

From: **"Levitt, Karen"**  
To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**  
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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: City of Vancouver public notices available online (March 19, 2024)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin on March 19, 2024, regarding the City's updated approach to sharing public notices online. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 11 am.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,  
Karen

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Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager (she/her)

The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̍ m/Musqueam, Skwx̱w̱ú7mesh/Squamish and səliwətał/Tsleil-Waututh nations

**City of Vancouver**  
**Information bulletin**  
**March 19, 2024**

## City of Vancouver public notices available online

Vancouver residents and businesses can find out about upcoming public hearings on rezonings and more online. The City of Vancouver switched to publishing public notices online, following the introduction of a [public notice bylaw](#) last summer.

Public notices are required to be posted at two online locations:

- On the City's website at [vancouver.ca/public-notice](https://vancouver.ca/public-notice)
- As an advertisement in a local, online newspaper

The new bylaw, enacted by Council in July 2023, removed the requirement for certain notices to be published in print edition newspapers. Additional ways to notify the public — including social media, posters and other print materials — may still be used as appropriate.

Shifting this online will help save costs, boost audience reach and offer greater flexibility for posting and updating notices. Electronically posted notices also support accessibility and are easy to find through online search engines.

This revised approach meets the [provincial requirements for publishing public notices](#). Under the by-law, public notices on the City's website and online newspaper advertisements must be published at least seven days prior to consideration of the matter by Council. A public notice includes:

- Election notices
- Public hearing notices
- Single Room Accommodation (SRA) By-law amendments
- Tax averaging by-laws
- Tax exemptions

- Tax sales

## **Background**

Previously, the [Vancouver Charter](#) required certain public notices to be printed in a newspaper that is distributed at least weekly. In 2022, the Province updated the Vancouver Charter to include a new regulation under [Section 3.2](#), which gives Council the option to enact a by-law that allows the City to use alternative means of publication for public notices. Council adopted this approach and enacted the [public notice bylaw](#) in July 2023.

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