

---

**BY-LAW 464-2023 CONCERNING  
THE CONTROL OF BOAT WASHING  
ON LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG AND  
LAKE LOVERING**

---

**WHEREAS** section 244.1 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (R.S.Q., c. F-2.1) allows municipal corporations to provide, by by-law, that all or part of their goods, services or activities be financed by means of a fee structure;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Stanstead Township is a municipal corporation that intends to avail itself of this method;

**WHEREAS** on June 5, 2002, Council adopted by-law number 227-2002 concerning nuisances and aimed at preventing the infestation of zebra mussels in the water bodies of Lake Memphremagog;

**WHEREAS** the said by-law orders that any boat owner must be in possession of a valid boat washing certificate for this boat before launching it into Lake Memphremagog

**WHEREAS** the Council had adopted bylaw 428-2019 concerning the fees for user certificates and boat washing;

**WHEREAS** the rates are standardized, it is necessary to review the rates proposed by the MRC and also make some changes and clarifications;

**WHEREAS** in view of the foregoing, it is necessary to repeal By-law 428-2019 by replacing it with the present by-law

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion and deposit of the draft of this by-law was given at the meeting of March 6, 2023;

**THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Preamble**

The preamble is an integral part of this by-law.

**2. Purpose**

The purpose of this by-law is to control the washing of boats and the use of boat ramps on Lake Memphremagog and Lake Lovering, located in the Municipality of Stanstead Township, as well as the applicable conditions and fees.

This by-law repeals and replaces By-law 428-2019 respecting the use of and fees for boat ramps, washing certificates and parking lots located at Parc Forand and Carré Copp.

**3. Definition**

In this by-law, the following words have the following meaning:

- a) Access: Launching ramps belonging to the Municipality, located at Carré Copp, Georgeville sector, on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, and at Forand Park, located at 201 Narrow Road (Route 247), lot 4 922 912, Fitch Bay sector, on the shores of Fitch Bay, for the purpose of allowing users to launch and retrieve their watercraft;
- b) Washing Certificate: An official document, certifying that the watercraft in question has been washed at a specific time. Such a document may also be used as a "Daily or Weekly Washing Certificate" to allow for repeated washing within an agreed upon period of time, including access to an available municipal boat launch and use of the associated municipal parking lot.
- c) Motorized watercraft: Any watercraft equipped with a mechanical means of propulsion powered by an energy source;
- d) Non-motorized watercraft: Any watercraft without a mechanical means of propulsion powered by an energy source, such as paddleboards, canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, etc;
- e) Marina renter: Any person who moors his or her watercraft in a marina;

- f) Marina: Refers to the commercial activity described under this term in the Zoning By-law of the municipality. Only facilities that comply with municipal by-laws or have acquired rights are recognized as such;
- g) Municipality: The Municipality of Stanstead Township;
- h) Non-Resident: Any person who is not domiciled in the Municipality or who does not own a building in the Municipality;
- i) Person: Any natural or legal person;
- j) Attendant: A person appointed by the Council of the Municipality to enforce this by-law for the purpose of enforcing this by-law;
- k) Launching ramp: See the term "access
- l) Resident: Any person who is domiciled within the territory of the Municipality, or who is the owner of a property;
- m) Parking lot: Lots developed by the Municipality located on lot 4 922 126, at Copp Square, Georgeville sector, and on lot 4 922 912, at Forand Park (201 Narrows), Fitch Bay sector, for the purpose of allowing users of the boat ramps to park their vehicles and trailers;
- n) User: Any person using a boat on Lake Memphremagog or Lake Lovering or owning a boat intended to be used there;
- o) User's certificate or seasonal user's certificate: Official document accompanied by a sticker, confirming the use of a boat for an entire season on Lake Memphremagog or Lake Lovering and also allowing the repeated use of: one of the available municipal boat ramps, the municipal parking lot associated with it and the washing of the boat.

#### **4. Washing and mandatory certificate**

No one may moor, use a boat or launch a boat on Lake Memphremagog or Lake Lovering without first obtaining a washing certificate or a seasonal user certificate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible for a resident to obtain a certificate without having to wash his or her watercraft. To do so, he must produce a declaration to the effect that, since the last washing, his boat(s) have not been found on another body of water than the one on which he is about to moor (either Lake Memphremagog or Lake Lovering). The resident must renew his declaration and his certificate annually to the attendant, by means of the appropriate document duly completed, before launching.

Other than a resident who has a space on his or her property dedicated to the launching of his or her own boats, or a person benefiting from the services of a marina offering a launching service, no other person may launch a boat on Lake Memphremagog or Lake Lovering, from the territory of the Municipality of Stanstead Township without using one of the accesses belonging to the municipality.

##### **4.1 Certificate in possession**

For control purposes, a washing certificate and a user certificate or its sticker must remain accessible to the user of the boat at all times.

##### **4.2 Transfer of a seasonal user certificate**

No person may use a user's certificate to be used with a boat other than the one for which it was issued.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, in the case of the sale of a boat that is validly issued with a seasonal user's certificate

- a) Upon production of a document attesting to the sale of the boat to a third party and upon surrender of the seasonal user certificate already issued, a new user certificate may be issued for the same boat at half the cost of a new user certificate
- b) Upon production of a document attesting to the sale of a boat and the purchase of a new boat, upon surrender of the seasonal user's certificate already issued for the boat sold, a new user's certificate may be issued for the new boat, at half the cost of a new user's certificate.

## 5. Parking Restriction

No authorized user of a boat launch can park a vehicle or trailer outside of the areas that are designated for that purpose by the Municipality, as defined in the definition of "parking" in this by-law.

## 6. Fees

Any person wishing to obtain a washing certificate or a user's certificate must pay the fees set out in Schedule "A" of this by-law.

In order to adequately assess eligibility for a fee corresponding to the following particular statuses, the applicant must provide the attached additional information:

a) "Resident" status:

- A photo ID;
- A document showing a concordance between the name of the resident and his or her address of residence in the municipality (e.g. copy of tax account...);
- The address appearing on the registration of the boat concerned.

N.B. Without this demonstration, the rate used will be that of a non-resident.

b) "Marina Tenant" status:

- Present the following information in person to the attendant:
  - Identification with address and photo;
  - Boat registration.
- Provide a valid copy of the rental agreement (rental time must be indicated) for a marina site.

## 7. Contravention of By-law

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to one of the following fines

7.1 For a first offence

- A minimum of two hundred dollars (\$100.00) and a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a first offence if the offender is a natural person;
- A minimum of five hundred dollars (\$200.00) and a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,000.00) for a first offence if the offender is a legal person;

7.2 For a repeat offence

- A minimum of four hundred dollars (\$200.00) and a maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for a repeat offence if the offender is a natural person;
- A minimum of one thousand dollars (\$400.00) and a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for a repeat offence if the offender is a legal person;

7.3 For a marina housing a boat not holding a user certificate:

- A minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each boat not holding a user certificate

In all cases, the costs of the prosecution are extra.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Municipality may exercise all other remedies necessary to enforce the provisions of this by-law.

## 8. Coming into Force

This by-law shall come into force in accordance with the law.

---

Pierre Martineau  
Mayor

---

Matthieu Simoneau  
Director General et  
Clerk-Treasurer

Notice of motion and tabling: March 6, 2023

Adoption:

Entry into force:

*The French version takes precedence*

PROJECT

# Annex A

## Fee Schedule

N.B. all rates apply to each boat

<b>Daily or Weekly Washing Certificate</b> , includes the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The right to use a municipal boat launch;</li><li>• The right to park a vehicle and its trailer in the municipal parking lot;</li><li>• The right to wash the boat.</li></ul> Can be done repeatedly, over the duration of the certificate.		
<b>Daily washing certificate:</b>		
Watercraft :	Motorized	Non-motorized
• Resident :	Free	Free
• Non-resident :	60 \$	5 \$
<b>Weekly washing certificate</b>		
Watercraftt :	Motorized	Non-motorized
• Resident :	Free	Free
• Non-resident :	150 \$	15 \$
<b>Seasonal User Certificate</b> , includes the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The right to use a municipal boat launch;</li><li>• The right to park a vehicle and its trailer in the municipal parking lot;</li><li>• The right to wash the boat.</li></ul> Can be done repeatedly, over the duration the season.		
<b>Seasonal Vignette:</b>		
Watercraft :	Motorized	Non- motorized
• Resident :	Free	Free
• Non-resident :	450 \$	50 \$
• Marina renter:	250 \$	30 \$

N.B.: A fee of \$20 applies for the issuance of a wash certificate (without any other service) for a non-resident.