

**TOWN OF HIGH RIVER  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BYLAW 4577/2020 – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION BYLAW**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE METHODS OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRED TO BE ADVERTISED BY THE *MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT*.**

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, Council for the Town of High River must advertise certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings and public hearings;

AND WHEREAS Council may pass a bylaw respecting alternate methods of advertising certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings and public hearings other than those methods set out in the *Municipal Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of High River wishes to pass a bylaw to provide for alternate advertising requirements for those bylaws, resolutions, meetings and public hearings required to be advertised under the *Municipal Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of High River Council, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**Short Title**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Public Notification Bylaw”.

**Interpretation**

2. Headings and sub-headings in this Bylaw are included for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting the substantive content of this Bylaw.
3. The preamble paragraphs that precede the numbered paragraphs of this Bylaw are an integral and necessary part of this Bylaw and not a mere recital.
4. Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all provisions and it is the intention of the Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.
5. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any Federal or Provincial law or Regulation, other Town Bylaw, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or licence.
6. References in this Bylaw to an Act, statute, regulation, or other Bylaw refer to the current laws and legislation, as amended or replaced from time to time, including successor legislation.

**Definitions**

7. The definitions provided here are universal and apply to each part of this bylaw. Words used in this Bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, unless otherwise specified.
  - (a) “**Act**” means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto.
  - (b) “**Council**” means the governing body of the Town of High River.

- (c) **“Special Council Meeting”** means a Council meeting held in accordance with Section 194 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- (d) **“Town”** means the Town of High River.
- (e) **“Town Crier”** means the publication produced by the Town of High River that is circulated in the High River area in paper and/or electronic format.

#### Purpose and Application

- 8. The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish alternate methods of public notification of items that are required to be advertised in accordance with the *Act*.

#### Alternate Methods of Advertising

- 9. Those bylaws, resolutions, meetings or public hearings that are required to be advertised under the *Act* will be advertised by completing the following:
  - a. Publishing the title and a statement of the general purpose for the bylaw, resolution, meeting or public hearing in at least one Town Crier or other Town newsletter, which shall include information referring interested parties to the Town’s website or view at the Town Office for more comprehensive details of the bylaw, resolution, meeting or public hearing as required by the *Act*;
  - b. Posting the title and statement of general purpose for the bylaw, resolution, meeting, or public hearing on the Town of High River’s official social media sites, which shall include information referring interested parties to the Town’s website;
  - c. Publishing the complete notification of the proposed bylaw, resolution, meeting or public hearing prominently on the Town’s website for fourteen (14) days prior to that event; and
  - d. Having hardcopies available at the Town Office for viewing by the public.


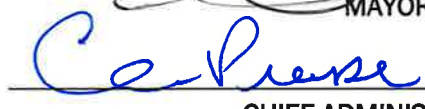
#### Exceptions

- 10. Special Council Meetings will not be advertised in accordance with Section 9 and, instead, by completing the following:
  - a. Posting the statement of general purpose for the Special Council Meeting on the Town of High River’s official social media sites, which shall include information referring interested parties to the Town’s website;
  - b. Publishing the complete notification of the Special Council Meeting prominently on the Town’s website; and
  - c. Posting the complete notification of the Special Council Meeting outside of the Town Office.

**Effective Date**

11. This Bylaw comes into effect when it is passed by the Council.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 10th DAY OF August, 2020

  
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MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR  
  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



READ A SECOND TIME THIS 28th DAY OF September, 2020

  
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MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR  
  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 28th DAY OF September, 2020

  
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MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR  
  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SIGNED AND PASSED THIS 28th DAY OF September, 2020

  
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MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR  
  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER