



VILLE DE / TOWN OF
B A R K M E R E

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 Écources 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 9th 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 13th 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 13th
Entrée into force :
Public notice :

Certified copy this 13th day of September, 2025



Martin Paul Gélinas, Director general and town clerk