

Summer Village of Bondiss. Public Notification Bylaw

As part of the changes to the *Municipal Government Act*, municipalities have been provided with enabling powers that broaden the suite of tools available to advertise and provide notice to the public about proposed bylaws, public hearings, resolutions and meetings, among other things. Specifically, these methods can now include electronic advertising such as advertising on a municipal website or the use of social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

Previously, a municipality was required to provide notice through newspaper advertising, mail or delivery to every residence in the area to which the bylaw or other matter related. The new legislative changes provide additional flexibility to allow municipalities to develop notification tools that will best meet the needs of their communities.

If the municipality wishes to use alternate advertising methods, such as a municipal website or social media, an authorizing bylaw must be passed. This bylaw must have the confidence of council that the method provided for in the bylaw is likely to bring the matter to the attention of substantially all residents in the relevant area, and a public hearing must be held prior to second reading of the bylaw. As well, the notice of the bylaw must be advertised in a manner consistent with the notification methods outlined in the *Municipal Government Act*. Lastly, the bylaw must be made available for public inspection.

The Summer Village of Bondiss has given 1st and 2nd reading to Public Notification Bylaw 4-21 with the intent to adopt the Bylaw by giving third reading after a public hearing to be held at the next meeting of Council. Meeting dates will be published on the Summer Village Website. <https://bondiss.com/meetings-%26-minutes>

If you require any additional information or a copy of the Bylaw contact Ed Tomaszuk, CAO at 780 689 1016