

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM
PUBLIC NOTICE BYLAW, 2023

Bylaw No. 4332

A Bylaw of the City of Port Coquitlam to prescribe the means by which statutory public notice will be provided.

WHEREAS the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* require local governments to provide advance public notice on certain matters of public interest to facilitate opportunity for public participation in local government decision-making;

AND WHEREAS Section 94.1 of the *Community Charter* sets out the default publication requirements to publish public notice in a newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks for such matters;

AND WHEREAS Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter* authorizes that Council may, by bylaw, provide for alternative means of publishing a public notice for such matters, instead of the default publication requirements;

AND WHEREAS Council has considered the principles for effective public notice that include reliability, sustainability, and accessibility as prescribed in *Public Notice Regulation 52/2002*;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw is cited as "Public Notice Bylaw, 2023, No. 4332".

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

City means the municipal corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam;

City Hall means Port Coquitlam City Hall located at 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, V2L 3V9;

City Website means the official information resource found at an internet address provided by the City and whose uniform resource locator is known as www.portcoquitlam.ca;

Council consists of the mayor and the councillors elected for the City of Port Coquitlam;

Facebook Page means the City's computer and internet-based technology information resource on the Facebook social media platform;

Public Notice Page means the public notice webpage on the City Website that is allocated for the purpose of publishing the City's public notices.

Public Notice Posting Place means the public bulletin board outside the front doors of City Hall, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam.

3. PUBLIC NOTICE

The means of publication for public notice requirements under the *Community Charter*, *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment shall be delivered in the following form and manner:

- a) By publishing it on the City's Public Notice Page at least 7 days prior to consideration of the matter by City Council, or if it is not regarding a matter to be considered by Council, otherwise in accordance with the publishing requirement; and
- b) By publishing it on the City's Official Facebook Page at least 7 days prior to consideration of the matter by City Council, or if it is not regarding a matter to be considered by Council, otherwise in accordance with the publishing requirement; and
- c) Posting a hard copy of the notice on the Public Notice Posting Place at least 7 days prior to consideration of the matter by City Council, or if it is not regarding a matter to be considered by Council, otherwise in accordance with the publishing requirement.

4. ADDITIONAL NOTICES:

The notice requirements set forth in this Bylaw are minimum requirements and are not intended to limit Council's discretion to direct staff to provide additional notices, utilizing different or additional methods or repeating notice, as deemed appropriate by Council.

5. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court, the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

READ A FIRST TIME this	15 th day of	August, 2023
READ A SECOND TIME this	15 th day of	August, 2023
READ A THIRD TIME this	15 th day of	August, 2023
ADOPTION TIME this	5 th day of	September, 2023

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Mayor

CAROLYN DEAKIN

Corporate Officer