

**CANADA
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OF ARGENTEUIL
MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH**

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-005

**BY-LAW CONCERNING THE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE
TO PARK OF LAKE GRACE**

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth wishes to adopt a regulation to ensure the cleanliness and tranquility of Park of Lake Grace as well as the safety of its users;

WHEREAS the intermunicipal agreement between the Municipality of the Township of Gore and the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth concerning Park of Lake Grace delegates the management and administration of Park of Lake Grace to the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth;

WHEREAS this regulation is in addition to the By-Law already in force on the territory of the Township of Wentworth for public spaces, By-Law number RM 460-2019;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth considers that clarifications are necessary to ensure harmonious cohabitation between residents and park users;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth wishes to facilitate its management;

WHEREAS a Notice of Motion of this By-Law is duly given at the Council meeting held April 7th, 2025, and the Draft By-Law is deposited at the same meeting;

THEREFORE, it is proposed by Councillor Allan Page and
RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth decrees and statutes by the present By-Law as follows:

ARTICLE 1 PREAMBLE

The preamble is an integral part of this By-Law.

ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words or expressions have the meaning given below:

Watercraft: Small, motorized or non-motorized means of transportation on water.

ATV (All Terrain Vehicle): A vehicle with driven wheels that can travel over any type of terrain (examples include, but are not limited to: modified truck, quad, motocross, three-wheeler, snowmobile).

Designated official: In addition to a peace officer, any person designated by the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth to enforce the present By-Law.

Non-resident and non-taxpayer: Any person who is a non-taxpayer and non-resident on the territory of the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth and the Municipality of the Township of Gore.

Non-resident taxpayer: Any person who is a taxpayer and non-resident on the territory of the Municipality, as owner of an unbuilt immovable.

Resident: Any person who is the owner of a residential or commercial immovable located on the territory of the Municipality (or who is domiciled on the territory of the Municipality), who holds a lease for a term of at least (3) months or who is the occupant of a business establishment, within the meaning of the *Municipal Taxation Act (R.S.Q. c. F-21)*, located on the territory of the Municipality.

Invasive exotic species: An organism growing outside its natural range and capable of becoming invasive.

Washing: The action of cleaning a boat and its accessories at a washing station approved by the Municipality, before launching, using a pressure washer, without detergent or acid, to dislodge any exotic and invasive organisms that may be present from the boat and its accessories.

Dog park: Refers to a fenced area within which a dog owner or keeper does not have to keep a dog on a leash, the location of which is approved by the Municipality.

ARTICLE 3 OPENING HOURS

Opening hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Anyone found in the park outside of opening hours is subject to the penalty provided for in Article 11 of this By-Law.

Despite the first paragraph, the park may be closed at any time and without prior notice by the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth or its representatives.

ARTICLE 4 PRIVILEGE CARD

Anyone accessing the park must first obtain authorization in the form of a privilege card, which they must have in their possession during their visit.

The privilege card is issued with proof of ownership in the Municipality of the Township of Gore and the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth. The privilege card may be revoked for non-compliance with current regulations.

The privilege card holder is responsible for their guests. Any violation of these regulations by a guest may result in the revocation of the privilege card.

ARTICLE 5 POWER OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

The officers designated by resolution of the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth, as well as any police officer, may:

- a) enforce the rules established in this By-Law;
- b) prohibit any person from entering all or part of the park, when such prohibition is deemed necessary to maintain good order or to protect life or property;
- c) expel from the park any person who disturbs the peace or behaves in a reprehensible manner;

Any person who refuses to leave the park after being ordered to do so by one of the persons mentioned above commits an offense.

ARTICLE 6 PROHIBITIONS

Although some of these prohibitions are stipulated in By-Law RM 460-2019, the Municipality wishes to reiterate that it is prohibited for anyone using the park :

- a) to visit the park without a privilege card;
- b) to bring any animal except dogs, and dogs are permitted only in the following cases:
 - All dogs must be kept on a leash and under the control of their keeper outside the dog park;
 - Dogs are prohibited at all times within 50 meters of the lake;
 - The keeper of a dog must comply with the animal regulations in force;
- c) fishing or trapping live species without the appropriate provincial or federal authorizations and a privilege card;
- d) driving a motor vehicle, except to access the designated parking area;
- e) driving an all-terrain vehicle;
- f) moving, modifying, removing, or adding to the signage installed by the Municipality;
- g) moving park benches, garbage cans, or other municipal furniture;
- h) climbing walls, buildings, trees, or fences;
- i) lighting fires or pyrotechnic devices without first obtaining a specific permit from the Municipality for this activity;
- j) bringing or consuming alcoholic beverages;
- k) smoking or possessing lit tobacco;

- l) vaping or using an electronic cigarette or any form of object resembling a cigarette;
- m) bring, smoke, inhale, or consume drugs or cannabis in any form;
- n) launch a motorized boat;
- o) bring or possess glass bottles;
- p) feed or leave food for animals;
- q) frighten animals;
- r) throwing or projecting rocks or other objects;
- s) playing music over a loudspeaker without first obtaining a specific permit from the Municipality for this activity;
- t) leaving or depositing waste except in the baskets or bins provided for this purpose;
- u) selling or offering for sale anything;
- v) installing or displaying signs, panels, placards, or other forms of advertising of any kind except in locations authorized by the Municipality.

ARTICLE 7 NON-MOTORIZED CRAFT

Before launching any non-motorized boat, all users must have an access permit issued by the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth or the Municipality of the Township of Gore, or have the boat, trailer, and all accessories, if applicable, washed at a wash station designated by the Municipal Council in accordance with the terms of ***By-Law number 2024-002, "By-Law concerning the protection of and access to water bodies in the territory of the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth"***.

Depositing or allowing the deposit, in any manner whatsoever, of invasive exotic species in a water body constitutes an offense and is strictly prohibited.

Failure by any user of a non-motorized boat to present the wash certificate or access permit for their boat, upon request from a designated official, constitutes an offense and is strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE 8 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

No one may prune, trim, or cut down a tree or shrub, or cut or uproot flowers or plants, except municipal employees or agents performing their duties.

Despite the preceding paragraph, picking fruits, vegetables, and flowers from community gardens is permitted.

ARTICLE 9 LOITERING

No one may camp, sleep, lodge or beg in the park.

ARTICLE 10 ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

Anyone who uses the park must:

- a) ensure their own safety and the safety of others in their group;
- b) supervise children under 14 years of age at all times;
- c) be kind to others;
- d) respect the peace, order, well-being, and tranquility of others;
- e) respect the park boundaries and not encroach on neighboring private property;
- f) respect the markings and signs.

ARTICLE 11 PENALTIES AND FINES

The Council authorizes peace officers, officials or any other person designated by the Council to apply this regulation, to issue statements of offenses (notices of offenses or tickets of offenses or others) and to undertake the following criminal procedures:

- A minimum fine of \$300 and a maximum fine of \$1,000 for an individual for a first offense, and a minimum fine of \$600 and a maximum fine of \$2,000 for any legal entity for a first offense;
- For a subsequent offense, the amount of this fine is double the amount set for a first offense;
- If the offense is continuous, this continuity constitutes, day by day, a separate offense, and the offender is liable to the fine, with or without costs, for each day during which the offense continues;
- The time limits for payment of fines and costs imposed under this section, and the consequences of failure to pay said fines and costs within the prescribed time limits, are established in accordance with the *Code of Penal Procedure of Quebec (R.S.Q., c. C-25.1)*.

The competent authority may use all legal, criminal and/or civil remedies available against any person who contravenes this regulation, alternatively or cumulatively where appropriate.

ARTICLE 12 LANGUAGE

In Case of differences between the French and English versions, the French version prevails.

ARTICLE 13 ENTRY INTO FORCE

This By-Law shall enter into force in accordance with the law.

Jason Morrison
Mayor

Natalie Black
General Manager, Clerk-Treasurer

Notice of motion:	April 7 th , 2025
Deposit of Project By-Law:	April 7 th , 2025
Adoption of By-Law:	May 5 th , 2025
Public notice:	