THE CORPORATION OF THETOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

BY-LAW NO. 2021-47

A By-law to establish a Notice Requirements Policy for the Town of Wasaga Beach, and to repeal By-law 2014-23

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, (the Act) as amended, requires that the municipality shall adopt and maintain a policy with respect to the provision of notice to the public and, if notice is to be provided, the form, manner, and times notice shallbe given;

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to set out reasonable minimum notice requirements for those actions by the municipality for which the notice requirements are not prescribed under the provision of the Act or its regulations; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to repeal the original By-Law, and to replace it with a new comprehensive By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. SHORT TITLE

This by-law may be referred to as the "Notice Policy".

2. DEFINITIONS

In this by-law:

"Act" means the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended and/or the Planning Act;

"Clerk" means the Director, Legislative Services & Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of WasagaBeach or his or her designate;

"CAO" means the Chief Administrative Officer for The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach or his or her designate;

"**Council**" means the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach;

"**Days**" mean the number of calendar days to include Saturday, Sundays and holidays.

"Local Radio Station" means a radio station which can be received locally using AM or FM frequencies;

"**Newspaper**" means a local printed or online publication, intended for general circulation, published regularly, consisting in great part of news of current events of general interest and sold or provided to the public and to regular subscribers

"**Notice**" means a written, printed, electronic, published, or posted notification or announcement.

"**Plain Language**" means written in such a way as to be clearly understood by members of the general public, avoiding the use of jargon or complicated language wherever possible;

"**Prepaid Mail**" means prepaid mail that requires the recipient to sign for it and is delivered by Canada Post or a courier service.

"Published" means published in a daily or weekly newspaper that, in the opinion of the Clerk, has such circulation within the municipality as to provide reasonable notice to those affected thereby, and "publication" has a corresponding meaning.

"Registered Mail" means registered mail that requires the recipient to sign for it and is delivered by Canada Post or a courier service.

"Social Media" refers to The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach's official accounts on internet-based technologies and sites specifically designed for the public dissemination of information, news, opinion, and other matters of interest in a freely available manner. These include (but are not limited to) Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube;

"Town" means the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach.

"Website" means posting notification or announcement on The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach's website.

3. APPLICATION

Where the Town is required to give Public Notice under a provision of the *Municipal Act* or the *Planning Act*, the notice shall be given in a form and manner and at times indicated in this By-Law unless;

- The *Act*, another statute, or a regulation prescribes or permits otherwise;
- The requirements of notice are prescribed in another policy, resolution orbylaw;
- Council directs that other public notice is to be given as the Council considers necessary in the circumstances, upon adoption of a resolution of Council.

The form, manner and timing for giving of notice as set out in this By-Law shall

be deemed to be the minimum requirement and nothing in this By-Lawshall prevent the use of more comprehensive methods of Notice or for providing for a longer notice period.

Wherever possible, public notice should be written in plain language in a manner that promotes openness and engagement from members of the public.

Public notices provided by means of social media should be written in accordance with the provisions of the Town's current Social Media Policy.

The Town's Communication's Policy (#2-16) shall be followed to ensure that the notices are produced and published/posted in clear language and in such a way to be in an accessible format thereby reducing barriers to the public.

4. NOTICE OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS

If a decision is not made at the meeting specified in the Public Notice, a statement should be made by the Chair at the meeting specifying the date,time and location of any subsequent meeting, at which consideration of thematter will ensue.

No additional prescribed notice will be required for subsequent meetings where a matter has been deferred to a subsequent meeting by Town Councilor by a Committee of Council, unless otherwise determined by Council.

5. EMERGENCY PROVISION

Upon the declaration of a state of emergency by the Town, the County of Simcoe, and/or the Province of Ontario under s 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, or any other circumstance that is considered to be of an urgent or time sensitive nature, or which could reasonably be construed to affect the health or well-being of the residents of the Town, the notice requirements of this policy may be waived, and the Clerk shall make best efforts to provide as much notice as is deemed reasonable under the circumstances.

6. CONTENT OF PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice to the Public shall contain the following information, when applicable, unless otherwise prescribed:

- A general description of the subject matter under consideration or otherwise involved;
- Reference to the applicable legislation, regulation or Town by-law under which the Notice is being given
- Where the matter relates to a defined location, sufficient particulars of the location to identify it generally, such as reference to a municipal address

or street intersection, or a legal description or plan or key map;

- The purpose of any meeting of which notice is required to be given or the purpose and effect of the proposed action;
- Date, time and location of any meeting at which the subject matter will be considered of which Notice is required to be given;
- Where written submissions may be made, or where delegations for the purpose of providing a verbal submission can be registered, the name and title of the person to whom they are to be sent, together with the e-mail address/address of the official and the deadline for receipt of such submissions;
- That the Notice is given by The Corporation of the Town of WasagaBeach, or by the Director, Legislative Services & Clerk or designate on its behalf;
- That Notices direct the public to the Town Website for additional information. For example: "For more information about this matter or other public services delivered by the Town of Wasaga Beach see www.wasagabeach.com"
- The Notice shall contain a notice indicating "alternative formats are available upon request".

7. **RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of the appropriate Department Head in coordination with the Director, Legislative Services & Clerk, to ensure notice requirements applicable to their Department are met, and that the notices meet the Town's accessibility requirements.

8. ACCESSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the appropriate Department Head in coordination with the Director, Legislative Services & Clerk, to ensure notice requirements applicable to their Department meet the Town's commitment to accessibility requirements. If requested, staff are to provide materials in alternative formats.

9. AMENDMENTS

Over time, additional notice requirements may be determined. In such cases, Schedule "A" shall be amended and updated, if required. Delay in amending Schedule "A" does not preclude the implementation of notice requirements as determined by Council or staff, or legislation. Schedule "A" can be amended by resolution of Council.

10. REVIEW PERIOD

This By-Law shall be reviewed every five (5) years by the Clerk and will be revised in light of any changes in legislation.

11. REPEAL PREVIOUS BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 2014-23 and all previous by-laws, resolutions and policies and parts of by-laws, resolutions and policies inconsistent with the provisions of this by-law regarding the provision of Public Notice are hereby repealed.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE

THAT this By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its final passing.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

Nina Bifolchi, Mayor

Dina Lundy, Director, Legislative Services & Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2021-47

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Act Section/Requirement and/or	Town Notice Requirement	
Subject Matter of Notice	Form, Manner, and Time	
PART III – SPECIFIC MUNICIPAL POWERS		

Section 34 – Permanent Closure of a Highway (Permanent closure of a highway)	 Mail Notice of Intent to all persons who abut the affected highway closure prior to passing of By-Law
No public notice requirement	 Notice to abutting municipality/upper tier municipality, utilities, if applicable Notice to be published in the newspaper once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks prior to Committee/Council meeting at which matter is being considered Posted on website 2 weeks prior to the matter being considered by Committee or Council
Permanently Altering a Highway If the alternation is likely to deprive any person of the sole means of motor vehicle access to and from the person's land over any highway.	 Mail Notice of Intent to all persons who abut the affected highway closure prior to passing of By-Law Notice to abutting municipality/upper tier municipality, utilities, if applicable Notice to be published in the newspaper
No public notice requirement	 once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks prior to Committee or Council meeting at which matter is being considered Notice to be posted on website – 2 weeks prior to the matter being considered by Committee or Council
Naming or Changing the Name of a Highway No public notice requirement	 Mail Notice of Intent to all persons who abut the affected highway closure prior to passing of By-Law Notice to be published once in the newspaper 14 days prior to Committee or Council meeting at which matter is being considered Notice to be posted on website – 14 days prior to the matter being considered by Committee or Council

Municipal Act Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 48 – Change/Naming of Private Roads A local municipality may name or change the name of a private road after giving public notice of its intention to pass the by-law.	 Mail Notice of Intent to all persons who abut the affected highway closure prior to passing of By-Law Notice to be published in the newspaper once 14 days prior to Committee or Council meeting at which matter is being considered Notice to be posted on website – 14 days prior to the matter being considered by Committee or Council
Section 81 - Shut Off of Public Utility A municipality may shut off the supply of a public utility by the municipality to land if fees or charges payable by the owners or occupants of the land for the supply of the public utility to the land are overdue. Reasonable notice required.	 Form: printed on standard forms and includes the total amount owing, the due date for payment of outstanding amount; the date of earliest disconnection of service if account is not paid in full by the due date; name/title of contact at Town Office. Manner: By prepaid registered mail to the owner of the property Hand delivered to owner of property and/or posted on land in a conspicuous place Timing: as per Town Utility Works By-Laws
Section 99 - Advertising Devices No public notice requirement	Notice to be posted on website – 14 days
Section 110 - Agreements for Municipal Capital Facilities A municipality may enter into agreements for the provision of municipal capital facilities by any person, including another municipality. Upon pass the by-law, the municipality shall give notice.	As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
Section 110 - Notice of Tax Exemption bylaw The municipality may exempt from taxation for municipal and school purposes land or a portion of it on which municipal capital facilities are or will be located (under specific conditions). Upon passing of the by-law, the municipality shall give notice.	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>

Municipal Act Section/Requirement and/or	Town Notice Requirement
Subject Matter of Notice	Form, Manner, and Time
PART IV - LI	
Section 150 – General Licensing Powers A municipality may pass a by-law to provide for a system of licences with respect to any business wholly or partially carried on within the municipality. No public meeting requirement No public notice requirement	 Notice to be posted on website – 14 days prior to the matter being considered by Committee or Council Social Media postings 14 days prior to public meeting and repeated at least once prior to the meeting.
PART V – MUNICIPAL	REORGANIZATION
Section 173 – Municipal Restructuring Proposal The Council of a municipality votes on whether to support or oppose a restructuring proposal. Council shall consult with public by giving notice; hold at least one public meeting; consult with Minister prescribed bodies/persons; consult with other persons Town considers appropriate. Section 187 – Change of Name of Municipality Changing the name of a municipality. Notice of intention required to pass by-law and hold at least one public meeting.	 Council shall hold at least one public meeting. Website posting the 14 days prior to public meeting. Notice to be published in the newspaper once 14 days prior to the public meeting. May include other notice as prescribed by the Minister. As per requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001</i>, as amended. Council shall hold at least one public meeting prior to passing by-law. Website posting the 14 days prior to public meeting. Notice to be published in the newspaper once 14 days prior to the public meeting.
Section 204 -210 – Business Improvement Areas	• As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
A municipality may designate an area as an improvement area and may establish a board of management. Before passing a by-law, notice shall be provided as required under the Act.	
Section 211 – Business Improvement Areas Repealing By-Law	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
Council shall give notice of a proposed by-law to repeal a by-law establishing a business improvement area. Before passing by-law, notice shall be provided as required under the Act.	

<i>Municipal Act</i> Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 216 Dissolution of Local Boards Power to dissolve or change Local Boards	 Notice on website 14 days prior to Committee or Council meeting at which matter is being considered
No public notice requirement	
 Section 217 - 219 Composition of Council A municipality may change the composition of its Council. Before passing a by-law described in section 218, the municipality shall give notice of its intention to pass the by-law and shall hold at least one public meeting to consider the matter. Section 222 – Establishment of Wards A municipality may divide or re-divide the municipality into wards or dissolve existing wards. No requirement for public meeting. Within 15 days after a by-law is passed, the municipality shall give notice of the passing of the by-law to the public specifying the last date for filing a notice of appeal. PART VI – PRACTICES Section 238 – Procedural By-Law A municipality shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place, proceedings and providing public notice of meetings of Council and Committees of Council. Public notice requirement prior to passage of a procedural by-law. Section 238 (2.1) – Notice of Public Meetings The Procedure By-Law shall provide for public notice of meetings. 	 Council shall hold at least one public meeting. Notice in newspaper once 14 days prior to the public meeting. Notice on website 14 days prior to the public meeting. Council shall hold at least one public meeting. Notice in newspaper once 14 days prior to the public meeting. Notice on website 14 days prior to the public meeting. Notice on website 14 days prior to the public meeting. Notice to be published in the newspaper 15 days of passing of by-law. Website posting within 15 days passing of by-law. Website posting 14 days prior to public meeting. Social Media postings 14 days prior to public meeting. Social Media postings 14 days prior to public meeting. Website posting 14 days prior to public meeting (planning act). Notice is given to the public through the posting the meeting schedule and Committee and Council agendas on the website. Notice may be given at each Council meeting of upcoming meetings.

<i>Municipal Act</i> Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 270.1 – Sale of Land A municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the sale and other disposition of land. Reasonable notice shall be provided to those who are most likely expected to be affected PART VII, VIII, IX, X, XI - FINANCIAL A Section 290 – 291 Budget – Adopt or Amend Advertising a budget or amending the budget. No public notice requirement. No public meeting requirement.	 Notice to be published in the newspaper at least 14 days prior to the selling of the land. Posted on website 14 days prior to selling of the land.
Section 295 – Publication of Financial Statements Audited financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, the auditor's report and the tax rate information for the current and previous year as contained in the financial review. Within 60 days after receipt, Treasurer to publish copy of statements and notice that statements available upon request in newspaper. Section 308 (22)(b) – Establishment of Tax Ratios	 public meeting As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i> Publish in newspaper, once, within 60 days after receiving the audited financial statements of the municipality for the previous year Post on website As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
The Minister may make regulations requiring municipalities that establish tax ratios to give notice of the tax ratios to such persons and in such manner as prescribed Section 318 – Phase-in of Tax Changes Resulting from Reassessments A notice of demand of taxes payable in respect of which there is a phase-in shall indicate the amount of taxes that would have been payable without the phase-in, the amount of taxes that are payable and the difference	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>

<i>Municipal Act</i> Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 331 - Taxes on Eligible Property Within 60 days of receiving the notice by the assessment corporation, the municipality shall determine the taxes for municipal and school purposes for each eligible property for the year or portion of the year and shall provide notice as per the Act.	 As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
Section 342 – Tax Collection – Ceasing of Alternative Installments and due dates of taxes Treasurer gives written notice to taxpayer that alternative installments and due dates may no longer be used	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
Section 343 – Notice of Tax Bill The Treasurer shall send a tax bill to every taxpayerat least 21 days before any taxes shown on the tax bill are due.	
Section 348 – Determination of Tax Status The Treasurer shall by February 28 in each year determine the position of every tax account as of December 31 of the preceding year. On making this determination, the Treasurer shall send to every taxpayer who owes taxes from a preceding year a notice of those taxes and of the related late payment charges. The notice may be sent with a tax bill.	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
Section 350 – Obligations of Tenant Where taxes are owed in respect of any land occupied by a tenant, the Treasurer may give the tenant notice in writing requiring the tenant to pay the rent in respect of the land to the treasurer as it becomes due up to the amount of the taxes due and unpaid plus costs, and the tenant shall comply with the notice.	As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>

<i>Municipal Act</i> Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 351 – Seizure Personal Property – Public Auction Subject to certain conditions, the Treasurer may seize personal property to recover the taxes and costs of the seizure. The Treasurer or the Treasurer's agent shall give the public notice of the time and place of the public auction and of the name of the person whose personal property is to be sold.	 As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i> Notice to be published once in the newspaper 14 days prior to auction Notice to be posted on the website – 14 days prior Written notice by mail, 21 days prior to auction, to sheriff, bailiff, assignee, liquidator, trustee or licensed trustee in bankruptcy
Section 356 – Division Into Parcels Upon application by the Treasurer of a municipality or to the Treasurer by an owner of land, the municipality may divide land into two or more parcels; apportion unpaid taxes; and direct part payment of taxes to each of the parcels.	As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
Section 357 – Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes Upon receipt of an application, and subject to certain conditions, the municipality may cancel, reduce or refund all or part of taxes levied.	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
Section 358 – Overcharges Caused by a Gross or Manifest Error Upon receipt of an application, and subject to certain conditions, the municipality may cancel, reduce or refund all or part of taxes which were overcharged due to a gross or manifest error in the preparation of the assessment roll.	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
Section 359 - Increase of Taxes as a Result of any Undercharged Caused by a Gross or Manifest Error Upon receipt of an application by the treasurer, the municipality may increase the taxes levied when the taxes were undercharged due to a gross or manifest error.	As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>

<i>Municipal Act</i> Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 365.2 – Tax Reduction for Heritage Property	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
If a local municipality passes a by-law to provide tax reductions or refunds to eligible heritage properties, the Minister of Finance shall be notified within 30 days after the by-law is passed.	
Section 374 - Notice of Registration	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
Tax Arrears Certificate Notice required, within 60 days after the registration of a tax arrears certificate.	
Section 379 & 380 - Public Sale (Tax Arrears Certificate)	• As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
Sale of property for tax arrears. Any notice required to be sent may be given by personal delivery or be sent by certified or registered mail.	
Section 386.2 – Tax Sales – Entering to Carry out Inspection without Warrant	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
A municipality may enter a property to carry out an inspection without a warrant. At least 7 days before inspection, written notice to be provided.	
Section 386.3 – Tax Sales – Entering to Carry out Inspection with Warrant	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
The municipality may apply to a provincial judge or a justice of the peace for a warrant authorizing a person named in the warrant to inspect land. At least 7 days before application, written notice to be provided.	

Municipal Act Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
PART XII - FEES	
Section 391 - Fees and Charges No public notice requirement. No public meeting requirement.	 Council shall hold one public meeting annually prior to adopting consolidated Fees & Charges By-Law; notice to be provided prior to meeting Notice is given to the public through posting the Committee or Council agendas on the website. Notice of Intent to consider adopting fees and charges by-law to be published in the newspaper at least once 14days prior to the Committee or Council meeting in which the matter is considered for adoption. Notice to be posted on website – 14 days prior Amendments to be brought forward via Staff Report to Committee or Council
Section 400 – Regulations Local Improvement Charges – Priority Lien Status	• As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
Under Section 400, the Minister may make regulations regarding fees and charges with priority lien status, including a requirement that the municipality give notice of its intention to pass a by- law imposing fees and charges which will have priority lien status.	
Section 400 - Local Improvement By-Law	As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
Before passage, reasonable notice of intention to pass by-law to public and to owners of lots liable to be specifically charged.	
Section 402 – Notice of Debt Upon receipt of application of a municipality to incur a debt the Ontario Municipal Board may direct the municipality to give notice of the application to such persons and in such manner as the Board determines.	As per the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
PART XIII - ENF	
Section 435 – Power of Entry onto Private Land Reasonable time before proposed entry. Notice to occupier of land by personal service or prepaid mail, or by posting notice on land in conspicuous place.	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>

<i>Municipal Act</i> Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 441 – Collection of Unpaid Licensing Fines	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
If any part of a fine for a contravention of a business licensing by-law remains unpaid after the fine becomes due and payable under the <i>Provincial</i> <i>Offences Act</i> , the authorized offer may give the person against whom the fine was imposed a written notice.	
Section 447 – Court Order to Close Premises The municipality that passed a licensing by-law in respect of which a closing order was made is a party to any proceedings, shall give notice of the proceedings in accordance with the rules of the court.	• As per the requirements stipulated in the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, as amended</i>
PLANNING ACT NOTIO	E REQUIREMENTS
Planning Act Section/Requirement and/or Subject Matter of Notice	Town Notice Requirement Form, Manner, and Time
Section 17 - Official Plans	As per the requirements stipulated in the
O.reg 198/96	Planning Act, 1990, c. P. 13, as amended
Sections 34, 36, 38 - Zoning By-Laws, Hold By-	As per the requirements stipulated in the
Laws, Interim Control By-Laws O.reg 545/06	Planning Act, 1990, c. P. 13, as amended
Section 45 - Minor Variance Applications	As per the requirements stipulated in the
O.reg 200/96	Planning Act, 1990, c. P. 13, as amended
Sections 50, 51 - Plans of Subdivision	 As per the requirements stipulated in the
O.reg 196/96	Planning Act, 1990, c. P. 13, as amended
Section 53 - Consent Applications	As per the requirements stipulated in the
O.reg 197/96	Planning Act, 1990, c. P. 13, as amended