



Bill No. 151

BY-LAW NUMBER 2023-

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend By-law 2017-017, being a by-law to provide for general notice provisions as required under the *Municipal Act, 2001*

WHEREAS under Section 270 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 a municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the circumstances in which the municipality shall provide notice to the public and if notice is to be provided, the form, manner and times the notice shall be given;

AND WHEREAS Sections of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001, require a municipality to give notice to the public generally of its intention to pass certain by-laws, notice of the holding of certain required public meetings and notice of other matters;

AND WHEREAS By-law 2017-017 was passed on the 27th day of March, 2017 to establish general notice provisions;

AND WHEREAS printed newspaper circulation was ceased in City of Barrie in September, 2023 due to the remaining newspaper of general circulation moving to a total digital platform;

AND WHEREAS the provisions within By-law 2017-017 do not provide for digital circulation as a form of general notice provision;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Barrie deems it expedient to amend By-law 2017-017;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie hereby enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** Section 1 of By-law 2017-017 be amended by adding the following definition:

Digital Circulation – use of a digital platform including but not limited to digital newspaper platforms, the City of Barrie social media platforms and website notice page.
2. **THAT** Section 3 a) of By-law 2017-017 be amended by adding the words “or digitally circulated” after the word City.
3. **THAT** Schedule “A” of By-law 2017-017 be amended by adding the words “or digitally circulated” after the word newspaper in the descriptions of Notice Classifications, Class #2 and Class #3.
4. **THAT** this By-law shall come into force and effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

READ a first and second time this 22nd day of November, 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this 22ND day of November, 2023

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE

MAYOR – ALEX NUTTALL

CITY CLERK – WENDY COOKE