



BY-LAW 619-2021
regarding the terms of publishing public notices

Explanatory note

This by-law modernizes the terms of publishing the Municipality's public notices in accordance to the new powers set in 2017 by the National Assembly of Quebec.

It prescribes that all of the public notices can be published on the Municipality's website in a specified and clearly defined heading, clearly detectable on the website's main page as well as on any of the Municipality's social networks.

It puts an end to the obligation to post publications on exterior bulletin boards.

It grants the clerk's office the power to publish in any other format following any other term deemed necessary in addition to the requirements of the by-law.

It stipulates that public notices are published in French and English and that the information contained must be comprehensible and adapted to the circumstances.

CONSIDERING Articles 433.1 and following of the Quebec Municipal Code (RLRQ., ch. C-27.1) regarding the Municipality's powers pertaining to the publication of public notices;

CONSIDERING THAT Council estimates that the terms of publishing public notices must be modernized;

WHEREAS THAT the provisions regarding the publication of notices specified in the Policy regarding contractual management or in Articles 934 and following of the Municipal Code have precedence over those specified in the present by-law;

WHEREAS a notice of motion was given by Councillor Peter MacLaurin at the regular meeting of April 14th, 2021;

WHEREAS THAT the draft by-law was presented at the regular meeting of April 14th, 2021;

WHEREAS the Director general's brief presentation of the draft by-law;

CONSEQUENTLY, the municipal council decrees the following:

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

1. ***Preamble*** - The preamble forms an integral part hereof.
2. ***Goal*** - The goal of the present by-law is to simplify the publication terms for public notices by increasing their accessibility, facilitate the understanding of their content and optimizing the distribution of mandatory and optional municipal information.

CHAPTER 2: TERMS

3. ***Notices specified by this by-law*** – The publication of any public notice, whether prescribed by Law, a by-law or optional and stemming from an administrative or a decision made by council is made pursuant to the provisions of the present by-law.

4. ***Distribution of notices*** – Notices mentioned in Article 3 are published on the Municipality’s website and on any other of the Municipality’s social networks broadcast on the internet.

They may also be published as per any other additional term that the Clerk’s office will deem appropriate under the circumstances.

5. ***Presumption of the publishing date*** – The publishing date on the Municipality’s website has precedence over any other publication date by any other means in the case of discrepancy.

6. ***Public tenders*** – Notwithstanding Article 4, any call for tenders may also be published in a local newspaper.

CHAPTER 3 : CONTENT

7. ***Complete information*** – The information contained in any public notice must be fully complete minimally, the goal, the subject and financial impact as well as any other applicable delay to be given to those able to vote, if necessary.

8. ***Comprehensible information*** – The information contained in any public notice must be precise insofar as whenever possible, presented in such a way as to be understood by all citizens.

9. ***Adaptation to circumstances*** – The content of every public notice must be adapted to the circumstances of the subject of said notice.

10. ***Notice languages*** – Every public notice must be published in French and English.

CHAPTER 4 : FINAL PROVISIONS

11. ***Entering into effect*** - The present by-law enters into effect on the day of its publication.



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Mayor



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Director general / Secretary-treasurer