwood supports no larger than 2.5 cm by 2.5 cm (1 in x 1 in). These supports must not exceed 2.0 m (78.7 in) in length. In The ends of the supports must not be pointed or sharp.

Messages that are obscene, offensive, or that promote hatred are prohibited.

Flags may be hand-held but may not be affixed to any structure or mast or planted in the ground.

Structures

In order to preserve the integrity of the lawns and maintain line of sight for security personnel, structures of any kind, including tents, shelters, stages, platforms, podiums, screening apparatus, bridges, and games or any other structure must be pre-authorized by the Committee.

Props

For security reasons and to preserve the physical integrity of the buildings and lawns, props such as backdrops, billboards or other such displays are restricted. All props must be pre-authorized by the Committee.

Parking and Vehicles

The presence of vehicles must be pre-authorized by the Committee. No parking is available.

Washrooms

Public washrooms are located behind East Block.

Accessibility

In order for arrangements to be made for mobility-impaired persons, the section "Additional Information" in the Form for the Use of Parliament Hill must be completed accordingly. Accessible washrooms are available.

Prohibitions and Restrictions

Admission Fees

Events that charge an admission fee are prohibited.

Advertising

Use of the grounds for commercial advertising is prohibited.

Alcohol

Selling, serving or consuming alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Animals

Persons with pets must comply with City of Ottawa Animal Care and Control By-law No. 2003-77.

Balloons

Balloons are restricted.

Barbecues

The use of barbecues or any other cooking equipment is restricted.

Blocking Passage

The use or set-up of furniture, displays or any other item in a manner that could hinder the passage of pedestrians or emergency vehicles is restricted.

Camping

The Public Works Nuisances Regulations prohibit residing, camping, and sleeping on Parliament Hill.

Commercial Operations/Transaction

Any trading by exchanging one commodity for another, monetary or otherwise is prohibited.

Drones

Drone use is restricted.

Fires

Fires are prohibited. Electric candles during vigils may be used.

Fixtures

For security reasons and in order to preserve the physical integrity of the buildings and lawns, affixing, hanging or attaching any item to the buildings, grounds, walkways, pillars, statues, monuments, trees, or other structures, or piercing the ground within the Hill Precinct, is restricted.

Food

The sale of food is prohibited. The distribution of food is restricted and must comply with the guidelines outlined in R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 562: FOOD PREMISES under the Ontario *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

Fundraising

Fundraising is restricted.

Sports

Organized sports such as baseball, football, soccer are restricted.

Weapons

Weapons and other devices dangerous to public peace are prohibited.

Weddings

Wedding ceremonies, and receptions are prohibited, but wedding photos may be taken.

Special Provisions

Drones

Parliament Hill is designated as restricted airspace by NAV Canada. Unless pre-authorized by the Committee, no person shall operate an aircraft, including model aircraft and drones, within 560 meters of the Peace Tower.

Drone-related inquiries may be addressed to:

Filming

Commercial or professional filming must be pre-authorized by the Committee. Filming for personal purposes is permitted.

Flags

Only the National Flag and the Flag of the Governor General of Canada are permitted to be raised on Parliament Hill.

Courtesy flags may be flown on the Courtesy Flagpoles on the East and West Lawns for special occasions such as visits of foreign dignitaries, or annual commemorative days. Decisions governing the use of the Courtesy Flagpoles are made by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Illumination of the Peace Tower

Illumination of the Peace Tower is reserved for Parliamentary and governmental purposes. Applications from the public will not be considered.

Liability

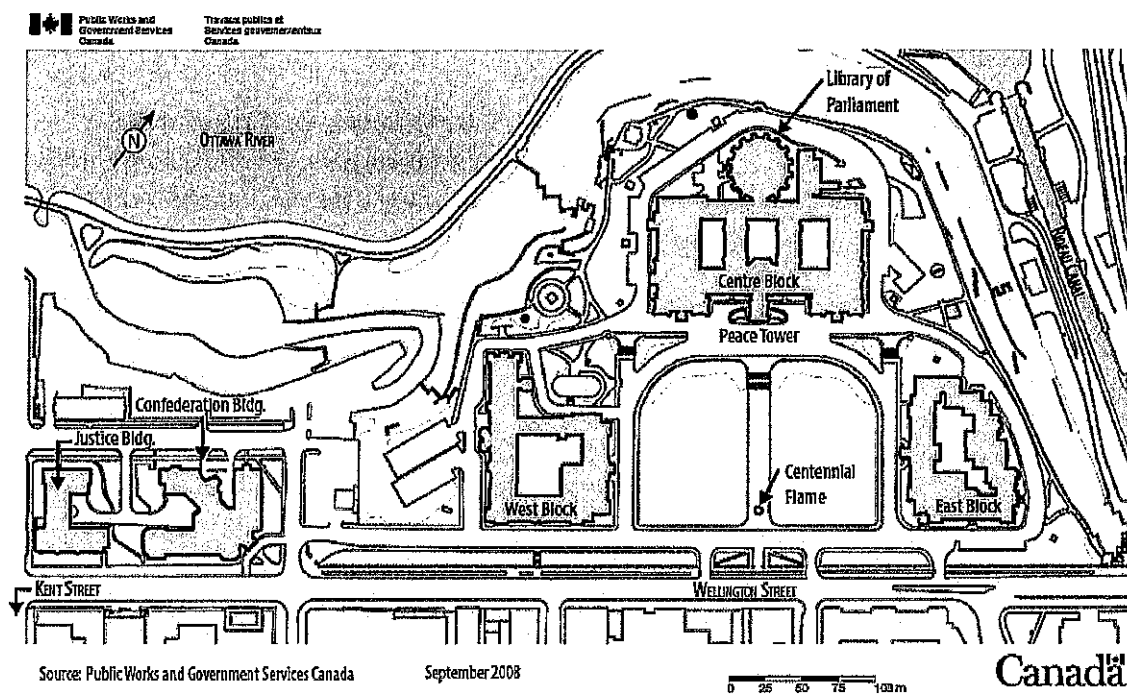
All visitors to the Hill shall respect the Parliament Hill Precinct property in its entirety. Those failing to abide by these rules will be asked to leave the premises and may be removed in accordance with the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990.

In the event of damage, the cost of repair, replacement, or cleaning (including excessive garbage, mislaid garbage (anything outside of designated receptacles) and property damages of any sort) shall be the responsibility of the individual or group to whom permission to use the Parliament Hill Precinct was granted, or the person who caused the damage.

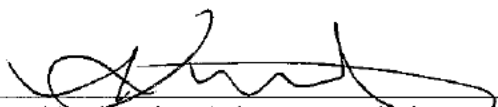
The Parliament of Canada and its employees will not be held responsible for any injury, including death, or loss or physical damage incurred by the event organizer and participants or other persons by reason of such events.

The event organizer shall indemnify and save harmless the Parliament of Canada and its employees from any claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, including reasonable solicitor/client fees; administrative fees and disbursements, and all claims, demands, actions and other proceedings made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, threatened to be brought or prosecuted in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury to or death of a person or environmental effect or damage to or loss of property arising directly or indirectly and whether by reason of anything done as a result of any willful or negligent act or delay on the part of the event organizer or the event organizer's employees or volunteers in the conduct of the event, except that the Parliament of Canada shall not claim indemnification under this section to the extent that the injury, death or damage has been caused by its employees.

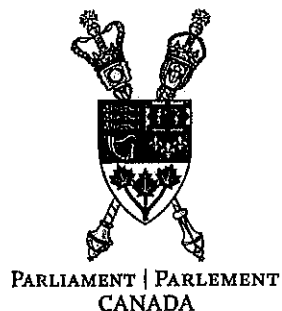
Attachment A – Map of Parliament Hill



This is **Exhibit "B"** referred to
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General Rules for the Use of Parliament Hill

Last updated May 3, 2023

Parliament Hill is the seat of Canada's Parliamentary democracy, a place where parliamentarians from across the country meet to make laws that affect the lives of every Canadian. Parliament is also a place to meet, a place to express views, a place to celebrate, and a place to visit.

Given the foregoing and the necessity to ensure it remains a safe and secure environment, it is necessary to establish general rules surrounding organized activities and events on Parliament Hill.

The objectives of these General Rules are to:

- Support and guide the Committee on the Use of Parliament Hill (the Committee) in the effective management of the use of Parliament Hill as it relates to requests to host events;
- Provide guidance to the public and event organisers so that they may gather in a safe and secure environment to express their views in peaceful demonstration or otherwise hold events;
- Preserve Parliament Hill as a safe and dignified space where parliamentarians and other participants in parliamentary business, or those on their way to such business, will not be obstructed; and
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Organizing Events on Parliament Hill

Parliamentarians, government departments and agencies as well as members of the public must apply for a permit to hold an event on Parliament Hill by completing and submitting an online application form. It is recommended that the form be submitted ten (10) working days prior to the date of the event. Greater notice is required for larger events.

Permits for events may be issued for a maximum of a one (1) month period.

Permits for the use of Parliament Hill are issued by the Committee on the Use of Parliament Hill.

Permits which are granted by the Committee are non-transferable.

The Committee

- may contact event organisers seeking further clarification on details of their application;
- will strive to notify the event organiser(s) in writing as to the status of the application, with authorizations granted or denied within a reasonable period of time following receipt of the application; and
- reserves the right to change the conditions of the permit and / or cancel the event at any time.

The Parliament of Canada is not liable for any loss or inconvenience which may result from any changes or cancellation.

The following are key guidelines for event organisers planning an event on Parliament Hill.

Hours of Operation

Events on Parliament Hill are to be held between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., inclusive of set-up and tear-down times.

Positioning

Although events are predominantly held within the boundaries of Parliament Hill, which is confined to the Main Walkway in front of Centre Block (Centennial Flame) and the West and East Lawns. These Rules also include the exterior front of the Senate of Canada Building.

Please find a [live feed from Parliament Hill](#) and a current view of the Hill grounds.

Use of Electricity

Requirements must be sent to the committee when applying. Fifteen amps are available upon request.

Vehicle Access and Parking

Vehicle access is restricted for delivery and pick up only for approved articles used in support of the event. All vehicles must be pre-authorized by the Committee and registered a minimum of one (1) working day prior to the event. Authorized and registered vehicles must undergo a security screening at the Vehicle Screening Facility located at Bank and Vittoria Streets. Occupants of the vehicle(s) must be prepared to display a valid government-issued photo identification as well as the Committee's approval letter.

Note: Parking on Parliament Hill is not available and / or authorized at anytime.

The following [link](#) has several private and city parking lots located nearby.

Washrooms

Accessible public washrooms are located behind the West Block Building at 111 Wellington - west of the Visitor Welcome Centre. See last page for Map.

Litter

It is the responsibility of the event organiser to ensure that any litter generated as a result of the event is picked up. The Committee does not supply the tools and / or equipment to perform the pickup.

Music and Sound Levels

Music & sound levels must be kept to a level that does not interfere with parliamentary business and / or other events. A maximum of two (2), 300 watt speakers will be authorized for use. Other requests listed on the application will be assessed based on the projected event attendance and the number of speakers / wattage requirements.

Use of amplifiers is prohibited during the Changing of the Guard (during the summer daily, from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) or during the Dominion Carillonneur musical concert (from September through June, Monday to Friday, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. and in July and August, Monday to Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Signs and Banners

In order to protect the safety and security of visitors to the Hill, protect the integrity of the lawns, and maintain line of sight for security personnel, certain restrictions apply.

- All signs and banners must be hand-held and may not be left on Parliament Hill unattended.
- Signs or banners must be made of cardboard or cloth / nylon.
- All types of signs or banners must be supported by cardboard or materials which will not cause a risk of injury or pose a danger. Supports must be no larger than 2.5 cm by 2.5 cm (1 in x 1 in). These supports must not exceed 2.0 m (78.7 in) in length. These supports cannot have pointed or sharp ends.
- Banner size is limited to 400 cm (157.4 in) in length and 150 cm (59.0 in) in height.
Plastic foam core signs can be used but are limited to 1.0 cm (0.4 in) in thickness, 41.0 cm (16.1 in) in width, and 61.0 cm (24 in) in length.
- Obscene messages or messages that promote hatred or violence are prohibited.
- Signs or banners that display explicit graphic violence or blood is prohibited.

Note: Organisers may be requested to share images they plan to display before approval.

Flags

- All Flags must be hand-held and may not be left on Parliament Hill unattended.
- Flag size is limited to 400 cm (157.4 in) in length and 150 cm (59.0 in) in height.
- Flags may have poles or flagstuffs but must not exceed 2.5cm by 2.5cm (1 in x 1 in) and 2.0 m (78.7 in) in length and must be made of materials which will not cause a risk of injury or pose a danger. These poles or flagstuffs cannot have pointed or sharp ends.
- Flags may not be affixed to any structures, mast or planted in the ground.
- Obscene messages or messages that promote hatred or violence are prohibited.

Note: Organisers may be requested to share a photo of proposed flags before approval.

Structures

In order to preserve the integrity of the lawns and maintain line of sight for security personnel, structures of any kind are prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee.

It should be noted that if the Committee permits an event, structures such as canopies of 10x10, risers / stages measuring 4' x 8' x 2' and / or a podium may be provided at a cost to the requester. Arrangements must be made directly by the requester to a Ceremonial and Protocol Services Agent after approval.

Props and Furniture

For security reasons and to preserve the physical integrity of the buildings and lawns, props such as backdrops, billboards, screening apparatus or other such displays are prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee. It is the responsibility of the organizer to provide comprehensive details as to why such items are necessary and how they would be safely deployed.

Chairs and tables of any sort are also prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee. These items are to be provided at a cost to the requester. Arrangements must be made directly by the requester to a Ceremonial and Protocol Services Agent after approval.

Prohibitions and Restrictions

Admission Fees

Admission fees for any / all events taking place on Parliament Hill are prohibited.

Advertising

Use of the grounds for commercial advertising is prohibited. Signs or banners displaying for-profit organizations or sponsors are prohibited, including logos on handouts or on items such hats and t-shirts.

Alcohol

Selling, serving or consuming alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Animals

Persons with pets must comply with the City of Ottawa Animal Care and Control By-law.

Balloons

Balloons or the use of any other inflatable articles is prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee.

Barbecues

Barbecues or the use of any other cooking equipment is prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee.

Blocking Passage

In the setup of equipment approved by the Committee, event participants, guests or delivery vehicles must not hinder the passage of parliamentarians, employees, pedestrians or emergency vehicles within Parliament Hill as defined in Positioning.

Camping

The Public Works Nuisances Regulations prohibits residing, camping, and sleeping on Parliament Hill.

Commercial Operations / Transaction

Any trading by exchanging one commodity for another, monetary or otherwise, is prohibited.

Drones

Recreational drones are prohibited.

Fires

Fires and / or flames are prohibited. Electric and or battery-operated candles during vigils may be used.

Fireworks

The use of fireworks is prohibited.

Fixtures

For security reasons and to preserve the physical integrity of the buildings and lawns the hanging, affixing, and / or attaching of any item to the buildings, grounds, walkways, pillars, statues, monuments, trees, fences or other structures is prohibited. Likewise, piercing the ground on Parliament Hill, is prohibited.

Portable Washrooms

Portable washrooms are prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee. Guests are asked to use the accessible, public washrooms located at the Visitor Welcome Centre behind the West Block Building.

Food

The sale of food is prohibited. The distribution of food is prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee.

Fundraising

Fundraising is prohibited.

Sports

Sporting events are prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee or in relation to a government sponsored or protocol related event.

Weapons

Weapons and other devices dangerous to public peace are prohibited. Ceremonial swords and daggers are restricted but may be considered by the Committee with a demonstrated plan on why they are necessary and how such items will be always secured.

Note: Organisers may be requested to share a photo of proposed weapons before approval.

Weddings

Wedding ceremonies and receptions are prohibited. Wedding photos may be taken but photoshoot pre-authorization is necessary.

Special Provisions

Drones

The airspace over Parliament Hill is a no-fly zone. Parliament Hill and the area within a 1.2Km (0.74 mile) radius belong to two restricted airspaces (CYR537 and CYR538). Before entering CYR537, pilots must request authorization by submitting an [application form](#) to the Parliamentary Protective Services at requestscyr537demandes@pps-spp.parl.gc.ca

Filming

Commercial filming is prohibited unless pre-authorized by the Committee.

Flag Raisings

Event organisers must inform and seek permission from the Committee should they wish to raise any flag(s) at their event.

Note: Organisers may be requested to share a photo of proposed flag to be raised before approval.

Arrangements must be made directly by the requester to a Ceremonial and Protocol Services Agent after approval for the rental of a temporary flagpole.

Illumination of the Peace Tower and other Parliamentary Buildings

Illumination of the Peace Tower and of other Parliament Precinct Buildings are reserved for the commemoration of events of national significance to Canada and or depicts the history of Canada.

The Peace Tower is Canada's preeminent War Memorial and serves as a commemoration to those fallen soldiers who fought and died in the service of Canada. Therefore, to preserve the meaning, dignity and purpose of the Peace Tower, requests to illuminate the Peace Tower are to be considered in the context that it is first and foremost, a War Memorial.

Liability

All visitors to the Hill shall respect the property in its entirety. Those failing to abide by these rules will be asked to leave the premises and may be removed in accordance with the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990.

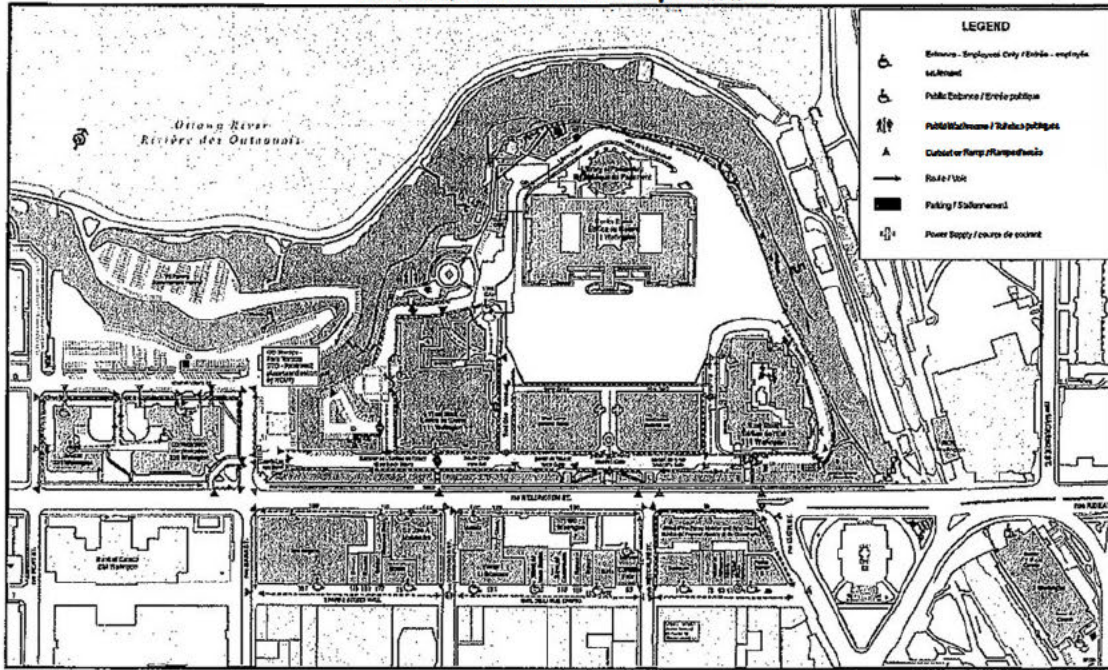
In the event of physical damage of any sort to the grounds, buildings or fixtures on Parliament Hill, the total cost of the damage including any associated repair, replacement, or cleaning (including excessive garbage or garbage disposed outside of designated receptacles) shall be the responsibility of the individual or group to whom permission to use the Parliament Hill was granted or of the person who caused the damage.

The Parliament of Canada and its employees will not be held responsible for any injury, including death, or loss or physical damage incurred by the event organizer and participants or other persons by reason of events permitted on Parliament Hill.

The event organizer shall indemnify and save harmless the Parliament of Canada and its employees from any losses, damages, costs, expenses (including reasonable solicitor / client fees and administrative fees and disbursements), and all claims, demands, actions and other proceedings made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, threatened to be brought or prosecuted in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury to or death of a person or environmental effect or damage to or loss of property arising directly or indirectly and whether by reason of anything done as a result of any willful or negligent act or delay on the part of the event organizer or the event organizer's employees or volunteers in the conduct of the event, except that the Parliament of Canada shall not claim indemnification under this section to the extent that the injury, death or damage has been caused by its employees.

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