



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Keis and Members of City Council
FROM: Heidi Heller, City Clerk
DATE: January 12, 2022
RE: 2022 Designation of a Legal Newspaper

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Motion to designate the Pioneer Press as the City of Little Canada's legal newspaper for 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The City has received quotes from the Pioneer Press and Press Publication for 2022 Legal Newspaper designation. Below is a comparison of the quotes:

Pricing for the Pioneer Press and Vадnais Press.

	<u>2022 Pioneer Press</u>	<u>2022 Vадnais Press</u>
Legal Rates	\$6.58/Column Inch (\$0.47/line) 14 lines per inch	\$12.27/Column Inch (\$1.36/line) 9 lines per inch

There are no longer any community newspapers specific to Little Canada. Both the Pioneer Press and Vадnais Press are available both online and in print versions, with the legal publications available online for anyone to view for free.

The Pioneer Press is published daily and legal publications can be published any day of the week. The Pioneer Press did not increase their rates for 2019-2020, had a slight increase of \$0.30/inch in 2021 and is proposing a \$0.28/inch increase for 2022 (4.5%). Staff has been extremely satisfied with their service for legal notices. The Vадnais Press is published once a week.

State Statute requires publication in a newspaper for all public hearings. The preferred newspaper for a city's publications is one that is located in that city and delivers to that city's residents, otherwise it essentially is up to the Council's discretion which newspaper to use as long as all of the Council members agree. Both of these options are a "qualified newspaper" per state statute.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council designate the Pioneer Press as the Little Canada Legal Newspaper for 2022.