MORIN-HEIGHTS
1855

# BY-LAW 785-2026
# Regarding the identification of music as part of the local cultural heritage

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This by-law aims to recognize music as part of the municipality's intangible heritage.*

*It traces the history and describes the legacy left by music in the municipality over time, which is now an integral part of the identity of the Morinheighters community.*

*It defines its heritage value to the intangible heritage of the community, demonstrating the public interest in its preservation, transmission and promotion.*

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CONSIDERING articles 121 to 126 of the Cultural Heritage Act (RLRQ, c. P-9.002) (hereinafter the "Act"), which authorize the Municipality to identify, by by-law, an element of the Municipality's intangible heritage whose knowledge, protection, promotion, or transmission is in the public interest;

CONSIDERING the importance of music in the Municipality of Morin-Heights for over 100 years;

CONSIDERING THAT the local heritage council recommends that the municipal council identify music as an element of the Municipality's intangible heritage;

CONSIDERING THAT a notice of motion for this by-law was given by Councillor Nicolem Bélanger-King at the regular meeting of Council on February 11th, 2026;

CONSIDERING THAT the draft by-law was tabled before Council and explained by the Director General at the regular meeting of Council on February 11th, 2026;

CONSIDERING THAT the local heritage council held a public consultation on March 20th, 2026, allowing any interested person to submit comments;

CONSEQUENTLY, the municipal council decrees the following:

## CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

1. ***Purpose*** – The purpose of this bylaw is to identify music as part of the intangible heritage of the municipality of Morin-Heights in order to apply all protections provided for by the Act in perpetuity.

2. ***Objectives*** – The objective of this by-law is to officially recognize music as part of the intangible heritage of the municipality of Morin-Heights, to highlight its historical, cultural, social, and identity value for the community, and to ensure that it is taken into account in the actions, orientations, and decisions of the Municipality, all in accordance with articles 121 to 125 of the Cultural Heritage Act (RLRQ, c. P-9.002).

3. ***Identification of music –*** The Municipality of Morin-Heights hereby identifies, with this by-law, music as part of its intangible heritage within the meaning of article 122 of the Cultural Heritage Act.

4. ***Description of the identified element*** **-** Music identified as intangible heritage includes musical practices, indoor and outdoor concerts, musical events and festivals, traditions, skills, social customs, and forms of musical expression that have developed and continue to develop in the Municipality of Morin-Heights.

5. ***Heritage value*** **–** Music has heritage value of public interest for the Municipality of Morin-Heights because of its historical, cultural, social, and identity-building contributions over the past century, its contribution to community cohesion, and its role in promoting the Municipality's cultural influence.

6. ***Preservation, transmission and promotion*** **–** Identifying music as part of intangible heritage aims to promote its recognition, preservation, transmission, and promotion, in accordance with the Municipality's guidelines and powers and in compliance with the Cultural Heritage Act.

7. ***Registration with the Registrar of cultural heritage*** **–** As soon as this identification by-law comes into force, the registrar-treasurer shall send a certified copy to the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut, in accordance with articles 126 and 179 of the Cultural Heritage Act.

8. ***Entering into effect*** **-**. This by-law shall come into force upon its adoption by the municipal council, in accordance with article 125 of the Cultural Heritage Act.

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Louise Cossette
Mayor

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Hugo Lépine
Director general /registrar-treasurer