
**By-law concerning access to the boat
launch site in the Calumet sector**

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WHEREAS the Municipality has the powers provided under the Act respecting municipal powers (CQLR, c. C-47.1), particularly in matters of environment, recreation and the management of its property;

WHEREAS the Municipality may, under this Act, regulate the use of its infrastructure and control access thereto;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to regulate access to the boat launch site in the Calumet sector, as well as the use of this infrastructure, in order to ensure proper, safe and equitable management;

WHEREAS a notice of motion and the tabling of this by-law were duly given at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on June 9, 2026;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to regulate access to the boat launch site in the Calumet sector, as well as the use of the boat launch located there;

WHEREAS a copy of the by-law has been provided to each member of the Municipal Council, in accordance with the Municipal Code of Québec (CQLR, c. C-27.1);

WHEREAS a copy of the by-law has been made available to the public for consultation at the Town Hall, in accordance with applicable legal provisions;

WHEREAS it is therefore appropriate to adopt By-law No. 2026-06-403 concerning access to the boat launch site in the Calumet sector;

THEREFORE,
It is moved by ____ and resolved:

THAT By-law No. 2026-06-403 hereby provides as follows:

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CHAPTER 1: DECLARATORY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

1.1: Declaratory Provisions

1.1.1: Title

This by-law shall be cited as “By-law No. 2026-06-403 respecting access to the boat launch site in the Calumet sector”.

1.1.2: Purpose

The purpose of this by-law is to regulate access to the boat launch site located in the Calumet sector and to govern the use of such infrastructure and its associated parking areas, in order to ensure the safe, orderly and equitable management of the site, to protect municipal assets, and to preserve the natural environment.

1.1.3: Scope and Application

This by-law applies to all persons seeking access to the boat launch site in the Calumet sector. It governs the use of the entire site, including, without limitation, the launch ramp, access roads, maneuvering areas, parking areas and all related municipal infrastructure.

This by-law applies to all persons who enter, circulate within or make use of the site, whether or not they are residents of the Municipality.

1.1.4: Application of Other Laws

Nothing in this by-law shall be construed so as to exempt any person from complying with any applicable federal or provincial statute or regulation, or any other municipal by-law.

1.1.5 : Severability

The provisions of this by-law are declared to be severable. If any provision, section, subsection, clause or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this by-law, unless such invalidity alters its essential meaning.

1.2 : Administration

1.2.1 : Enforcement

This by-law shall be administered and enforced by such persons as may be designated by resolution of the Municipal Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Designated Officer”).

1.3 Interpretation

1.3.1 : Interpretation Rules

Where two provisions of this by-law apply to the same matter, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) a specific provision shall prevail over a general provision;
- (b) the more restrictive provision shall prevail.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) “shall” denotes an imperative obligation;
- (b) “may” denotes discretion, except “may not” which shall be interpreted as a prohibition;
- (c) “person” includes both natural persons and legal entities;
- (d) words in the present tense include the future tense;
- (e) words in the singular include the plural, and vice versa;
- (f) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine.

Headings and tables of contents are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this by-law. In the event of a conflict between a heading and the text, the text shall prevail.

Schedules, annexes, tables, diagrams and other illustrative materials form an integral part of this by-law. In the event of a discrepancy, the data contained therein shall prevail over the textual provisions, where applicable.

1.3.2 Units and Numbering

All measurements and dimensions are expressed in units of the International System (SI).

References in this by-law are structured as follows:

Chapter – Section – Article – Clause – Subclause.

1.3.3 : Definitions

In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Access Card” means an electronic access device issued by the Municipality allowing the holder to operate the security gate controlling entry to the boat launch site;

“Council” means the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge;

“Access Permit” means the authorization issued by the Municipality allowing a person to access the site by vehicle, including the issuance of an Access Card and a permit sticker;

“Watercraft” means any floating craft of less than six (6) metres in length, designed for navigation on water and propelled by motor, wind or manual means;

“Municipality” means the Municipality of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge;

“Municipal Officer” means any officer designated for the purposes of enforcing this by-law, including but not limited to the Director of Public Works, Fire Safety Director, Director of Urban Planning, Building Inspector and Environmental Inspector;

“Person” means any natural or legal person;

“Boat Launch” means any structure or installation located on the shoreline used to launch or retrieve watercraft;

“Applicant” means any person applying for an access permit;

“Resident” means a person who owns or leases a property within the Municipality, under a valid lease of a minimum duration of thirty (30) days;

“Permit Sticker” means the identification sticker issued by the Municipality to authorized users for display on vehicles accessing the site.

CHAPTER 2 : SITE USE REGULATIONS

2.1 : Access

The site shall be accessible year-round.

Access to the boat launch shall be permitted between 4:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

The Municipality reserves the right to restrict or close access at any time.

2.2 : Use of the Boat Launch

Watercraft may dock for a maximum period of fifteen (15) minutes.

Only watercraft measuring less than six (6) metres in length are permitted.

All watercraft must be washed prior to launching at the designated facility.

2.3 : Conduct

No person shall:

- (a) loiter on the site;
- (b) consume alcoholic beverages;
- (c) swim;
- (d) camp;
- (e) light fires, except in designated areas.

All users shall conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner.

2.4 : Cleanliness and Environmental Protection

All waste shall be deposited in designated receptacles.

Animals must be kept under control and on a leash at all times.

2.5 : Parking

Parking is restricted to vehicles displaying a valid permit sticker.

Vehicles shall be parked only in designated areas and must vacate the site by 11:00 p.m.

2.6 : Liability

The Municipality shall not be liable for any loss, theft, damage or vandalism to any vehicle, trailer or watercraft.

2.7 : Damage to Municipal Property

Any person causing damage to municipal infrastructure shall be liable for all costs incurred, including administrative fees.

2.8 : Nuisance

No person shall:

- (a) park in a manner that obstructs or interferes with access to the boat launch;
- (b) park within two (2) meters.

CHAPTER 3: ACCESS PERMITS

3.1 : Requirement

3.1.1 : Mandatory Permit

No person shall access the site by vehicle unless they have obtained an Access Permit and a Permit Sticker.

Only one (1) access card and one (1) permit sticker shall be issued per civic address.

The permit sticker shall be displayed at all times on the lower left-hand side of the windshield.

3.2 : Application Procedure

3.2.1 : Submission of Application

The applicant shall complete and sign the prescribed application form and submit it to the Municipality.

3.2.2 : Application Requirements

The applicant shall provide the following information:

- name, address and telephone number;
- a valid driver's licence;
- proof of residency;
- information regarding the watercraft;
- trailer registration;
- vehicle registration and description.

Supporting documentation shall be provided.

3.2.3 : Conditions

The driver's licence and vehicle registration must be in the same name.

Applicable fees must be paid in accordance with the Municipality's fee schedule by-law.

Access fees are non-refundable under any circumsta

3.2.4 : Issuance

Upon approval, the Municipality shall issue an access card and a permit sticker.

The issuance of an access card does not guarantee a parking space.

3.3 : Validity

3.3.1 : Residents

Permits shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, subject to any change in vehicle or watercraft.

3.3.2 : Non-residents

Permits shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, subject to any change in vehicle or watercraft.

3.3.3 : Revocation

The Municipality may revoke an access right at any time if any provision of this by-law is not complied with.

Any person whose access right has been revoked shall immediately return the access card and permit sticker to the Municipality or its authorized representative.

Section 3.4 : Restrictions

3.4.1 : Transfer

No holder of an access right shall lend, transfer, assign, sell, lease, or otherwise use such right in any manner other than that authorized by this by-law.

3.4.2: Loss

A lost permit sticker or access card may be replaced upon payment of the applicable fee in accordance with the fee schedule by-law.

Section 3.4.3 : Exceptions

Council may authorize exceptions in the context of special events.

CHAPTER 4 : OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

4.1 : Offences

Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law commits an offence and shall be liable, in addition to costs, for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues.

Any offence is punishable by a fine as follows:

- Individual: \$300 to \$1,000
- Corporation: \$600 to \$2,000

In the case of a repeat offence:

- Individual: \$600 to \$2,000
- Corporation: \$1,200 to \$4,000

4.2 : Continuing Offence

Each day during which an offence continues shall constitute a separate offence.

4.3 : Remedies

The Municipality may exercise any civil or penal remedy available under the law.

4.4 : False Statement

Any false statement or declaration constitutes an offence.

CHAPTER 5 : FINAL PROVISIONS

5.1 : Repeal

This by-law repeals and replaces By-law No. RA-403-01-2016 respecting access to the municipal boat launch site in the Calumet sector.

5.2 : Coming into Force

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

Tom Arnold
Mayor

François Rioux
General Director and Clerk-Treasurer

SUMMARY OF THE BY-LAW ADOPTION PROCESS

Notice of Motion and Presentation of the Draft By-law:	June 9th 2026
Adoption of the By-law:	July 14th 2026
Coming into Force:	