



**By-law #294**

**Amending by-law #250 to prohibit flowerpots on docks, boat houses and rafts**

**WHEREAS** lakes and waterways are complex and fragile ecosystems whose protection and ecological integrity must be ensured;

**CONSIDERING THAT** the Municipal Council is concerned about protecting the shores of Lac des Écorces and the quality of the water and aquatic environment on the lake, and wishes to ensure that the quality of the water within its territory is maintained;

**CONSIDERING THAT** the provisions of section 7.4 of Zoning Bylaw 201 relating to the shoreline;

**CONSIDERING THAT** for several years, the Town has taken steps to encourage the public not to install flower boxes on the docks;

**CONSIDERING THAT** despite numerous repetitions of this message, including the publication on the Town of Barkmere website of an article written by Ms. Anne Létourneau describing the potential damage caused by continuing to install flower pots or boxes on docks.

**CONSIDERING THAT** the phosphate content of fertilizers used in flower boxes installed on a dock, boat shed, or raft adversely affects the water quality of the lake;

**CONSIDERING THAT**, under the Municipal Powers Act, the council may adopt environmental regulations and must assume the role of environmental trustee;

**WHEREAS** the council wishes to establish a bylaw to clearly specify the prohibition on installing flower boxes on any dock, boat house, or raft;

**WHEREAS** the bylaw and a notice of motion were presented at the regular meeting of the August 9<sup>th</sup> 2025;

**THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordered and resolved that a new bylaw, numbered 294, be adopted, amending Bylaw 250 on the protection of water bodies against non-native species and invasive alien species.

#### **Article 1.- Preamble**

**The preamble forms an integral part of these regulations;**

#### **Article 2.- Addition of Article 20**

20. It is prohibited to place and maintain a flowerpot or planter on any dock, boat house, or raft installed on Bark Lake.

#### **Article 3.- Renumbering of Articles 20, 21, and 22**

The numbering of Articles 20, 21, and 22 is changed to 21, 22, and 23, respectively.

#### **Article 4.- Entry into force**

These regulations shall come into force and effect after the formalities prescribed by law have been completed.

Adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2025

*(Original signed.) Mr Luc Trépanier, Mayor*

*(Original signed.) Mr Martin Paul Gélinas, director general and town clerk*

Notice of motion : August 9th 2025  
Adoption of the by-law: September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Entrée into force :  
Public notice :

Certified copy this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025



Martin Paul Gélinais, Director general and town clerk